



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

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. We have a free gift for you and would like to meet you! We also have an online guest card we invite you to fill out at christcovenant.org/online-guest-card or scan the QR code below to fill out the guest card online.



THANK YOU, DAVID CHAMBERS



Please join us in thanking the Lord for bringing David Chambers, our Director of Middle School ministry, to Christ Covenant to serve here these past three years. David has decided to step down from his position in order to pursue another ministry that will prepare him for ordained ministry. He completed his service with us on August 13. During his time here, David has done a great job leading our middle school ministry and partnering with families of middle schoolers. From planning fun events like paint ball and all-nighters to planning for Seek the City and Sunday School curriculum, David has used his gifts to bless our church. David's vision for the middle

school ministry at Christ Covenant was that it would be a welcoming community where sound doctrine is taught, where students further their understanding of the transformative grace of God, and where students are equipped to be life-long, active members of the church. We are thankful for David's vision and gifts he used at Christ Covenant to help fulfill this vision and build disciples in middle school.

We will miss David, his wife Brittany and their son Aiden. Please thank the Lord and thank David for blessing our church by directing the middle school ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF IS AUGUST 29

We are so excited to have in-person Sunday School for all ages beginning August 29. This is a great time to renew friendships and create new ones.

All Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 am, and will run either 6 weeks or 12 weeks, as noted in the each description. We hope you will find a class that will benefit your relationship with Christ and connect you with others. You can learn about the classes by either picking up a Sunday School booklet that can be found on the tables at the doors coming into the sanctuary or by visiting christcovenant.org.

Further, our pastors are looking forward to hosting a time of fellowship and prayer each Sunday morning as we begin class. Regular discipleship and fellowship is a vital part of learning to stand on truth and walk in grace together. We hope you will join us each Sunday for Sunday School!

A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION TO CHRIST COVENANT AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH REGISTER BY MONDAY, AUGUST 16

This short, Saturday morning class is for those new to the Christian faith and desire to connect at Christ Covenant Church. We will discuss questions like...What is the gospel of Jesus Christ? What do we believe about God and the Bible? Why are prayer and worship important for the Christian? In addition to teaching on these topics, there will be time for fellowship and meeting people from our connections team. Childcare is available.

This class will meet on Saturday, August 21, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Community Life Center rooms 1 & 2 (CLC). If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Gustavson at mgustavson@christcovenant.org to register by August 16. If childcare is needed, please email Michelle to register your child.

NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS AUGUST 29

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. Our next New Member Class will be held during Sunday School beginning August 29. The class will meet for 6 weeks from 9:00 am – 10:20 am. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Gustavson at mgustavson@christcovenant.org to register by August 22.

MUSIC MINISTRY KICKOFF

We will host a music ministry kickoff event on Wednesday, August 18, at 7:00 pm in the Community Life Center (CLC). If you are interested in choirs (all ages), orchestra, or band, you and your family are invited to join us for an ice cream social, singing, and a preview of the fall season! Ice cream will be provided. Bring finger food to share.

CHOIR & ORCHESTRA SCHEDULE

Our fall rehearsal season is about to begin! If you would like to join an ensemble, come on out to the kickoff event above, or schedule an audition with Nathan George by emailing lmcnulty@christcovenant.org.

ORCHESTRA: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, starting Aug. 25,

ADULT CHOIR: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm starting August 25,

YOUTH CHOIRS:

- 8TH-12TH AND 3RD-7TH CHOIRS: Sundays at 4:40 pm starting Aug. 29,
- K-2 CHOIR: Sundays at 6:00 pm in the CLC Chapel, starting Aug. 29,
- Band Rehearsals as called.

MEET OUR SUPPORTED WORKERS STEPHEN & NATALIE

All are invited to join the Outreach and Missions department on August 22, after the evening worship service in the Community Life Center rooms 1 & 2 (CLC) to hear from our missionaries Stephen and Natalie who have served for many years in a restricted location. We will enjoy refreshments as we hear what God is doing in their country of service. Bring your whole family!



BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN AUGUST 29

The pastors and elders of Christ Covenant invite all parents and all students who will be attending school this fall (elementary through college) to pick up a prayer card located on any of the tables at any of the exits of the worship center, fill it out, and present it to an elder during the evening service on Sunday, August 29. We will have a special time of prayer for all our school-aged children when our elders and pastors will pray for our children during this evening worship service. We hope you will plan to join us for this special time of prayer.

REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are excited to be planning a Fall Sunday School kickoff for all ages on August 29 with a return to in-person Sunday School. Since we have not had Sunday School in-person for some time, we are asking all families to register their children for Fall Sunday School. This will greatly help our children's ministry know how to plan and how to staff all children's programs. We also ask that you register each child entering fifth grade and younger online at <https://christcovenant.org/registration-for-fall-2021/>. We are looking forward to having your child back in children's Sunday School!

70% BY SEPTEMBER BUILD WITH US BRICK BY BRICK!



We are hoping to have 100% of the congregation participate in the Envision capital campaign and are aiming for 70% participation by September. We are currently at 57%. It's not too late to turn in your pledge card for the Envision capital campaign! Pledge cards and information about the many upgrades and changes we hope to accomplish through Envision can be found in the brochures and booklets in the worship center and online. You can also make a pledge online at christcovenant.org/envision. We currently have 57% of families participating and \$790,299 pledges toward our goal of \$1,500,000.

Don't forget to pick up a bookmark to follow along on our participation!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares notable events for this week. See our website at christcovenant.org for other activities. Weekly and monthly prayer guides can be found at christcovenant.org/prayer.

THIS WEEK (AUGUST 15 - 21, 2021)

- Aug 15 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am
- Aug 15 • In-person and livestream evening worship at 6:00 pm
- Aug 18 • Music Ministry Kickoff
- Aug 19 • Senior adults Thursday school at 4:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 25 • Choir & orchestra begins
- Aug 26 • American Heritage Girls kickoff
- Aug 29 • Fall Sunday School Kickoff
- Aug 29 • Youth & children's choirs begin
- Aug 29 • Blessing of the Children - during evening worship

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 – 8/8/21	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	3,682,845	3,509,000	173,845	5.0%
Faith Promise Budget	273,569	194,306	79,263	40.8%