



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

CHANGES TO SUNDAY MORNING BEGINNING OCTOBER 11

Beginning Sunday, October 11, we will offer two morning worship service times at 9:00am and 10:45am in the worship center. Both morning worship services will have the option for child programming for ages 0-5. Morning worship will continue to be livestreamed during the 10:45am worship service on all our digital platforms.

The Community Life Center (CLC) will no longer be open for morning worship.

If you plan to attend either morning worship service in-person, we ask for you to continue to sign up for the service you will attend. Signups help us provide the safest environment possible for you and your family with social distancing measures in the worship center.

Signups for Sunday, October 11 will be made available at christcovenant.org beginning Sunday, October 4, at noon.

We also ask that you remember the 3 W's: wearing masks, waiting 6 feet apart, and washing hands when you attend in-person worship.

What about Sunday School? Beginning Friday, October 9, Sunday School will be available on all our digital platforms on Fridays. Once it is available on Fridays, you are able to view it at any time.

“THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP” FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLINE

If you missed our four-week series on “The Gift of Friendship” taught by some of our pastors, you can find each class at christcovenant.org/fall-sunday-school-2020 and on all our digital platforms.

“PERSPECTIVE FROM THE PAST, WISDOM FOR THE PRESENT”

Too often we neglect the perspective the past can provide when we seek wisdom in the present. Today Christians are facing many bewildering questions, but this is not new to the church. In this next series we learn how former Christians faced cultural upheaval, pandemics, plagues, and racial prejudice. Come, listen, and learn from guest teachers so that we might gain wisdom for walking faithfully in the midst of today's challenges! All recordings will be available on all our digital platforms.

Beginning Sunday, September 27, our next Sunday School series is “Perspective from the Past, Wisdom for the Present” as follows:

September 27: “Listening to Augustine in a Time of Cultural Turbulence” - A Conversation between Blair Smith and Dr. Michael A. G. Haykin, Professor of Church History and Biblical Spirituality at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

October 4: “Pandemics, Plagues, and Church History” – Dr. Peter Yoder, Lecturer in Historical Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary, Dallas

October 9 & 11: “To Preach the Gospel and Fight Race Prejudice: Learning from the Life and Ministry of Francis J. Grimké (1850-1937)” – Dr. Drew Martin, Pastor at West Charlotte Church

THIS WEEK'S GUEST SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER DR. MICHAEL A.G. HAYKIN



Born in England to Irish and Kurdish parents, Dr. Michael A.G. Haykin serves as Professor of Church History & Biblical Spirituality at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Haykin has a BA in Philosophy from the University of Toronto (1974) and a Master of Religion (1977) and PhD in Church History (1982) from Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto. Dr. Haykin is the author of a number of books. He and his wife, Alison, have two grown children, Victoria and Nigel.

THE WORLDS OF LEWIS AND TOLKIEN



For generations, the works of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien have inspired millions of people to use their imaginations in fresh and exciting ways. Each of these authors was committed to a Christian system of thought and sought to honor God with their writings. This class will explore the writings of these two authors—particularly *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Lord of the Rings*—and will examine the many ways that Christ and Christianity are represented and illumined.

Dr. Michael Kruger will teach “The Worlds of Lewis and Tolkien: Christian Imagery in Narnia and Middle Earth” on Wednesday nights from 7:15pm-8:30pm in the Community Life Center (CLC) beginning October 7 and every Wednesday night through November 18. To attend, please sign up at christcovenant.org/the-worlds-of-lewis-and-tolkien/.



WOMEN'S FALL SHORT STUDY

Ladies, if you are looking for a short Bible study for this fall, the Women's Ministry Fall Short Study is a great option! This study will look at God's unfolding plan of redemption in all of scripture and will meet on Tuesday evenings from Oct. 6 - Nov. 3. Visit christcovenant.org/fall-short-study-2020/ to learn more and register!

WOMEN'S OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP

We in Women's Ministry were all so disappointed when we had to cancel our Fall Kickoff, so we have created a new way for Christ Covenant women to fellowship and engage this fall! Currently, this event is top secret! All we can tell you is that this event will allow us all to appropriately social distance and stay healthy while still having fun!

To learn more and register, visit the event's Sign Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444aaaf2ea2fc1-october.study-2020/> to learn more and register!



MINISTRY TO MEN FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST OCTOBER 3

All men ages 16 and older are invited to join together for a fellowship breakfast to hear from José Portillo and to learn about his ministry and process of planting a multicultural church in the university area. Join other men from Christ Covenant at Stack's Kitchen on Saturday, October 3, from 7:00am - 8:30am for food, fellowship, and prayer with your brothers in Christ. The only cost is the cost of your breakfast.

Please remember to wear a mask into Stack's Kitchen.

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4eaf2da1f58-ministry6>.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - CONNECTOR'S MINISTRY

CONNECTORS

The Connector's Ministry, a new ministry for Christ Covenant, aims to not only create a welcoming atmosphere for guests but enable them to get connected to our church as well. This ministry originated from the ideas of the Strategy and Vision document released in 2019. It is our goal, through the help of the Lord, that 1/3 of our church would be a part of this ministry.

So what is involved in Connector's Ministry?

To be a Connector, one must be a member of Christ Covenant Church, have a heart for engaging others, and a desire to equip others to become established members who in turn will engage others to become connected members.

This definition will be achieved through two approaches to Connectors:

Sunday Connectors are volunteers who will engage with people coming through our doors who appear to need help, appear lost, or are a new face to our church family. Sunday Connectors will answer questions, help people find where they are going, or take them to the Information Desk for more resources.

Personal Connectors are volunteers who will focus on a longer-term relationship in welcoming people to Christ Covenant. They will build long-term relationships with guests by spending time with them both at church as well as in the community. Personal Connectors might invite guests to sit with them during worship, Sunday School class, or in a small group. They may also ask guests to meet for coffee or a bite to eat, invite them into their home, read the Word together, or pray together.

Please join us in prayer for this ministry's growth and effectiveness. If you have any questions or would like to join the Connector's Ministry, please email Michelle Gustavson at MGustavson@christcovenant.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Assistant Director of Middle School Ministry
- Assistant Director of High School Ministry

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares notable events for this week. See our website at christcovenant.org. Weekly and monthly prayer guides can be found at christcovenant.org/prayer.

THIS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 20-26)

- Sept 27 • Fall Sunday School online at 9:30am
 - Sept 27 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am*
 - Sept 27 • In-person and livestream evening worship at 6:00 pm*
 - Sept 30 • Link & Epic
 - Oct 1 • Senior Adults' "Thursday" Sunday School at 4:00 pm*
 - Oct 1 • American Heritage Girls at 7:00 pm*
 - Oct 3 • Ministry to Men Fellowship Breakfast
- * Those with asterisks require signups prior to event/worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 4 • Communion
- Oct 7 • Dr. Michael Kruger's Wednesday class begins
- Oct 25 • Reformation Sunday
- Nov 7-8 • Faithful Conference with Ligon Duncan
- Dec 6 • Christmas Choral Concert

WATCHING OUR BUDGET

Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all of the ministries of Christ Covenant. Please continue to pray for God's provision throughout 2020.

Inflow 1/1/20 – 9/20/20	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	3,857,710	4,148,000	-290,290	-7.0%
Faith Promise Budget	258,385	231,062	27,323	11.8%