



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING PRAYER GUIDE

Our session has called for a day of prayer and fasting from sundown tonight through sundown tomorrow. A large portion of our evening worship service will be devoted to seeking the Lord in prayer for the healing our nation and the world desperately needs. We will also be called to fast as an expression of our hunger for God and how we need him to act. Below is a prayer guide you can use as we pray together tonight, and as you pray at home tomorrow. May God use this day of prayer for his glory.

1. PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID

- For the sick and those suffering physically and/or mentally
Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. James 5:13a
- For those who have lost a loved one
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4
- For those who have lost jobs or income
Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Proverbs 30:8b

2. PRAY FOR DOCTORS, NURSES, AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL

- For stamina and safety
And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9
- For insight and wisdom
If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. James 1:5
- For protection & encouragement for them & their families
The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. Proverbs 18:10

3. PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE PANDEMIC

- For the Lord to stop the spread of Covid-19
Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:27
- For community to increase and loneliness to decrease
The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. Psalm 147:2
- For safe medicines and treatments
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases. Psalm 103:2-3

4. PRAYER FOR THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES

- For salvation for those in government
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16
- For godly wisdom and discernment
But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. James 3:17
- For us to pray for and respect our governing authorities
Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. Romans 13:1

5. PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF DIVISIONS IN OUR COUNTRY

- For the ability of those with differing opinions to be able to listen well and reason together
A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Proverbs 15:1
- For peaceful discourse that leads to righteousness
So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Romans 14:19
- For repentance where needed to build restoration among divisions
Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16

6. PRAYER FOR REFORMATION AND REVIVAL IN OUR CHURCHES

- For believers to be quick to repent & to be convicted of sin
Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? Romans 2:4
- For faithful preaching of the Word in churches across America
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8
- For revival in the church
Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Psalm 85:6-7

ELDER & DEACON NOMINATIONS- TODAY IS THE DEADLINE!

Would you prayerfully consider who you believe could serve our church well as an elder or deacon? Through these offices Christ rules and shepherds his church. All nominees must be male and a member of our church for at least two years by his election (June 2021). The nomination form gives additional attributes of elder and deacon to consider as you are thinking of men in the congregation who will serve our church well. Nominations will be received through end of day Sunday, January 31. Forms are available at the information desk in the main lobby of the worship center or online at christcovenant.org/officer-nomination/. Please place completed nomination forms in the box at the information desk. Thank you!

RTS PAIDEIA CENTER BOOK DISCUSSION

In partnership with the RTS Paideia Center for Theological Discipleship, Christ Covenant is hosting a theological reading group this winter/spring. Do you desire a rich theological diet so you can develop maturity in Christ? Do you want to read Christian classics but don't know where to start? Would you like to grow with people who share your love for theology and learn from those who have gone before you? If this is you, join the Paideia Center book discussion! This semester we will read and discuss *A Little Book on the Christian Life* by John Calvin. We hope to meet three times: February 24, March 24, and April 28. Register & find more details at <http://paideiacenter.com/>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Pastor of Evangelism & Mobilization
- Human Resources Generalist

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

Covenant Day School is looking to hire a HR Generalist. Details can be found at <https://www.covenantday.org/about-us/employment>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

We are excited to offer new Sunday School opportunities in January.

SENIOR ADULTS "THURSDAY" SCHOOL, IN-PERSON, THURSDAYS AT 4:00 PM

The Senior Adult class is studying "Walking in the Land of the Bible-Creating a Mental Map for Bible Reading." Weekly classes are held in the worship center from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. For February 4, "Thursday" school will be livestreamed and in-person. All class notes and video recordings will be available on Sundays at 9:00 am on christcovenant.org/senior-adult-sunday-school/. The livestream can be found on our Vimeo, YouTube, and Facebook pages.

PRINCIPLES & PERSPECTIVES IN EVANGELISM, ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Most churchgoers know that "good Christians" are supposed to evangelize. We know that part of being a Christian is telling people about the good news. Yet, so many of us feel that the hardest thing about being a Christian is telling people about Christ! Why is that? In this 6-week study, we will explore what the Bible says evangelism is and isn't, how God is sovereign in our evangelism, what our prayer life means in evangelism, and how to share Christ as a part of our everyday lives. As a church, let's live out Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes!" All classes can be found on our Vimeo, YouTube, and Facebook pages.

THE TECH-WISE FAMILY, IN-PERSON BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

One of the most difficult issues for believers to navigate in this day and age is the use of technology. Whether it be in the realm of parenting our children or personal use, we often wrestle with the proper place of technology in our lives. How do we utilize the benefits of technology while establishing wise boundaries around it? We will explore that question in this series by seeking to identify wise habits and practices that lead to a healthy use of technology. We invite you to come hear teaching and panel discussions and participate in Q and As each Wednesday evening. This is an in-person Sunday School option on Wednesday nights in the high school commons from 7:15pm-8:15pm. If you plan to attend, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444aaaf2ea2fc1-thetechwise>.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

**SPREADING
FLAME**
GOD'S TIME FOR LATIN AMERICA

Our 2021 Missions Conference is March 6-14, 2021. The theme for this year is "Spreading the Flame: God's Time for Latin America!" More information is forthcoming.

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 (JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6, 2021)

- Jan 31 • Online adult Sunday School available on all digital platforms
 - Jan 31 • In-person morning worship at 9:00 am*
 - Jan 31 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am*
 - Jan 31 • In-person and livestream evening worship at 6:00 pm*
 - Jan 31 • Day of Fasting & Prayer
 - Feb 3 • Epic & Link at 7:00 pm*
 - Feb 3 • The Tech-Wise Family at 7:15 pm*
 - Feb 4 • Senior adult "Thursday" school in-person at 4:00 pm*
- * Those with asterisks require signups prior to event/worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 6-14 • Missions Conference
- March 29-April 2 • Holy Week

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 2021.

Inflow 1/1/21 – 1/24/21	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	291,176	408,000	-116,824	-28.6%
Faith Promise Budget	20,704	18,200	2,504	13.8%