THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Congratulations to:

Brian and Abby McIntyre
on the birth of their son,
John Reed McIntyre.

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 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!

Pick Up An Annual Report This Morning

We hope you picked up an annual report this morning as you walked into the sanctuary. Our annual report provides us with an opportunity to join together in giving thanks to the Lord for all he has done in 2022 as a church. We look forward to seeing all that the Lord has for Christ Covenant Church in 2023.

Elder and Deacon Nominations Are Open

Elder and Deacon nominations are open! Would you prayerfully consider who you believe could serve our church well as an elder or deacon? Through these offices Christ rules and shepherds his church. All nominees must be male and a member of our church for at least two years by his election (June 2023). The nomination form gives additional attributes of elder and deacon to consider as you are thinking of men in the congregation that will serve our church well. Forms are available at the tables entering the sanctuary or online at https://christcovenant.org/online-officer-nomination-form/. Nominations will be received until Sunday, January 22. Thank you!

Music Ministry Kickoff Friday, January 20

All are welcome and invited to join us on Friday, January 20, at 6:00 pm in the Community Life Center (CLC) as we eat, preview music, and sing together. Now is a great time to learn more if you have been interested in being part of the music team. Auditions are open for all voices and instruments, including drummers and bass players. We hope to see you and your families! Bring some chili or a covered dish to share.

The adult choir rehearsal begins on Wednesday, January 11. The rehearsal for the youth, children, and beginner choirs begins on Sunday, January 15.

Have questions, contact Liz McNulty at lmcnulty@christcovenant.org.

Children's Ministry is Growing and We Need You!

Children's Ministry is continuing to grow, and we need YOU!

Did you know:

• Christ Covenant had 25 babies born in 2022 and we have 14 more (that we know of!) currently on the way!

• Christ Covenant had over 40 families with children join the church in 2022!

•Several of our committed volunteers are on a break due to the birth of one of these babies, and a few others have moved away.

Therefore, we need a few more volunteers! Specifically, we need people to serve once a month! We are looking for people to fill the following places:

• 2 people at 9:00 am with crawlers,

• 4 people at 10:45 am with 2 year olds,

• 2 people at 6:00 pm with toddlers.

Find a friend (or a spouse) that you would like to spend an hour with once a month serving the church together and email Amy Wallace at awallace@christcovenant.org to let us know you would like to help!

Join us at Sunday School

We are looking forward to a new Sunday School semester with new class offerings that began today, Sunday, January 8. All Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 am. We have a variety of classes that you can choose from. The winter 2023 Sunday School booklet can be found 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. We hope you will find a class that will benefit your relationship with Christ and connect you with others.

New Members Women's Dessert Fellowship

Please join us for a New Members Women's Dessert Fellowship on Thursday, February 16, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Community Life Center (CLC). We want to welcome you to Christ Covenant and connect you to other women. RSVP to Staci Poston at sposton@christcovenant.org by February 9, 2023.

Join a Small Group in the New Year

The start of a new year 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.

Two New Afghan Refugee Families in Need

Two new families, four parents and three small children (one three-year-old and two infants) have moved into the apartment next door to the Mohammadi family. The Christ Covenant Afghan refugee mission team is investing time and resources to care for this family and build relationships as we serve a "cup of cold water" to these new neighbors.

There is an immediate need for a person willing to join the Christ Covenant mission team as a coordinator of these two families' medical and dental appointments. Diane Medeiros has served in this role for the Mohammadi family and is willing to explain and discuss what this responsibility may entail with these two new families.

If you think you may be called to serve the Lord in this way, please contact Diane Medeiros at bobdiam@aol.com.

Prayer Guides Available

Are you looking for prayer guides to use as you start the new year? Did you know that Christ Covenant Church produces prayer guides for your use? Each week our church produces a weekly prayer guide that features a persecuted church and an unreached people group that we can pray for each week. We have a prayer guide with new updates and requests from our supported workers that can be found in the north lobby under the screen. We also have a church-wide prayer guide that can be picked up in the main lobby on the guest center desk. All prayer guides can be found at christcovenant.org/prayer.

Theology for Everyday

Our Senior Pastor, Kevin DeYoung, has recently launched a resource website that houses all of his current and past 3,000+ resources as a hope that it will be a blessing to our congregation and other believers. You can subscribe to receive weekly emails that highlights the newly produced resources that week. This is a great website that has podcasts, sermons, articles, and conference messages to help equip and provide resources for theology for the everyday. You can subscribe at kevindeyoung.org/subscribe.

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 (January 8-14, 2023)

Jan 8 • Sunday School resumes
Jan 8 • New member class begins
Jan 8 • Morning worship at 10:45 am
Jan 8 • New member recognition during morning worship
Jan 8 • Evening worship at 6:00 pm
Jan 11 • CCYM Lumberjack games at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Jan 16 • Church offices closed
Jan 22 • Last day for elder and deacon nominations
Jan 24 • Monthly day of prayer
March 5 • Missions Conference

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 – 12/18/22	*Actual $*	*Budget $*	*Difference $*	*% (-) or +*
Operating Budget	6,286,828	6,079,000	207,828	3.4%
Faith Promise Budget	387,147	305,574	81,573	26.70%