

FALL 2022

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## Fall 2022 Key Dates

**August 28**

Fall Sunday School Kickoff

**August 28 & September 4**

Combined Sunday School in Sanctuary

**September 11**

Regular Sunday School classes begin

**November 13**

Combined Sunday School in Sanctuary  
for Faithful Conference

**November 20**

Last Sunday School of the fall

**November 27 – January 1**

Sunday School break

**January 8**

Sunday School resumes

## Fall Kickoff Combined Sunday School

### Evangelism: Mission, Mandate and Methods

**ERIC RUSS**

**AUGUST 28 & SEPTEMBER 4**

**9:00 AM IN THE SANCTUARY**

**ALL ADULTS + MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

Our fall Sunday School will kick off with teaching from Eric Russ, Pastor of Evangelism and Mobilization. These two Sundays 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.

## Regular Classes

We have a variety of classes beginning September 11 at 9:00 a.m. All classes will run for 10 weeks through November 20. We hope you will find a class that will benefit your relationship with Christ and connect you with others.

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.

**If you have any questions about Sunday School,  
please email [info@christcovenant.org](mailto:info@christcovenant.org).**

## Growing Deeper Together: Understanding and Responding to the New World of Sexual Identity

**BLAIR SMITH**

**COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER 1 & 2**

This class format will be regularly offered in Sunday School, though the class content will change from semester to semester. The first half of class will be fellowship and discussion around eight-person tables, led by hosts. Then, the second half of class will feature a lecture applying the themes of the content.

In this semester's content, we will explore together the questions of how the world arrived at its current, disorienting state of identity politics, and how the church should respond. We will use Carl Trueman's recent book, *Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution*, as an outline. Trueman follows the history of Western thought to the distinctly sexual direction of present-day identity politics and explains the modern implications of these ideas on religion, free speech, and personal identity.

## Hearing Job's Complaint: A Fast-Paced Interactive Exploration of the Book of Job

**DAVID KRAUSSE**

**WORSHIP CENTER 211**

The calamity that Job experienced triggered a series of conversations that questioned literally everything. Those questions led Job to his Redeemer. Come along if you are questioning, know someone who is, or simply want to watch as the foundation of our faith is laid. Not only will we explore Job, we will interactively explore linguistic tools and commentaries available on the Internet, so beginners and experts will both feel comfortable in our conversation.

## Only Be Strong and Very Courageous: A Study in the Book of Joshua

**BRUCE CRESWELL**

**WORSHIP CENTER 201**

Three times God says, "Be strong and courageous." Each time God gives the command to Joshua, He also gives him a reason why he should be strong and have great courage:

- You will lead the people to inherit the land I promised them (be strong because I am going to do something great through you). Joshua 1:6
- I am the one who has commanded you (be strong because I know what I'm doing). Joshua 1:7
- I will be with you through the whole campaign (be strong because I've got your back). Joshua 1:9

Our study centers around God calling Joshua to lead the people of Israel in holy conquest of the land of Canaan. God marvelously laid bare His mighty arm in protecting His people from danger and from relentless enemies, revealing His omnipotence and loving care. After forty years of wandering in the wilderness, Israel claimed their inheritance and entered the land. Beyond the invasion and possession of a land, we will see them face issues which also touches our lives and faith today. And just as they enjoyed the blessing that God had prepared for them, God wants us to experience that same kind of life today. As we face the challenges of life, God wants us to know that He has not left us to "fend for ourselves." He is with us.



## Principles for Godly Parenting: Growth & Discipleship Through Every Season

**DEREK WELLS & GUEST COUPLES**  
**COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER 5 & 6**

When we think of Godly parenting, a variety of things might come to mind. We might think of instructing our young children in God's Word or equipping older children to make wise decisions or helping our children to own their faith as they mature into adulthood. This class will examine the challenges and opportunities of parenting through each season and focus on equipping parents to better lead and engage our children in the faith.

## Sketches in Church History: AD 70–451

**KEVIN DEYOUNG**  
**COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER 3 & 4**

Christians need to know their Bibles and their theology. Christians should also know their own history. Good, bad, or ugly—and church history has all three—as Christians, we have a 2,000-year history filled with stories to tell and lessons to learn. In this class, we will look at ten different individuals from the first four centuries—from Constantine to Chrysostom to the Cappadocians. By focusing on one person (or a group of people) each week, we will explore the broader themes, ideas, and movements from the early church.



## New Member Class

**TOM GROELSEMA**  
**MEETS IN COVENANT DAY HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS**

The New Member Class is an opportunity to learn more about the ministries, people, staff, doctrine, and vision of Christ Covenant. The class is open to anyone but is especially for those who are new to Christ Covenant or are considering membership at the church. Topics include Presbyterian theology, the importance of church membership, philosophy of worship, the role of elders and deacons, and how to get plugged into the church. This class is required for those 9th grade and older who would like to become members of Christ Covenant Church. Those participating will have the opportunity to develop relationships with other class participants and current members.

★ To sign up, email Michelle Gustavson at [mgustavson@christcovenant.org](mailto:mgustavson@christcovenant.org).

## The New City Catechism **BEGINS AUG. 28** (King's Community)

**GINNY JOYCE, AARON MAYES & TIPHANY SPECK**  
**WORSHIP CENTER 105**

The King's Community is a class designed for those with special learning needs or disabilities, but open to any who want to get to know and learn with this wonderful community in our church. Team teachers use a curriculum involving the five senses and a variety of activities. Distinctive features of this class include caring buddies who facilitate individualized learning, visible encouragement, and the extensive use of music for worship, scripture memory, missionary stories and learning fun. This trimester we are studying and learning biblical doctrine through *The New City Catechism*.

## Youth Sunday School *(Middle & High School)*

**CCYM STAFF**

**MEETS IN THE YOUTH CENTER**

**(LOWER COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER)**

This semester during our Sunday School hour we will be diving into Scripture and various supplemental resources as we explore some of the fundamentals of the Christian faith and life. Each week we will spend time hanging out, listening to solid teaching, and personally interacting with God's Word in community with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We encourage all students to make this time together a priority this semester!



**FAITHFUL**  
— CONFERENCE —  
FAITHFUL WITNESS IN A FALLEN WORLD

**November 12-13, 2022**

*Healthy Churches,  
Healthy Members*

**Guest Speaker Mark Dever**

## Children's Sunday School

**AMY WALLACE & TEAM**

Christ Covenant Children's Ministry comes alongside parents and caregivers to assist them as the primary disciple makers of their children. While corporate worship is the primary focus of our Sunday, Sunday School is the time set aside for children of all ages to gather together and grow in their knowledge and love for God with teaching and engaging activities designed just for them!

### CHECKING IN YOUR CHILD

Please check in all children prior to Sunday School at one of our three check-in locations. If you are visiting for the first time, please come to the Children's Ministry Welcome Center in the North Lobby where a staff member will be there to assist you.

**These check in locations can be found in:**

- The North Lobby of the Worship Center
- "The Gate" in Building B Room 102
- The foyer of Building C (9:00 a.m. only)

### 9:00 A.M. LOCATIONS

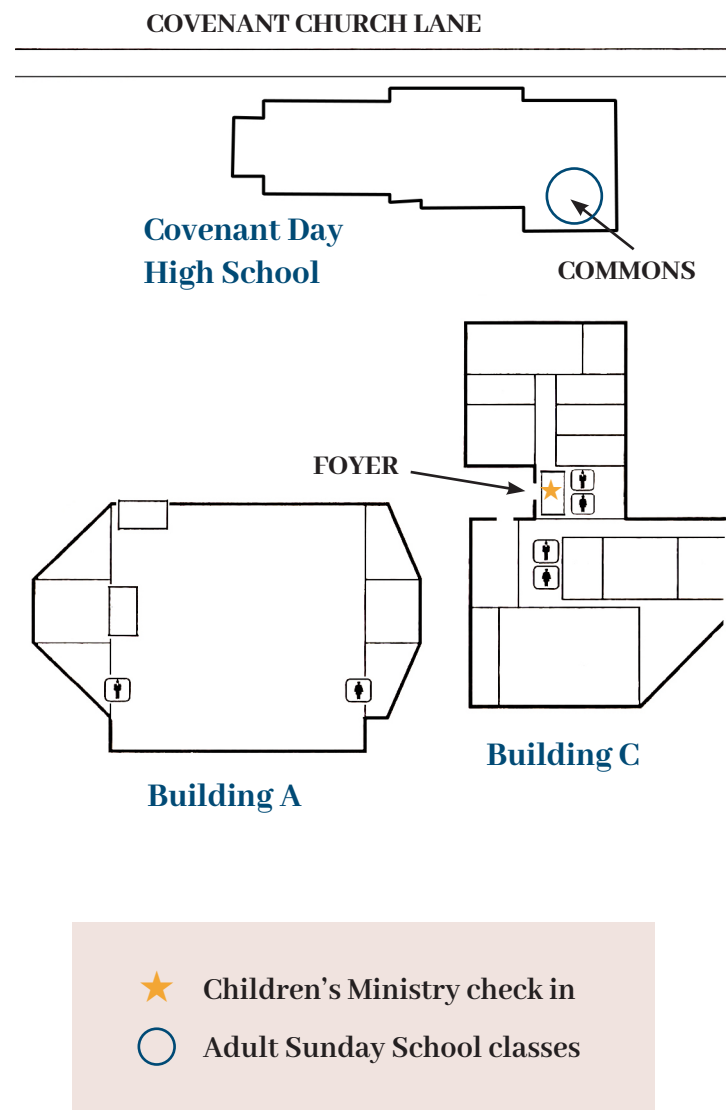
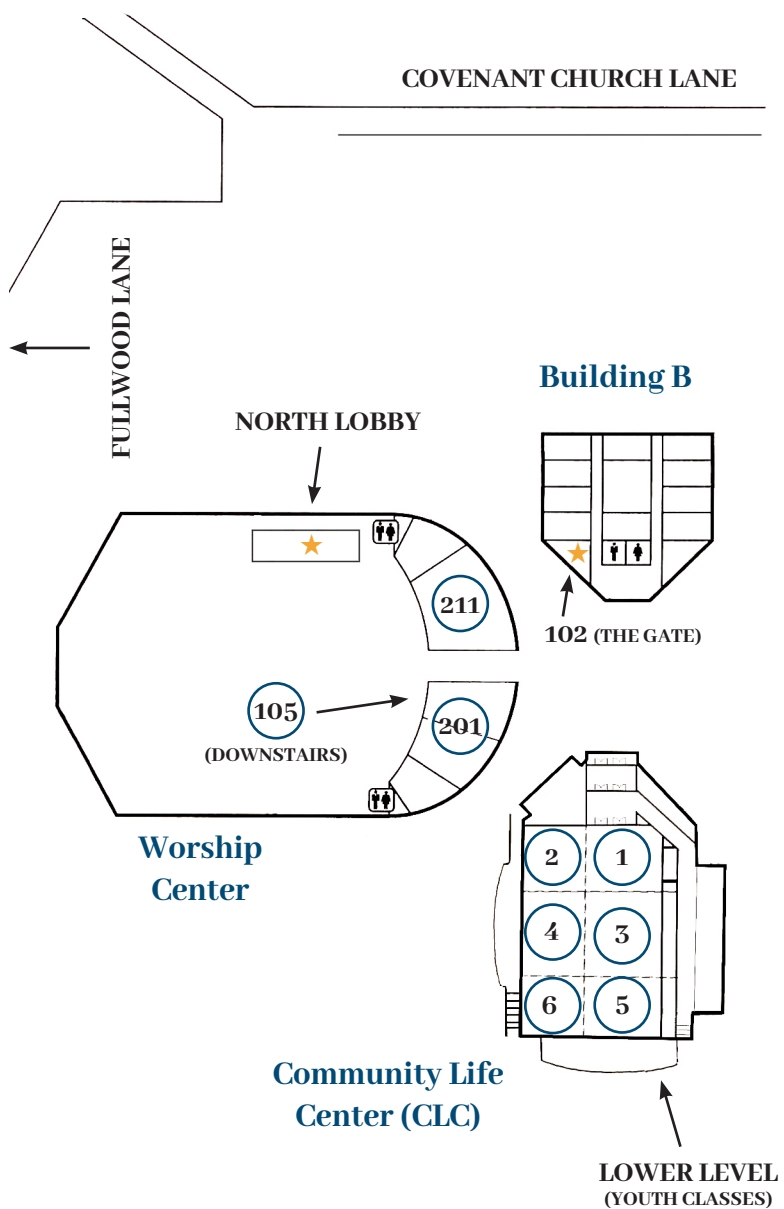
- **Nursery** (newborn—toddlers) is located in the Worship Center.
- **Preschool** (2-4 year olds) meets in Building B.
- **Elementary** (K-5th grade) meets in Building C.

### 10:45 A.M. LOCATIONS

- **Nursery** (newborn—toddlers) is located in the Worship Center.
- **2-4 year olds** meet in Building B. Twos may be in their class for the entire worship service. Threes and Fours enjoy worship with families until the offering. During the offering, please escort your children to Children's Bible Time in Building B.

**Have questions or need help finding your child's class?**

Email us at [childrensministry@christcovenant.org](mailto:childrensministry@christcovenant.org) or stop by the Children's Ministry Welcome Center in the North Lobby. We are happy to help!





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