



# THE COURIER

## LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021**

### SYMPATHY TO:

Harvey Harrelson on the loss of his father, Harvey Davis Harrelson Sr.

George McCullough on the loss of his mother, Verda McCullough

### 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](https://christcovenant.org/online-guest-card) or scan the QR code below to fill out the guest card online.



### REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Registration for all women's Bible studies opened on August 1. We invite you to visit [christcovenant.org/womens-ministry](https://christcovenant.org/womens-ministry) to see the various Bible study options. We have studies with various levels of time commitment, and studies that meet in the mornings and the evenings. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Caldwell at [tcaldwell@christcovenant.org](mailto:tcaldwell@christcovenant.org).

### BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN SUNDAY EVENING, AUGUST 29

The pastors and elders of Christ Covenant invite you to our Blessing of the Children prayer service this Sunday evening, August 29. Please pick up a prayer card located on any of the tables at any of the exits of the worship center, fill it out, and drop it in the offering boxes so that our elders can pray for our children throughout the year. You are also invited to fill out an online Blessing of the Children card by going to <https://christcovenant.org/blessing-of-the-children-online-prayer-card/>. Each card will be given to your elder to pray for your child throughout the school year.

Due to the increase in covid-19 cases in our city and our county, we are adjusting our prayer time during the service. Instead of praying in close proximity huddled together, this prayer time will be led from the pulpit.

### MEET OUR SUPPORTED WORKERS STEFFEN & ELIZABETH MUELLER

After several years of planting Gospel Church Muenchen in South Munich, Germany the Lord has used the challenges brought by Covid-19 to move the worship location to the very heart of downtown Munich near "Marienplatz." In God's providence Steffen and Elizabeth Mueller and the entire Gospel Church are experiencing how the Lord is bringing many new people to Gospel Church, particularly young adults in their twenties and early thirties. Come and hear more about how the Lord is saving people in one of the major cities in Western Europe. All are invited to join us on Sunday, August 29 after evening worship in the Community Life Center rooms 5 & 6 (CLC) for light refreshments and to hear from Steffen and Elizabeth.

### SUPPORT GROUPS BEGIN THIS WEEK

DivorceCare and GriefShare are support groups facilitated by caring members of our church who understand what you may be going through and want to help. These video seminar series feature some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on divorce and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. Weekly devotional materials and group discussions are designed to draw you closer to God and provide comfort. If you have a family member or friend going through separation and divorce or is mourning the loss of a loved one, please encourage them to join our groups as well. Support groups begin the week of August 30. To register and to learn more, visit [christcovenant.org/support-groups](https://christcovenant.org/support-groups).

### SENIOR ADULTS FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION ENDS AUGUST 31

Registration is open for the Senior Adults Fall Retreat on October 5-8, 2021 at the Bonclarken Conference Center with guest speaker Dr. Paul Engle. Come and meet new friends and get re-acquainted with old friends as we enjoy time in the mountains with each other and the Lord. Single rooms cost \$299, and double rooms cost \$185 per person. Cost for couples is \$370. Cost includes room, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, and retreat incidental costs. Full payment is due by August 31. Make checks payable to Christ Covenant Church with 'Senior Adult Retreat' written in the memo line, and either mail (to Lucille Ruths c/o Christ Covenant) or give to Lucille. If you have any questions, please contact Lucille Ruths at either 704-846-4074 or [lmruths@gmail.com](mailto:lmruths@gmail.com).

# CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

## SCHEDULE CHANGE

Our fall rehearsal season has been postponed to the dates below. If you would like to join an ensemble, schedule an audition with Nathan George by emailing [lmcnulty@christcovenant.org](mailto:lmcnulty@christcovenant.org).

ORCHESTRA: Wednesdays beginning September 1 at 6:00 pm,

ADULT CHOIR: Wednesdays beginning September 8 at 7:00 pm

YOUTH CHOIRS:

- 8TH-12TH AND 3RD-7TH CHOIRS: Sundays at 4:40 pm starting Sept. 12 in the sanctuary,

- K-2 CHOIR: Sundays at 6:00 pm in the CLC Chapel, starting Sept. 12,

- Band Rehearsals as called.

# HISABILITIES

## RESPITE NIGHT

Christ Covenant's HisAbilities ministry needs volunteers for a Respite Night it is hosting for our families living with disability. Respite Night is Saturday, October 9, from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the Community Life Center in the youth area located downstairs.

This is a time for Christ Covenant parents with children affected by disabilities, to have a few hours away while their child and their siblings are cared for, and engaged by a team of volunteers who will provide a variety of fun activities including crafts, games, music and more!

If you would like to volunteer, please email [hisabilitiesrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:hisabilitiesrsvp@gmail.com) by September 15. If you would like to learn more about Respite Night or the HisAbilities ministry, email Dave Baxter at [dbaxter@christcovenant.org](mailto:dbaxter@christcovenant.org).

# AMERICAN HERITAGE

## GIRLS OPEN NIGHT

Christ Covenant's American Heritage Girls NC0800 is a troop that is dedicated to the mission of "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country." We offer badge programs, service projects, girl leadership opportunities, awards, and outdoor experiences to our members. Girls aged 5 to 18 will enjoy growing in their faith, learning new skills, building friendships, experiencing teamwork, and strengthening their character. Interested girls and their families are invited to our Open House on Thursday, September 9, at 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm. For more information and to learn more about the troop email us at [christcovenantahg@outlook.com](mailto:christcovenantahg@outlook.com).

# VOLUNTEER IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are excited to reopen all children's programs this fall. We are looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School to elementary students, to do crafts and tell Bible stories to preschoolers, and to hold and love on our very littlest and youngest. It takes over 70 volunteers every Sunday to staff all of our children's programs. We hope you are ready to join us in loving and serving some of our youngest in the church.

To volunteer email Amy Wallace at [awallace@christcovenant.org](mailto:awallace@christcovenant.org) or stop by and find Amy at the Children's Ministry Welcome Center in the North Lobby. She looks forward to helping you find a wonderful place to serve!

# SMALL GROUPS INTEREST LUNCH

## SEPTEMBER 12

New to Christ Covenant? Been here a long time? If you are interested in joining a small group or learning more about our small groups ministry please join us in the Community Life Center rooms 5 & 6 (CLC) for lunch after the morning service on September 12. Small groups is a great place for established members to connect with new folks and for those new to Christ Covenant to get connected. RSVP is appreciated, but not required. You can sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945aca62da7fa7-small>. Please come! For questions contact Tom Buiter at [tbuiter@christcovenant.org](mailto:tbuiter@christcovenant.org).

# 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 59%. 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](http://christcovenant.org/envision). We currently have 59% of families participating and \$810,984 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](http://christcovenant.org) for other activities. Weekly and monthly prayer guides can be found at [christcovenant.org/prayer](http://christcovenant.org/prayer).*

# THIS WEEK (AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2021)

- Aug 29 • Fall Sunday School kickoff at 9:00 am
- Aug 29 • In-person and livestream morning worship at 10:45 am
- Aug 29 • In-person and livestream evening worship at 6:00 pm
- Aug 29 • Blessing of the Children - during evening worship
- Aug 30 • DivorceCare Support Group at 6:30 pm
- Aug 31 • GriefShare Support Group at 3:30 pm
- Sept 1 • Link & Epic at 7:00 pm

# 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 – 8/22/21	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	3,820,559	3,741,000	79,559	2.1%
Faith Promise Budget	280,111	206,558	73,553	35.6%