



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John Robert and Mary Biggs
on the birth of their daughter,
Elaine Lovelace Biggs.

Andrew and Ginni Larkins
on the birth of their daughter,
Neely Larkins.

SYMPATHY TO:

Keith Hudson on the loss of his
mother, Judy Hudson.

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 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!



LARGE PRINT WORSHIP FOLDERS

For your convenience, large print worship folders are available at the Guest Center in the main lobby.

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

Our fall Sunday School kicks off with a combined Sunday School in the sanctuary with teaching from Eric Russ, Pastor of Evangelism and Mobilization. This combined Sunday School includes 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 is a class called "Evangelism: Mission, Mandate and Methods" that 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 begin September 11 and go through November 20. To see the class options we invite you to either pick up a Sunday School booklet or visit christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool to learn more.

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

PRAYER FOR OUR COVENANT CHILDREN SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11

The pastors and elders of Christ Covenant Church hope you will join us for a special time of prayer for all our children and college students. This special time of prayer will take place at the beginning of the Sunday evening worship service on September 11. We invite you to pick up and fill out a prayer card and present it to the elders during this time of prayer.

During the school year, our leadership will refer to these cards often as they pray for children, students, and their parents. As always, each request will be handled confidentially.

Prayer cards can be found in the worship center outside all sanctuary doors and online at christcovenant.org.

DIVORCECARE & GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUPS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12

Our support groups are facilitated by caring members of our church who understand what you may be going through and want to help. The video seminar features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on divorce and grief 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.

DivorceCare & GriefShare will be held Monday evenings, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, starting on September 12 in the Community Life Center (CLC). 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.

You can register for the DivorceCare group at DivorceCare.org. You can register for the GriefShare group at GriefShare.org. Or contact John Ramseur at jdramseur@gmail.com with any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HISABILITIES RESPITE NIGHT

Christ Covenant's HisAbilities ministry needs volunteers for our upcoming fall Respite Night on October 8. This is an opportunity to come alongside Christ Covenant families impacted by disability by providing a few hours of respite for parents while their children are cared for and engaged by a team of volunteers providing a safe environment with a variety of fun activities! Volunteers must be a member of Christ Covenant, but no experience with disabilities is needed to serve.

Respite Night serves parents with children impacted by disabilities or who are living with disability themselves and will be held on October 8, from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, in the youth area located in the lower level of the Community Life Center (CLC). Training resources including a brief zoom video will be provided to our volunteers. We work to make sure our volunteers are serving in a capacity in which they are comfortable. If you would like to serve or learn more about this opportunity, please email Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant.org. Deadline for volunteer registration is August 31.

MINISTRY TO MEN FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

All men ages 16 and older are invited to attend a men's ministry breakfast on Saturday, September 10, 7:00-8:30am, at Stacks Kitchen, 11100 Monroe Rd., Matthews. Jim Stoudenmier & Dana Lamb from Gideons International will be speaking about "God Allows No Maverick Molecules...Now What?" Your only cost is your breakfast. Come fellowship with your brothers in Christ and bring a friend! RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AABA828A2FDC07-ministry6>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

Facilities Maintenance (full-time)
Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM MIKE KRUGER

Dear Christ Covenant Family,

I want to say a sincere word of thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Teacher in Residence for the last three years. It has been a joy to teach Sunday School, preach in the morning services, and help with officer training.

However, it has become increasingly clear to me that I no longer have the capacity in my schedule to maintain an additional role beyond my already busy duties as president of Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte (RTS). My increased travel schedule alone will keep me out of town nearly half the weekends this fall as I preach and teach in other places. So, in order to keep from stretching myself too thin, my last day for my current role will be August 31st. But I still hope to teach or preach at Christ Covenant from time to time as I am able.

We continue to be grateful for the Christ Covenant family and are thankful for your prayers as I serve the Lord at RTS Charlotte.

In Christ,

Mike Kruger

MUSIC MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

Do you have children taking music lessons? Do you love humming your favorite tunes? Have you thought of dusting off that old instrument? Consider joining the music ministry. We love to see both youth and adults learn to hone their skills to the glory of God and believe that over time this will help us all continue to grow as a singing, worshipping church.

Choir Rehearsal Times (for all ages):

- 8th - 12th grade Youth Choir meets Sundays from 4:40-5:50 pm in the worship center room 201
- 3rd - 7th grade Children's Choir meets Sundays from 4:40-5:50 pm in the worship center room 211
- Kindergarten - 2nd grad Beginner's Choir meets during Sunday evening worship in the worship center room 105
- Adult Choir meets Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the worship center room 201

Instrumental Rehearsal Times (for Youth and Adults):

- Orchestra meets Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm in the sanctuary.
- Contemporary band rehearsals are called as needed.

Pastor Nathan George would be glad to schedule an audition for adult choir, traditional orchestral instruments (strings, winds, brass, percussion, etc.), and contemporary instruments (bass, drums, guitar, mandolin, keyboard, etc.). Please email Liz McNulty at lmcnulty@christcovenant.org for more information or to schedule an audition.

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 (AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 3, 2022)

- August 28 • Sunday School kickoff at 9:00 am
- August 28 • Cookie fellowship at 10:15 am
- August 28 • Morning worship at 10:45 am
- August 28 • Youth and children's choirs at 4:40 pm and 6:00 pm
- August 28 • Evening worship at 6:00 pm
- August 31 • Orchestra and choir rehearsal at 6:00 pm
- August 31 • Youth Ministry kickoff for Epic and Link 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 2022.

<i>Inflow 1/1/22 – 8/21/22</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	4,238,918	3,897,000	341,918	8.8%
Faith Promise Budget	292,171	206,558	85,613	41.45%