



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jorge and Beth Cardenas
on the birth of their son,
Daniel Gregory Cardenas.

Chad and Julie McKinnon
on the birth of their daughter,
Lilia Beth McKinnon.

SYMPATHY TO:

Ben Jolley on the loss of his father,
Harley Jolley .

Steve Thompson on the loss
of his wife and our member,
Roma Thompson.

**This Season Of
ADVENT**

Christmas Carol Service
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
6:00 P.M.

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service**
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
5:00 P.M. | 7:00 P.M.

WELCOME GUESTS

Are you a guest visiting with us today?
Or, did you meet a guest this morning?
We encourage all our guests to stop by
our Guest Kiosks in any of our lobbies
after worship. We have a free gift for
you and would like to meet you!

**POINSETTIAS AT
CHRIST COVENANT**

We invite you to help beautify the
worship center by purchasing a
poinsettia. Also, you can purchase a
poinsettia in honor or in memory of
a loved one or family member. You
can purchase a poinsettia either by
completing the form at the bottom of
the courier and dropping it in one of
the offering boxes located inside the
sanctuary, or you can purchase your
poinsettia online at <https://ccym.wufoo.com/forms/qc3zrcv126xz9v/>.
The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.

ADVENT AT CHRIST COVENANT

We hope you and your family will be able to join us for Advent at Christ Covenant. Children's programs will be available for all services: the Christmas Carol Service and the Christmas Eve Candlelight services, one at 5:00 pm and one at 7:00 pm. Children's programs are available for children ages 4 months - 2 years. If you are unable to join us in person for these Advent services, please know that the Christmas Carol Service and the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service will be livestreamed on all our digital platforms.

Signups will be available for each service. If you plan to attend any of the services in person, please sign up so that we can help provide you with the safest worship environment possible with social distancing.



Poinsettias Order Form

Each poinsettia is \$10.00. Deadline to order is Tuesday, December 15.

Giver's name: _____
In honor of: _____
In memory of: _____

I will pick up my poinsettia after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service.
 I will leave my plant to be given to someone to brighten their Christmas.



MINISTRY TO MEN FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men ages 16 and older are invited to attend the Ministry to Men Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, December 5, from 7:00 - 8:30am at Stacks Kitchen in Matthews. Come join your brothers in Christ for an intentional time of fellowship, prayer, and food. Please feel free to bring a guest. The only cost is your breakfast. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4eafaf2da1f58-mtmdecember>.



CHRIST COVENANT
women's ministry
Ephesians 5:1-16

WINTER/SPRING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Registration is now open for select winter/spring Women's Bible Studies. Small Group Bible Studies will meet at a variety of times throughout the week. The Winter Short Study, taught by Sarah Ivill, will meet on Thursday mornings. To learn more about these studies and register, please visit the Women's Ministry website at <https://christcovenant.org/womensbiblestudies/>.

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
- C.A.R.E. Administrator (part-time)

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: YEAR-END GIVING

In the next several weeks you will receive many different appeals for donations to all sorts of charities. Each of them is designed to prompt your response. Sadly, not all of them are worthy. Their financial records may reveal more dollars paid out for marketing than used to help others. Some organizations may support projects that conflict with your own values. Some may be nothing more than money-making schemes taking advantage of the season. How can you be sure your gift will not be wasted?

As you make decisions about donations to ministry initiatives, or to assist people in need because of natural disasters or personal challenges and wonder how to give wisely, please consider this:

Giving to and giving through Christ Covenant is always a very good way to respond to the needs in our community and across the globe. We are actively involved in more than 50 different ministries, all year round. We are as concerned with feeding the hungry in July as we are in January. We don't wait for Christmas to befriend the widow or the orphan.

Through the work of the Presbyterian Church in America and our network of sister congregations around the world, we are a part of the quick response at the scene of emergencies like wild fires, floods and storms. We know how to offer both immediate and long-term assistance, sharing the hope of Christ while meeting physical needs and establishing long-term relationships through the local church.

Here in our own community, partnerships with local ministries who share our goals allow us to direct our efforts to those in need without duplicating costs. Every dollar given to Christ Covenant to help others stretches a little further because there are no administrative deductions and volunteers, including members of our own church family who give so much of their time and skills to these ministries.

If you have questions about year-end giving, or want to know more about the ministries we help support, please contact your pastor or call the church office. We are happy to assist.

Remember, gifts to the church in December go toward all our ministries and are a significant part of our annual income. Generally, gifts to the church in the form of checks or cash that are mailed (and postmarked) by December 31 or delivered in person to the church office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, should be deductible for tax purposes. You may also take advantage of our secure online giving (under the Members tab on our website). God blesses Christ Covenant through your gifts, and they are greatly appreciated. Call Sandy Spitz at 704-814-1010 with any questions or for more information, including details on handling stock/fund transfers.

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 (NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 5)

- Nov 29 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am*
 - Nov 29 • In-person and livestream evening worship at 6:00 pm*
 - Dec 2 • Epic & Link at 7:00 pm*
 - Dec 3 • Senior Adult Thursday School at 4:00 pm*
 - Dec 4 • Senior Adult Christmas Dinner at 5:00 pm*
- * Those with asterisks require signups prior to event/worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 6 • Christmas Carol Service
- Dec 24 • Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

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 – 11/22/20</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	4,919,579	5,227,500	-307,921	-5.9%
Faith Promise Budget	334,817	286,196	48,621	17.0%