



# THE COURIER

## LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our sanctuary beautiful this Christmas season with your purchased poinsettia either in honor or in memory of someone. Thank you also to our hard-working Operations Department for making our entire worship center beautiful with all of the Christmas decorations! Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the Christmas Day morning worship service.

### *We give these poinsettias in honor of*

Stephanie Bennett  
*by Donn and Dottie Toney*

Garrett Carter  
*by Dennis and Pat Carter*

Jerry and Ilse Cauble  
*by Jim and Linda Lemmons*

Peggy Dear  
*by Scoggin Jones*

Judith Genaway, Nancy's sister  
*by Dan and Nancy O'Neil*

Bob and Susie Fitch, Our Parents  
*by Rob and Heather Fitch*

The Matt Gidney Family  
*by Alona Weddine*

Darrell Hargett  
*by Becky Hargett*

Cathy Helms  
*by Aaron Helms*

Doug and Patsy L'Hommedieu  
*by Rachel and Jeff Welch*

Julia Rhino  
*by Danny and Rhonda Rhino*

Robert and Jane Stone  
*by David and Beth Glover*

David and Laura Quinteiro  
*by Meghan and Jonathan Elliott*

### *We give these poinsettias in loving memory of*

Elias and Rosabella Abalajon, Rosalie's parents

Jacque and Jim Kirkley, Darrell's Parents  
*by Darrell and Rosalie Kirkley*

Karen Adelman  
*by Rick and Chris Hillesheim*

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Andersen  
*by Linda Morris*

Paul Baron  
*by The McKissicks*

Lucy Vera Bleeker  
*by Jonathan and Kristin Doyle*

Hank and Joan Botzko  
*by Susan Botzko*

Bob Branson  
*by Dot Branson*

Neal Brinneman, my dad  
*by Daniel Brinneman*

Jane Britton, Mom  
*by David and Dianne Britton family*

Frances Brooks  
*by Tom and Beverly Bilbro*

Bob and Shirley Brown  
*by Lois Brown*

Martha Brown  
*by The Gulley Family*

Jeanette Shafer Brownson  
*by Debby Kelly*

Dr. and Mrs. David Cayer  
*by Judge and Mrs. David S. Cayer*

Doug Clark, In loving memory of my husband  
*by Tricia Clark*

Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Chun  
*by James and Margaret Woods Jr.*

Jeff Clayton  
*by Covenant Group Friends*

Pauline and Burr Clearly  
*by Dan and Sandra Hayes*

Dave & Ginny Cullen  
*by Ken and Tara Dabbs*

Martha Depp, our daughter  
*by Fred and Jean Depp*

Dani Durham  
*by Ken & Dani Durham*

David Allen Elliott, our father  
*by Meghan and Jonathan Elliott*

Jack and Peggy Everidge  
*by Danny and Rhonda Rhino*

Donald K. Glover, Sr.  
Donald K. Glover, Jr.  
*by David and Beth Glover*

Evelyn Guinn, my wife  
*by Robert Guinn*

Glenn Alexander Gurley, Sr., Father

Michael Gurley, Brother

Robin Gurley, Sister-in-law  
*by David and Pamela Mullins*

George Gustavson  
*by Michelle Gustavson*

Calvin and Vicki Hall  
*by Friends*

Essie and Commie Hayes  
*by Dan and Sandra Hayes*

Marlon Helms  
*by Aaron Helms*

Judy Hudson  
*by Yamasakis/Hudsons*

Darrell D. Jones  
*by Shirley Norwood Jones*

Bobby Ketchie  
*by Courtney Silver*

Mr. Jimmy Kilgo  
*by Linda Kilgo*

Robert Calvin Kirkpatrick, my husband  
*by Norma Kirkpatrick*

Sang Lee  
*by Frances Lee*

Elaine Templeton Mangan  
*by The Kelly Family*

David Marshall  
*In loving memory by Harriet Marshall*

Haines and Dorothy Maxwell, Marti's parents  
*by Marti and Todd Peterson*

Pat McKissick

*by Friends of the McKissick Family*

Pat McKissick, loving husband and father  
*by Sara McKissick*

Bert Mullins, Father-in-law  
Marjorie Mullins, Mother-in-law  
*by David and Pamela Mullins*

Our Parents  
*by Dennis and Pat Carter*

Norman Parsons  
*by Kevin and Julie Parsons*

Dan Pisano  
*by George and Susan McCullough*

Rene Quesnel  
*by Billie Quesnel*

George and Marian Neeb

Raul and Pilar Quinteiro, our parents  
*by Laura and David Quinteiro*

Chappell Rhino  
*by Danny and Rhonda Rhino*

William and Lorene Rhodes

Robert and Linda Sutton, our parents  
*by Jim and Donna Sutton*

Thomas and Erma Roach  
*by Judge and Mrs. David S. Cayer*

Mark David Ruths, our son  
*by Dave and Lucille Ruths*

Herman & Gaynell Sherrill, My parents  
*by Cheri Daly*

Bob Smith, husband of Helen Smith and father to Diane Dworek  
*by Sara McKissick*

Sue Stading  
*by Ronald Stading*

Jim and Betty Stevenson  
*by Carol and Dan Harding*

Phil Summa  
*by Kevin and Julie Parsons*

Gene-Ann Underwood  
*by Linda Surratt*

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## We Give These Poinsettias in Loving Memory Of (Continued)

Gene-Ann Underwood

*by Tuesday Ladies Bible Study*

Gene-Ann Underwood

Christopher Neal Underwood

Christopher Jakob Underwood

*by Joe Underwood*

Richard and Marcia Ward, Mimi's parents

*by Lee and Mimi Brady*

Randy Watson, Fran's brother

*by Larry and Fran Englert*

Dorothy H. Woodall

*by Becky Hargett*

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Woods Sr.

*by James and Margaret Woods Jr.*

Bill Ziegler and Sue Ziegler

*by Ken & Dani Durham*

## 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/onlineguest-card](http://christcovenant.org/onlineguest-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!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 8, 2023

Sunday School is currently on a break and will resume with new classes beginning Sunday, January 8, 2023. This is a new rhythm for us as a church, which allows a rest for our teachers and volunteers, especially in the children's area.

Our Winter 2023 Sunday School booklet is now available and can be found on Sunday in the worship center on the tables as you enter the sanctuary. You can also read about the various class offerings online at [christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool](http://christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool). We hope you will find a class that will benefit your relationship with Christ and connect you with others.

## REGISTER TODAY FOR THE 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 January 8. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Gustavson at [mgustavson@christcovenant.org](mailto:mgustavson@christcovenant.org) to register by January 3.

## YEAR-END GIVING

Gifts to the church in December are a significant part of our annual income and help support more than 50 ministries. Generally, gifts to the church in the form of checks or cash that are mailed (and postmarked) by December 31 or delivered in person to the church office by 3:45 pm on Friday, December 30, should be deductible for tax purposes.

You may also take advantage of our secure online giving (under the Giving tab on our website). God blesses Christ Covenant through your gifts, and they are greatly appreciated. Call the Church Finance Office at 704-847-3505 with any questions or for more information, including details on handling stock/fund or IRA transfers.

## A TAX BENEFIT FOR SENIORS

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be eligible for a significant tax savings when making gifts to the church. Here's how that works. Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from an IRA account are typically subject to income taxes; however, payments made directly from an IRA to the church (trustee to trustee transfer) will not be subject to income taxes for many qualifying seniors. If you are interested in making a financial gift to the church, this may be an opportunity for you to give and save taxes at the same time. This is a great idea for 2022 December giving as well as good planning for next year. Be sure to check with your tax advisor to see if this is right for you, and please be mindful of year-end deadlines (see Year-End Giving).

## PRAYER REGARDING ELDER & DEACON NOMINATIONS

Beginning January 2, 2023 and for the entire month of January, the Session of our church will receive and consider nominations for the offices of elder and deacon. Through these offices Christ rules and shepherds his church. Would you prayerfully consider who you believe could serve our church well as an elder or deacon? All nominees must be male and a member of our church for at least two years by his election (June 2023).

### 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 2020.

<i>Inflow 1/1/22 – 12/18/22</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	6,449,437	6,329,000	120,437	1.9%
Faith Promise Budget	394,998	312,200	82,798	26.52%