



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

SPECIAL SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, AT 4PM

We will be holding a special service on Sunday, October 18, at 4:00pm to install Omari Hill as chaplain of Covenant Day School. Omari previously served as a pastor at a sister church in our presbytery, and we are blessed that he is now serving our school in this new role. This is a great occasion to mark the beginning of his ministry at CDS! We encourage all to attend. This service will be in addition to our normal evening service.

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/.

Please note each class will be audio recorded and available at Dr. Kruger’s blog, <https://www.michaeljkruger.com/>, at christcovenant.org, and on our iTunes podcast.

NEW FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES CONFESSING CHRIST: THE IMPORTANCE OF CREEDS AND CONFESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE CHRISTIAN

Beginning Sunday, October 18, a new Fall Sunday School series will be offered. In this series we will look at why creeds and confessions are necessary for the health of the Church. We will look at their foundation in Scripture, how they developed over time, and what good purpose they serve in the Church today. In addition to the ancient creeds of the Apostles, Nicene, and Chalcedon, we will give special attention to the Heidelberg Catechism and the Westminster Confession of Faith. The first Sunday School in this five-week series premieres on Friday, October 16, at noon and will be available on all of our digital platforms. Join this week’s class taught by Pastor Tom Groelsema as he gives an introduction to the Bible and on creeds.

DID YOU MISS A SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES?

We have had wonderful Sunday School series this Fall. If you missed any classes or would like to go back and hear them again, each class and series can be found at christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool. The Fall Sunday Series are as follows: The Gift of Friendship; Perspectives from the Past, Wisdom for the Future; and the Senior Adult “Thursday” class.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO CHRIST COVENANT



We have yard signs available for those who would like to invite their neighbors to Christ Covenant Church for worship either in-person or on the livestream. If you are interested, we ask that you take one per family and display the sign in your yard. Stop by any of the guest areas in any lobby to pick up your yard sign today! We have a limited supply, so pick up your sign this Sunday.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child looks a little different this year due to Covid precautions, but that doesn’t mean you are not able to participate in making a child’s Christmas special in 2020. Due to Covid-19, you can build an online gift box for \$25. The cost covers all the items that go into the box and shipping. You can select each item that goes into the box, the age range, and if you are building the box for a boy or a girl. You’ll even be provided with a tracking number to see where in the world your box goes!

Please note we will not be collecting any Operation Christmas Child boxes at our church like we have in years past.

To build a box online, visit <https://samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>.

NEW COMMUNICANTS CLASS

Our 2020-21 Communicants class will be forming soon! If you have a son/daughter in the 5th-8th grade who desires to become a communing member of the church in this year's class, please contact Amy Wallace at awallace@christcovenant.org for more information and an application! We look forward to having your student join us!

VOTING INFORMATION

In-person voting for the 2020 election is Tuesday, November 3. Early voting begins October 13 and goes through October 31. For voting information including a sample ballot and early voting locations, please visit the following websites:

For Mecklenburg County: <https://www.mecknc.gov/BOE/Pages/default.aspx>

For Union County: <https://unioncountyncelections.gov/>.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

The New Member Class is for adults and students 9th grade and above who wish to join Christ Covenant Church. Our Pastors teach this class, which reviews Christ Covenant's philosophy of ministry, the reformed faith, the Presbyterian form of government, the vows of church membership, and other topics pertinent to church membership. This class is required for those seeking to join Christ Covenant Church. This Fall we will have a special one-day new member class on Saturday, November 14, from 9am-1pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kim Westbrook at kwestbrook@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
- Ministry Administrator for Church Administration

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

FAITHFUL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 7-8, 2020



In a world that often prizes style over substance and quick fixes over quiet obedience, Jesus calls us to something better, something more important, and something more lasting. He calls us to be faithful.

The Faithful Conference aims to equip and inspire Christians for doctrinal fidelity, personal integrity, and corporate witness in the Charlotte area and beyond.

We are excited to have the Faithful Conference here at Christ Covenant Church on November 7-8. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Ligon Duncan, and he will teach on "Is the Reformed Faith Still Relevant?"

The Faithful Conference is free for everyone. We do ask that you register online if you plan to attend so that we can continue to have social distancing in the worship center.

The schedule for the Faithful Conference is below. Please note that Session 2 will be offered at both morning services.

Session 1: Saturday, November 7, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Session 2: Sunday, November 8, morning worship at 9:00 am

Session 2: Sunday, November 8, morning worship at 10:45 am

Session 3: Sunday, November 8, evening worship at 6:00 pm

Registration for Saturday, November 7, is now open at faithfulconference.org. Registration for Sunday morning and evening services will open on Sunday, November 1, at noon.

MINISTRY TO MEN FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men ages 16 and older are invited to attend the Ministry to Men Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, October 31, at 8am at Christ Covenant Church in the CLC. Hal Jordan will be speaking on "God Is Sovereign, Even In An Election!" Hal Jordan was a member of Christ Covenant for 30 years, serving as a deacon. He retired from IBM earlier this year. Hal was involved as a Mecklenburg GOP Precinct Organizer for about 20 years and ran for office 3 times — most notably in 2006 against then Speaker of the House, Jim Black, when Hal lost by 30 votes. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAF2DA1F58-mens2>.

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 (OCTOBER 18-24)

- Oct 18 • In-person morning worship at 9:00 am*
- Oct 18 • Fall Sunday School online at 9:30 am
- Oct 18 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am*
- Oct 18 • In-person and livestream evening worship at 6:00 pm*
- Oct 21 • Dr. Michael Kruger's Wednesday class at 7:15 pm*
- Oct 21 • Link & Epic at 7:00 pm*
- Oct 22 • Senior Adults' "Thursday" Sunday School at 4:00 pm*
- Oct 22 • American Heritage Girls at 7:00 pm*

* Those with asterisks require signups prior to event/worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 25 • Reformation Sunday
- Oct 27 • Monthly day of prayer
- Nov 7-8 • Faithful Conference with Ligon Duncan
- Nov 14 • New member class
- Dec 6 • Christmas Choral Concert
- Dec 24 • Christmas Eve Worship Service

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.

<i>Inflow 1/1/20 – 10/18/20</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	4,237,185	4,499,500	-262,315	-5.8%
Faith Promise Budget	275,947	249,440	26,507	10.6%