



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John Robert and Mary Biggs
on the birth of their daughter,

Dorothy Eppens Biggs.

SYMPATHY TO:

Greg Henderson on the loss of his
father, Jack Henderson.

Al Reinken on the loss of his father,
Howard William Reinken, Jr.

Patti Spitz on the loss of her mother,
Jane Pitts.

Becca Tilley on the loss of her
mother, Virginia McGinn.

Kim Westbrook on the loss of her
father, David Dennis.

WELCOME To OUR 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!

SMILING FACES NEEDED

Would you like to join our Greeting
Ministry? We need more smiling faces
to hold the door open for people to
enter our church. If this is an area where
you would like to serve please contact
Michelle Gustavson at MGustavson@
christcovenant.org.

CHRIST COVENANT MISSIONS FACTS

Due to your generous Faith Promise
giving in 2020:

- We supported 61 supported workers and church planters in the US and 18 countries around the world, plus many others with one-time gifts;
- We were able to add 4 new church planters serving in North Carolina, Scotland, and South Africa.

SPREADING *FLAME* GOD'S TIME FOR LATIN AMERICA

WHAT IS FAITH PROMISE DURING MISSIONS CONFERENCE?

Faith Promise is the primary means by which Christ Covenant financially supports international and domestic supported workers and church planters. This approach to partnering financially began in our earliest years as a church. Our desire to share the gospel around the world and partner

with men and women whose ministries we wanted to see grow, was often more than we could supply without taking resources from other ministry areas. Faith Promise was, and is, the way we support our Christian workers as God provides through church members. We have learned that we can make a prayerful promise with confidence in God's provision. We do not need to know how God may meet the promise, but we can rest in His goodness. Through Faith Promise, God blesses those who are supported, those whose prayers He answers by providing unexpected resources, and those who hear how God demonstrates His power to provide in beautiful ways, year after year.

We ask that you begin to prayerfully consider giving a pledge to Faith Promise. You can give a one-time gift or pledge a certain amount to give throughout the year. On Sunday, March 7, we will have a special time during our morning worship to offer our Faith Promise commitment cards with our pledges and pray that God will provide for the ministry partners we are supporting in 2021. We ask that you and your family begin to take time to prayerfully consider what you might give to Faith Promise. What might God supply through you to help empower our supported workers and church planters across the globe this year as they share Christ across the world?

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SPRING THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Throughout history, people have been marketing practices and products for wisdom and knowledge. In fact, it began in the garden of Eden when Satan, disguised as a snake, slithered up to Eve and questioned God's Word. Today, many people are deceived into thinking that wisdom and knowledge can be found apart from Christ. But it's not true. "In [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3). The church at Colossae was presented with false teaching that challenged Christ's supremacy and sufficiency. It's an important letter for us to study, as we seek to expose false arguments and proclaim the preeminence of Christ. To register and learn more about this Bible study on the book of Colossians on Thursdays, March 4 - April 29, from 10am-11:30am, visit www.christcovenant.org/spring2021thursday/.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MARCH SCRIPTURE MEMORY CHALLENGE

All ladies are invited to join the Women's Ministry as we memorize scripture together this March! This will be a great way to grow your knowledge of scripture and encourage your sisters in Christ. To learn more and register visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444aaaf2ea2fc1-march>.

SPRING WORKSHOPS FOR WOMEN

Women's Ministry and Children's Ministry invite you to join us for Thursday Morning Workshops for Women (of all ages). Join us on four Thursdays this March and April as we discuss everything from dealing with anxiety to how to make that perfect Easter craft! Visit the Upcoming Events page on the Women's Ministry website (<https://christcovenant.org/womensupcomingevents/>) to learn more and register!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: THANK YOU, STEWART NEELY



SUPPORT GROUPS BEGINNING IN MARCH: GRIEFSHARE, DIVORCECARE, AND CAREGIVERS

Christ Covenant offers three different types of support groups facilitated by caring members of our church who understand what you are going through and want to help. Grieving a loss, walking through a divorce, or providing care for a parent or child are all difficult experiences you don't have to go through alone.

GriefShare and DivorceCare are video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on divorce and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. Caregivers is a book study along with presentations by local resources for the many typical needs for this season of life.

GriefShare and DivorceCare will begin March 8 online through Zoom from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Go to <https://www.griefshare.org/findagroup> or <https://www.divorcecare.org/findagroup> to register online.

Caregivers also begins March 8 online through Zoom from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Cost is \$8.00 for the book *Ambushed by Grace* that you'll walk through together. Email mculver@christcovenant.org to register for Caregivers support group.

If you have questions, please contact Mary Jo Culver at mculver@christcovenant.org or John Ramseur at jdamseur@gmail.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>.

We invite you to join us in thanking the Lord for Stewart Neely and his service to our church, to our youth, to our youth ministry, and to our staff. Stewart has served as Christ Covenant Church's Pastor of Youth Ministry for 6 years. In addition to overseeing a shepherding group, Stewart has lead the youth staff, planned the curriculum for youth Sunday School and Wednesday nights, recruited and trained volunteers, spearheaded Seek the City, and served parents and students in various counseling situations. Stewart's vision for the youth ministry was to cultivate a community of mature disciples of Christ who serve Christ and others. Many of our students and covenant families have richly benefited from Stewart's leadership and vision in his role as Pastor of Youth Ministry.

By God's grace, Stewart will be joining Cornerstone Financial Planning in an Advisor Support role in the months to come. We appreciate all the contributions Stewart has made to our church. We wish Stewart, his wife Gabe, and their family, the Lord's richest blessings as they enter this new chapter.

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/>.

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 (FEBRUARY 14-20, 2021)

- Feb 14 • In-person morning worship at 9:00 am*
Feb 14 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am*
Feb 14 • In-person and livestream evening worship at 6:00 pm*
Feb 17 • Epic & Link at 7:00 pm*
Feb 17 • The Tech-Wise Family at 7:15 pm*
Feb 18 • Senior adult "Thursday" school in-person at 4:00 pm*
Feb 18 • Online Sunday School available at 12:00 pm
* Those with asterisks require signups prior to event/worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 6-14 • Missions Conference
March 6 • Missions Morning for Women
March 7 • Missions Conference with Miguel Nuñez
March 7 • Faith Promise collection Sunday
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 – 2/7/21	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	639,518	618,000	21,518	3.5%
Faith Promise Budget	28,419	27,600	819	3.0%