



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

## SYMPATHY TO:

Beverly Bilbo on the loss of her mother, Frances Brooks.

## 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](http://christcovenant.org/online-guest-card) or by scanning the QR code below. There are also guest cards located in the pews in the sanctuary you can fill out and place in the offering. 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!



## REGISTRATION OPENS FOR WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES AUGUST 1

Registration for Women's Bible Studies begins Monday, August 1! There are options for daytime and evening studies as well as weekly and monthly studies. Childcare is offered for certain daytime studies. Visit the Women's Ministry webpage at <https://christcovenant.org/womensbiblestudies/> to learn more and to register.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF WITH COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL AUGUST 28 & SEPTEMBER 4

Our fall Sunday School will kickoff with a combined Sunday School in the sanctuary with teaching from Eric Russ, Pastor of Evangelism and Mobilization. This is a combined Sunday School with all adults, senior adults, middle and high school youth joining together for Sunday School on August 28 and September 4 at 9:00 am. These two Sunday's will showcase an introduction to the theology of evangelism and how to practically cultivate a healthy evangelistic posture in our city and neighborhood. Pastor Eric is excited to encourage and to inspire our church family to want to grow in the practice of evangelism.

Class electives will begin September 11 and go through November 20. More information about the class options is forthcoming.

Children's Sunday School for ages 4 through 5th grade kicks off on Sunday, August 28 at 9:00 am.

## COOKIES, COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AUGUST 28

Join Christ Covenant for cookie fellowships on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month beginning August 28! We will enjoy cookies, coffee and fellowship in the main lobby on these Sundays from 10:15 am - 10:45 am. Stop by for a cookie and time to get to know other Christ Covenant members!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Did you know it takes 238 adults and 48 youth for our Children's Ministry classrooms to be fully staffed? Right now we are about 65% there! If you were considering how you might fulfill the promise you make at every baptism and find a way to help support our families as they raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, we have a place for you to do that! Please email Amy Wallace, Director of Children's Ministry, at [awallace@christcovenant.org](mailto:awallace@christcovenant.org), or stop by the Children's Ministry Welcome Desk in the North Lobby. Any staff member will be happy to help you get connected!

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NEW MEMBER CLASS

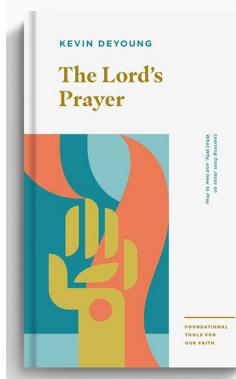
The New Member Class is for adults and students 9th grade and above who wish to join Christ Covenant Church. Our Pastors teach this class, which reviews Christ Covenant's philosophy of ministry, the reformed faith, the Presbyterian form of government, the vows of church membership, and other topics pertinent 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 September 11. The class will be ten-weeks long meeting from 9:00 am – 10:20 am. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Gustavson at [mgustavson@christcovenant.org](mailto:mgustavson@christcovenant.org) to register by September 5.

## COME JOIN THE GREETING MINISTRY

Would you like to join our Greeting Ministry? We need more smiling faces to welcome people inside our church as they come through our doors. If this is an area where you would like to serve please contact Michelle Gustavson at MGustavson@christcovenant.org.

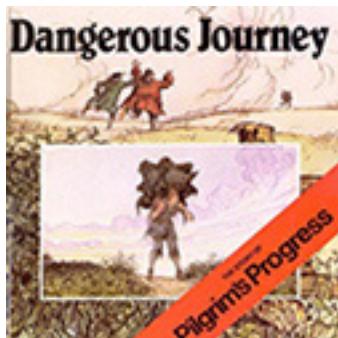
## SUMMER READING FOUND IN THE BOOK NOOKS

Each lobby has its own Book Nook with books for the whole family! Take some time this summer to explore the variety of books that can be found in each lobby! Here are a few you can find.



*The Lord's Prayer* by Kevin DeYoung

In *The Lord's Prayer*, our Senior Pastor Kevin DeYoung closely examines Christ's model for prayer, giving readers a deeper understanding of its content and meaning, and how it works in the lives of God's people. Walking through the Lord's Prayer word by word, Pastor Kevin helps believers gain the conviction to develop a stronger prayer life and a sense of freedom to do so.



*Dangerous Journey* by Oliver Hunkin

One of the best-known and best loved stories in the English language, Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* is here retold in modern language for children ages 7 and up. Beautifully done full-color illustrations by Alan Parry appear on every page. This is a splendid introduction to a Christian classic!

## MUSIC MINISTRY KICKOFF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

Please join us on Wednesday, August 24 for fellowship, food, and to preview music for the upcoming season. The fall is a great time to jump into choir, orchestra, or band as we begin to prepare for the Advent season in December! We will be learning new contemporary music alongside the classics, such as Bach and Handel. All ages are welcome.

Options include orchestra, band, and choirs (children, youth, adult), as well as smaller vocal and instrumental ensembles. For orchestra, adult choir, and band, please schedule an audition. Auditions will begin on August 15. These informal auditions give Pastor Nathan George an opportunity to get to meet you, to get to know you, your heart, and your musical interests.

In addition, youth choirs will begin meeting again! The youth choir for grades 8th-12th and the children's choir for ages 3rd-7th will meet on Sundays from 4:40 pm – 5:45 pm. The beginner's choir for grades kindergarten – 2nd will meet on Sundays during evening worship. Stay tuned for the start date for these choirs!

Please email Liz McNulty at lmcnulty@christcovenant.org for more information or to schedule an audition for the adult choir, orchestra, or band.

## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MEREIA?

Merea is a women's mentoring ministry where older women meet monthly for two years with younger women in a group setting. Through sharing our lives and testimonies, teaching life skills, and studying Titus 2, older women help younger women grow in their faith while encouraging growth in grace and in spiritual disciplines. Each group is comprised of six to eight young women and six mentors. The gatherings include practical encouragement to manage our homes, practice hospitality and steward God's gifts and skills. Younger women appreciate the friendship and wisdom of the mentors and enjoy getting to know other young women in the small group. If you are interested in joining a Merea group, which is usually women in their 20s and 30s, please contact Dotsie Corwin at dotsiecor@gmail.com.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

Facilities Maintenance (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>

## 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 (JULY 31-AUGUST 6, 2022)

July 31 • Morning worship at 10:45 am

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

July 31 - August 21 • No Sunday School

Aug 28 • Fall Sunday School kickoff

Sept 10 • Ministry to men fellowship breakfast

Sept 11 • New member class begins

Sept 13 • Women's ministry fall kickoff

## 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.

Inflow 1/1/22 – 7/24/22	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	3,781,392	3,425,000	356,392	10.4%
Faith Promise Budget	261,646	182,054	79,592	43.72%