



# THE COURIER

## LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020**

### MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

While we will not be gathering together in person for prayer, we can take time throughout the day to pray for one another, for our church, for our state, and for our country. You can participate in the Monthly Day of Prayer from your home! The day is divided into 30-minute segments for individuals to sign up and pray for missionaries and for the needs of the congregation. You can select the time that best fits your schedule at [ChristCovenant.org/members/prayer](https://christcovenant.org/members/prayer) to help us cover the day fully in prayer.

We hope you will take time to submit your confidential prayer requests either online at [ChristCovenant.org/members/prayer](https://christcovenant.org/members/prayer) or by email at [prayer@christcovenant.org](mailto:prayer@christcovenant.org). Your pastors and staff are continually praying for you!

Don't forget to check out the various prayer guides available for your use at [christcovenant.org/prayer](https://christcovenant.org/prayer).

### 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 Community Life Center (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 in politics for about 20 years and ran for office 3 times.

Come for fellowship and hear about God and government with your brothers in Christ. Bring a guest and wear a mask!

You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAF2DA1F58-mens2>.

### 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

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

Registration for Saturday, November 7, is now open at [faithfulconference.org](https://faithfulconference.org). Registration for Sunday morning and evening services will open on Sunday, November 1, at noon.

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

On Sunday, October 18, we began a new Fall Sunday School series online. 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. Join this week's class taught by Blair Smith as he teaches on "Historical Factors Leading to the Early Creeds of the Church." This class will be available on all our digital platforms on Friday, October 23, at 12pm.

### 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, the age range, and whether the gift is 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/>.

# DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Daylight Savings is Sunday, November 1. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour sometime in the evening of Saturday, October 31.

# 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](mailto:kwestbrook@christcovenant.org).

# VOTING INFORMATION

In-person voting for the 2020 election is Tuesday, November 3. Early voting began 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/>.

# 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](https://christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment)

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: REFORMATION SUNDAY

This week our congregation is joining in the celebration of the anniversary of Martin Luther's public post on the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. A devoted monk, Luther had committed himself to the study of Scripture. God used Luther's scholarly pursuit to draw him to Himself. The Holy Spirit gave Luther an understanding of God's sovereign rule over all of creation and the enormity of His love for His children. Luther saw that God's word was unambiguous. The truth about man's helplessness and God's grace could not be confused. The Apostle Paul made the case in his letter to the church in Ephesus. Paul put it plainly; sin brings death and dead people have nothing to contribute to their salvation. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9).

Luther's attempts to privately share what he learned with his superiors so they might change their unbiblical views were met with charges of heresy. Luther was warned to be silent. He could not comply. Instead, he dared to break with tradition and trust the future to God alone.

Martin Luther could not have imagined how God would use his act of defiance and courage. We remember Luther as a founder of a revolution that we can join in now. Dr. Robert Godfrey, a Fellow of Ligonier Study Center, renews the call that Luther found in Scripture and answered in the 16th century with this message to us:

*"Paul's call to thoughtful vigilance is needed more than ever. Ministers, elders, and church members today must be renewed in the truth by a full and careful knowledge of doctrine contained for us in the great confessions of the churches. Then we will know where and when to fight, as well as the truth for which we fight. As Paul wrote to Timothy: 'Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers' (1 Tim. 4:16).*

To learn more about our history, watch Luther: The Life and Legacy of the German Reformer available free for a limited time at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VK0p-tuuao&feature=youtu.be?utm\\_source=ligonier&utm\\_medium=slider&ab\\_channel=LigonierMinistries](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VK0p-tuuao&feature=youtu.be?utm_source=ligonier&utm_medium=slider&ab_channel=LigonierMinistries).

A free study guide is also available at [https://www.ligonier.org/lutherstudyguide/?utm\\_medium=redirect&utm\\_source=ligonier](https://www.ligonier.org/lutherstudyguide/?utm_medium=redirect&utm_source=ligonier).

You may also enjoy this article by Dr. Godfrey, <https://www.ligonier.org/blog/why-was-reformation-necessary/>.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

# THIS WEEK (OCTOBER 25-31)

- Oct 25 • In-person morning worship at 9:00 am\*
  - Oct 25 • Fall Sunday School online at 9:30 am
  - Oct 25 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am\*
  - Oct 25 • In-person and livestream evening worship at 6:00 pm\*
  - Oct 27 • Monthly day of prayer
  - Oct 28 • Dr. Michael Kruger's Wednesday class at 7:15 pm\*
  - Oct 28 • Link & Epic at 7:00 pm\*
  - Oct 29 • Senior Adults' "Thursday" Sunday School at 4:00 pm\*
  - Oct 29 • American Heritage Girls at 7:00 pm\*
  - Oct 30 • Sunday School premieres online at 12:00 pm
- \* Those with asterisks require signups prior to event/worship.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 1 • Daylight Savings
- Nov 7-8 • Faithful Conference with Ligon Duncan
- Nov 14 • New member class

# 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 – 10/18/20	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	4,378,141	4,618,500	-240,359	-5.2%
Faith Promise Budget	290,716	255,566	35,150	13.8%