



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022 | HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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 have an online guest card we invite you to fill out at christcovenant.org/online-guest-card. There are also guest cards located in the pews in the sanctuary or you can access it by scanning the QR code below. If you do not have a Bible, we invite you to take a Bible from one of the pews to take home with you today. We are so glad you are here to worship with us today!



FREE RESOURCE FROM CALEB MINISTRIES FOR THOSE IN NEED

Mother's Day is a special day for many women but for some it can be a very painful time. For women who have lost babies, who are struggling with infertility, or who are post-abortive, this is a bittersweet day. *Morning Will Come* is a collection of stories of couples who have been through a loss or are infertile. If you have experienced a loss, please visit the Caleb Ministries display in the main lobby to obtain a free copy of this book. For more information please visit www.calebministries.org.

Christ Covenant Church is richly blessed to have pastoral interns that serve alongside our staff while they are here studying at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). Join us in thanking the Lord and in praying for these pastoral interns who have completed their internship and are beginning new chapters in their lives.

HARRIS ADAMS



Harris graduated with a degree in philosophy from Wake Forest in 2017. After graduating, he moved to Maryland and served in a church's middle school ministry for two years. Harris married his lovely wife, Rebekah, in 2018 and they have two children, Mary and Daniel. They moved to Charlotte in the summer of 2019 to follow his call into pastoral ministry by completing the Master of Divinity at Reformed Theological Seminary. It is very likely that Harris will be an assistant pastor at a church in South Carolina after he graduates in May (he's candidating there Sunday, May 8).

ANDREW LINGG



Andrew grew up near Indianapolis, graduated from IUPUI with a degree in exercise science and was introduced to Campus Outreach during his freshman year of college. He has been on staff with Campus Outreach for 10 years. He moved to Charlotte at the start of 2019 to work with the 18/22 group here at Christ Covenant and to begin the Master of Divinity program at Reformed Theological Seminary. He has been married to his wife, Kelly, since 2013, and they have three sons. Upon graduation, Andrew and his family will be moving to Travelers Rest, South Carolina to serve as assistant pastor at Redeemer PCA.

AUSTIN MCCANN



Austin grew up in Memphis, TN. He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Management at Mississippi State University where he met his wife and best friend, Alexandra. After college, he served for two years (2016-2018) in college ministry as an RUF intern at Auburn University. In August 2018, he moved to Charlotte to begin working on his Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Counseling in preparation for pastoral ministry. Austin will be serving as the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Campus Minister at Texas A&M University starting June 1. Austin and his family are so excited to move to "Aggieland." If you have any connections (families, alumni, etc.) to Texas A&M or know of any current or incoming students, please feel free to share Austin's contact info at austin.mccann@ruf.org.

ASCENSION CELEBRATION CONCERT SUNDAY, MAY 22

We hope everyone will invite a friend and attend a special Ascension Celebration Concert and Hymn Sing on Sunday evening, May 22, at 6:00 pm. We will sing favorite songs together, as well as hear special selections from Mozart, Gounod, spirituals, and more. Christ's Ascension is often overlooked, but it is our joy to take time to honor him as King. On Ascension Sunday we celebrate the fact that Christ now sits at the right hand of the Father. He has ascended on high because he has won the battle!

RECOGNIZING 2022 GRADUATES

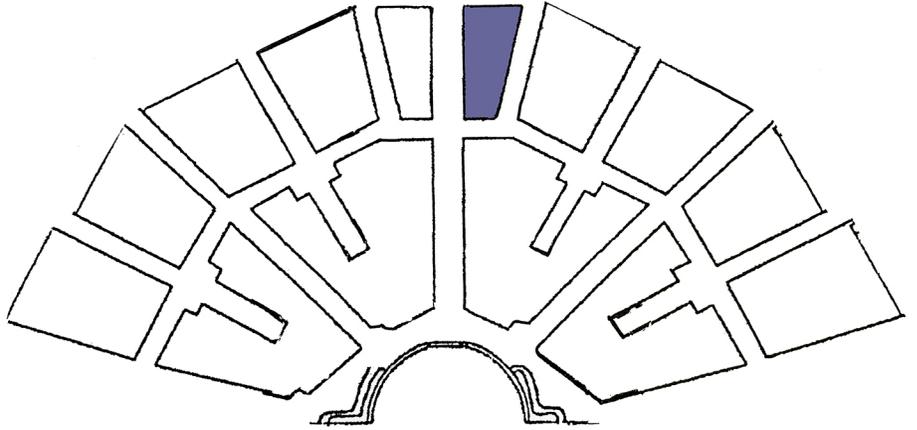
We want to publish the names, schools and plans for the immediate future (i.e., college, military, career, post-grad) of our high school, college, and post-grad members of the Class of 2022 so our church family can celebrate these milestones with you. Please send your graduate's information (name, graduating from, going to, degree, military) to communications@christcovenant.org. We will publish all grads and their future plans in the courier and recognize our graduates during morning worship on May 29. Deadline to submit graduation information for the courier is Tuesday, May 24.

SAVE THE DATE! CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 5

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on officer candidates and returning sabbatical officers. It will be held on Sunday, June 5, immediately following morning worship services. Please note that those who attend morning worship in-person on Sunday, June 5, will be voting on these nominees. We will not have online or advance voting available. We look forward to your participation in electing new officers. Candidate biographies will be available to review by late May.

MASK SECTION UPDATE

Our leadership continues to evaluate our needs in terms of having a mask-required section. Beginning this Sunday, May 8, our mask-required section is moving to the section colored in purple in the diagram below. Please be considerate of those sitting around you who are wearing masks and prefer social distancing.



PRAYER WALK - SUNDAY, MAY 15

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, May 15 for a church-wide prayer walk around our community. We believe that prayer walks are a concrete means to demonstrate a spiritual reality, namely the Lord going before his people to prepare the land for ministry. Our prayer walk is a pre-cursor to upcoming outreach opportunities as we ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of people as we evangelize and do deeds of love in Matthews and beyond.

We will meet in the Community Life Center rooms 1 & 2 (CLC) at 9:00 am to hear the vision for the prayer walk and to receive more instructions. If you do not feel comfortable walking, we would love for you to participate by praying on our campus. Please bring your family and comfy shoes and join us! Questions? Contact Michelle Gustavson at mgustavson@christcovenant.org.

FOSTER CARE Q & A SUNDAY, MAY 22

Have you ever thought about foster care? Been concerned about the need? Wondered about the experience? Felt a tug to learn more? May is National Foster Care Month, and we have a special opportunity to learn more about the need for foster care in our community at a brief meeting after the evening worship service on Sunday, May 22 in the Community Life Center room 1 (CLC). Christ Covenant members Allen and Abby Minnick will be sharing and answering questions about their own foster care experience, current needs, and possible next steps for those interested in learning more about being licensed for foster care. Would you consider joining us? There is no obligation involved in attending, but the need is great and the opportunity for the church to step into young lives and families in crisis is all around us. Please contact Pastor Dave Baxter at dbaxter@christcovenant.org or Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant.org to learn more about this event.

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 2022.

<i>Inflow 1/1/22 – 5/1/22</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,338,764	2,059,500	279,264	13.6%
Faith Promise Budget	190,473	120,300	70,173	58.3%