



# THE COURIER

## LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

### 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 either the main or north lobby. 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](https://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!



### MINISTRY TO MEN FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

All men ages 16 and older are invited to join the Ministry to Men fellowship breakfast on Saturday, October 1, from 7:00 am - 8:30 am, at Stacks Kitchen on Monroe Road in Matthews. Caleb Johnson, our Small Groups and Young Adult Ministries Coordinator, will be speaking on "The Wisdom That Comes from Age is a Gift from the Lord to be Stewarded Well and Passed on to Younger Men." The only cost is your breakfast! Come and bring a friend! RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AABA828A2FDC07-ministry7> by Friday, September 30.



FAITHFUL  
—CONFERENCE—

### NOVEMBER 12-13

In a world that often prizes style over substance and quick fixes over quiet obedience, Jesus calls us to something better, something more important, and something more lasting. He calls us to be faithful. Join us for our fifth Faithful Conference where we set aside a weekend to learn how to be a *"Faithful Witness in a Fallen World."*

Mark your calendars now and make plans to join us for this year's Faithful Conference on November 12 - 13, 2022 at Christ Covenant Church in our worship center. Our special guest speaker is Mark Dever from Capital Hill Baptist Church in Washington D.C. Our theme this year is "Healthy Churches, Healthy Members." Register today at [faithfulconference.org](https://faithfulconference.org) to receive a \$10 off coupon from the Faithful bookstore! (*Only one coupon per family.*)

### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

There are many types of caregiving: part-time, long-distance, 24/7, and even in an advisory role. All caregivers need encouragement and support from time to time. Come join others who have walked the caregiving path and be encouraged. The caregivers support group begins meeting on Mondays starting September 19, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Community Life Center rooms 3 & 4 (CLC). For more information or to register for the group, contact Mary Jo Culver at [maryjoculver@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjoculver@yahoo.com).

### MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

All are invited to participate in the Monthly Day of Prayer on Tuesday, September 27. There are two ways you can participate. One is to come in-person for your prayer time to room 105 in the worship center anytime between 7:30 am - 7:00 pm. Prayer guides are provided for you in the prayer room. Another option is to pick a time slot and pray where you are, whether that's at home or at work. The day is divided into 30-minute segments for individuals to sign up and pray for supported workers and for the needs of our congregation. You can select the time that best fits your schedule at <https://christcovenant.org/members/prayer/>. We also hope you will take time to submit your confidential prayer requests online at <https://christcovenant.org/members/prayer/> or by email at [prayer@christcovenant.org](mailto:prayer@christcovenant.org)

# COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORDINGS

We hope you enjoyed our special combined Sunday School with Eric Russ’ class “Evangelism: Mission, Mandate and Methods.” If you missed a class or would like to hear one again, you can find the videos at [vimeo.com/christcovenantchurch](https://vimeo.com/christcovenantchurch) and [www.youtube.com/christcovenantchurchmatthews](https://www.youtube.com/christcovenantchurchmatthews). To access the audio you can find it on various podcast platforms at <https://christcovenant.buzzsprout.com>.

# COOKIE FELLOWSHIP SEPTEMBER 25

Join Christ Covenant for cookie fellowships on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month! We will enjoy cookies, coffee and fellowship in the main lobby on these Sundays from 10:15 am - 10:45 am. Our next cookie fellowship is Sunday, September 25! Stop by for a cookie and time to get to know other Christ Covenant members and guests!

# JOIN A SMALL GROUP THIS FALL

This is a great time to get connected to the body of Christ and experience the warmth of fellowship. If you would like to connect with others in a small group reach out to Caleb Johnson at [calebjohnson@christcovenant.org](mailto:calebjohnson@christcovenant.org).

# IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN A WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

It’s not too late to register for a Women’s Bible Study for this fall! 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.

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current full-time opportunity at Christ Covenant include:  
Ministry Administrator to Operations  
Details: [christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment](https://christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment)

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!



We have a variety of adult Sunday School classes that will be going through November 20. All classes begin at 9:00 am on Sundays. We hope you will find a class that will benefit your relationship with Christ and connect you with others. A list of classes is below. To learn more about each class and its location, pick up a Sunday School booklet in the worship center or visit [christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool](https://christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool).

- *The New Member Class* taught by Tom Groelsema
- *“Growing Deeper Together”: Understanding and Responding to the New World of Sexual Identity* taught by Blair Smith
- *Hearing Job’s Complaint: A Fast-Paced Interactive Exploration of the Book of Job* taught by David Krausse
- *Only Be Strong and Very Courageous: A Study in the Book of Joshua* taught by Bruce Creswell
- *Principles for Godly Parenting: Growth and Discipleship Through Every Season* taught by Derek Wells and Various Couples
- *Sketches from Church History: AD 70 – 451* taught by Kevin DeYoung

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).

# COMMUNICANTS CLASS IS FORMING NOW FOR 5TH - 8TH GRADERS

Our 2022-23 Communicants class will be forming soon! If you have a son/daughter in the 5th-8th grade who desires to become a communing member of the church and join in this year’s class, please contact Amy Wallace at [awallace@christcovenant.org](mailto:awallace@christcovenant.org) for more information and an application! We look forward to having your student join us!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares notable events for this week. See our website at [christcovenant.org](https://christcovenant.org) for other activities. Weekly and monthly prayer guides can be found at [christcovenant.org/prayer](https://christcovenant.org/prayer).

# THIS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2022)

- Sept 18 • Sunday School at 9:00 am
- Sept 18 • Morning worship at 10:45 am
- Sept 18 • Youth and children’s choirs at 4:40 pm and 6:00 pm
- Sept 18 • Caregivers, GriefShare & DivorceCare support groups at 6:30 pm
- Sept 21 • Middle & high school youth ministry at 7:00 pm

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 27 • Monthly day of prayer
- Oct 8 • HisAbilities Respite Night
- Nov 12-13 • Faithful Conference with Mark Dever
- Dec 4 • Christmas Concert

# 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 – 9/11/22	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	4,669,245	4,260,000	409,245	9.6%
Faith Promise Budget	304,602	224,936	79,666	35.42%