



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

SYMPATHY TO:

Ginny Joyce on the loss of her brother, Jerry Coffey.

Kevin Parsons on the loss of his father and our church member, Norm Earl Parsons.

Lisa Wilson on the loss of her brother, Charles "Chuck" Wittholz.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jody & Laurie Cnossen on the birth of their daughter, Blakely Elizabeth Cnossen.

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 located in the pews in the sanctuary or by scanning the QR code below.



ADVENT

o come let us adore him

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Friday, December 24
6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS AND CAROLS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 6:00 PM

All are invited to join us for our annual Lessons and Carols and Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24, at 6:00 pm. This is a great time to bring family and friends for a special night of worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! If you are unable to attend in-person, we will be livestreaming the worship service online at christcovenant.org/live and on our YouTube, Facebook and Vimeo platforms. Links to each platform can be found at christcovenant.org/live.

Children's programs are available for ages 4 months - 35 months.



POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

Each poinsettia is \$10.00. Deadline to order is Monday, December 20.

Giver's name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

I will pick up my poinsettia after the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service.

I will leave my plant to be given to someone to brighten their Christmas.

HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH A POINSETTIA

Each Christmas at Christ Covenant we provide an opportunity for you to buy a poinsettia that is displayed in our sanctuary for the Advent season. You can purchase one for you/your family, give one in honor of someone, or give one in memory of someone. We will print the names of those who receive a poinsettia in honor and in memory in the courier for our Christmas Eve service.

Each poinsettia is \$10. If you purchase one, you can either pick it up and enjoy it at home after the Christmas Eve service, or you can leave it to bless someone else.

Poinsettias can be purchased online at <https://ccym.wufoo.com/forms/q3emsg1nj9pqj/> or by using the form on this courier and placing it in an offering box.

PRAYER REGARDING ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS

Beginning January 2, 2022 and the for the entire month of January, the Session of our church will receive and consider nominations for the offices of elder and deacon. Through these offices Christ rules and shepherds his church. Would you prayerfully consider who you believe could serve our church well as an elder or deacon? All nominees must be male and a member of our church for at least two years by his election (June 2022).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Facilities Maintenance (full-time)
- Ministry Administrator to Pastors (full-time)

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

Covenant Day School is hiring for various positions. Details can be found at <https://www.covenantday.org/about-us/employment>

YEAR-END GIVING

Gifts to the church in December are a significant part of our annual income and help support more than 50 ministries. 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 pm on Friday, December 31, should be deductible for tax purposes.

You may also take advantage of our secure online giving (under the Giving tab on our website). God blesses Christ Covenant through your gifts, and they are greatly appreciated. Call the Church Finance Office at 704-847-3505 with any questions or for more information, including details on handling stock/fund or IRA transfers.

A TAX BENEFIT FOR SENIORS

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be eligible for a significant tax savings when making gifts to the church. Here's how that works. Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from an IRA account are typically subject to income taxes; however, payments made directly from an IRA to the church (trustee to trustee transfer) will not be subject to income taxes for many qualifying Seniors. If you are interested in making a financial gift to the church, this may be an opportunity for you to give and save taxes at the same time. This is a great idea for 2021 December giving as well as good planning for next year. Be sure to check with your tax advisor to see if this is right for you, and please be mindful of year-end deadlines (see Year-End Giving). For church-related questions, contact the Church Finance Office at 704-847-3505.

ENVISION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are hoping to have 100% of the congregation participate in the Envision capital campaign. We are currently at 72%. 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 72% of families participating and \$983,476 pledges toward our goal of \$1,500,000.

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 (DECEMBER 19-25, 2021)

- Dec 19 • Morning worship and livestream at 10:45 am
- Dec 19 • Evening worship and livestream at 6:00 pm
- Dec 24 • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 9 • Winter/Spring Sunday School begins
- Jan 16 • New Member Class begins
- Feb 26 - March 6 • Missions Conference with Julius Kim

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.

<i>Inflow 1/1/21 – 12/12/21</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	5,837,906	5,859,500	-21,594	-0.4%
Faith Promise Budget	377,004	305,574	71,430	23.4%