



# THE COURIER

## LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Gary & Toni Wilhite wedding  
on January 14, 2023.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Parker and Hope Perrien  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Thea Estelle Perrien.

Phil and Olivia Thomas  
on the birth of their son,  
Luca Thomas.

Brandon and Alicia Tuck  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Mia Tuck.

## 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!



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRAY WITH SOMEONE TODAY?

If you have a prayer need or would like to speak with an elder, they will be available at the front of the sanctuary near the communion table following the morning service. They would love to pray with you!

## ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS

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!

## SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY AND THE QUEEN CITY PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Today, Sunday, January 22, is the National Sanctity of Life Sunday. On January 22, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a presidential proclamation designating the third Sunday of January (or close to that) as National Sanctity of Human Life Day, a day that emphasizes the need to protect and save lives, born or unborn. One of the best ways we can protect unborn lives is by supporting local pregnancy help organizations who daily reach women and families with messages of hope and life.

Christ Covenant Church supports various ministries throughout the Charlotte metro area. The ministry we are highlighting this week that we support is the Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center (QC PRC) located in Charlotte. The Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center is a ministry to women facing unplanned pregnancies that partners with the local church to serve her family, save her child, and share the gospel.

The Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center has staff that is committed to providing compassionate care and confidential services in a welcoming environment. Medical services are provided by licensed medical personnel. The various medical services that can be found at the Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center are pregnancy tests, medical referrals, parenting education, post-abortion support, pregnancy options, support for men, and ultrasounds onsite. All their services are at no cost to the client and no insurance is needed for those who visit the center. The QC PRC also offers a variety of classes including educating moms on a healthy pregnancy and newborn care, a class for dads covering a variety of pregnancy and parenting topics, and a continuing of care program providing guidance on budgeting, housing, resume writing and education.

Our special offering this month that was taken on January 1 was for the QC PRC. If you would like to give a financial gift to the QC PRC please use a tithe envelope found in the pews and place that in the offering boxes. Be sure to write special offering on the envelope. You can also give online at [christcovenant.org/members/giving](https://christcovenant.org/members/giving). To learn more about the Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center, visit <https://www.friendsofqpcrc.org/>.

## FREE BOOK OFFER FROM CALEB MINISTRIES

Sanctity of Life Sunday is often a very difficult day for women who are dealing with a past abortion decision. *Living in His Forgiveness* is a Bible study guide that offers encouragement of God's complete forgiveness for an abortion decision. These Bible study books are available free of charge to anyone struggling with this issue. Please visit the Caleb Ministries table in the north lobby for a copy. For more information please visit our web site <https://www.calebministries.org/>.

# MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

All are invited to participate in the Monthly Day of Prayer on Tuesday, January 24. 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).

## 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 worship center's main lobby. We want to welcome you to Christ Covenant and connect you to other women. RSVP to Staci Poston at [sposton@christcovenant.org](mailto:sposton@christcovenant.org) by February 9, 2023.

## LOOKING FOR A SEAT?

We are blessed to have growing attendance at our morning worship service, but there are still plenty of seats available. For example, we want you to know the wings next to the stage are available for seating. You can access these areas from the balcony level. If you have trouble locating a seat, please look for one of our worship coordinators. They will be happy to help you find a place to sit for worship. If you notice someone looking for a seat, please look around for space available around you and see if you can move to the middle of your pew to create additional space. We are so glad you are here for worship!

# 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](mailto:awallace@christcovenant.org) to let us know you would like to help!

## MINISTRY TO MEN FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men ages 16 and older are invited to join us for the Ministry to Men Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, February 4, from 7:00 am - 8:30 am at Stacks Kitchen on Monroe Road. Our speaker is Matthew Kirk from Belfast, Northern Ireland and currently serving as one of our pastoral interns. The only cost is your breakfast. RSVP to let us know you're coming by Friday, February 3, at noon at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AABA828A2FDC07-ministry11>.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUPPORT GROUPS MINISTRIES

Have you experienced the deep grief of losing a loved one? Have you been through the storms of divorce? Have you taken care of an aging family member? Did you learn valuable lessons and experience healing from the hurt? Would you like to help others do the same?

Email to learn more about the different volunteer opportunities with our CareGivers, DivorceCare, and GriefShare ministries. Contact John Ramseur at [jdramseur@gmail.com](mailto:jdramseur@gmail.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### THIS WEEK (JANUARY 22-28, 2023)

- Jan 22 • Sunday School at 9:00 am
- Jan 22 • Morning worship at 10:45 am
- Jan 22 • Evening worship at 6:00 pm
- Jan 24 • Monthly day of prayer
- Jan 25 • Youth ministry 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 2023.

<i>Inflow 1/1/23 – 1/15/23</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	218,826	330,000	-111,174	-33.7%
Faith Promise Budget	9,170	13,500	-4,330	-32.1%