



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

SYMPATHY TO:

Becky Shames on the loss of her brother, Jeff Upchurch.

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. You can also scan the QR code below to fill out the online guest card. 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!



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!

Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6

Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7

Service at 12:00 p.m. in the Worship Center

EASTER

Sunday, April 9

Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

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HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is quickly approaching, and we hope you are making plans to join us for these special worship services. Each service is located in the sanctuary in the worship center. If you are unable to join us in person for any of these worship services, we hope you will join us online for the livestream at christcovenant.org/live. This is a great time to invite neighbors, friends and family. We have Easter invitations you can use to invite neighbors and friends to come with you! These can be found on the tables outside the sanctuary.

Children's programs are available on Thursday, April 6, during the Maundy Thursday worship service for children 4 months - 35 months. There are no children's programs available during the Good Friday worship service. For morning worship on Easter Sunday, children's programs are available for ages newborn - preschool. For evening worship on Easter Sunday, children's programs are available for ages newborn - 2 years old. If you have any questions regarding children's programs, please contact Amy Wallace at awallace@christcovenant.org.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER & NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGINNING APRIL 16

We will not have any Sunday School classes for children, youth or adults on Easter Sunday, April 9. There are new adult Sunday School classes beginning Sunday, April 16. To learn more about the new class offerings, we hope you will pick up a new Sunday School booklet that can be found on the tables as you walk into the sanctuary and online at christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool.



MEN'S RETREAT APRIL 21-23

All men are invited to attend the Men's Retreat on April 21-23, 2023, at Ridge Haven Camp and Retreat Center. Join us as we have panels, testimonies and small group time "Man to Man" learning "how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Heb 10:24-25).

The regular registration rate is \$67, and the deadline to register is Sunday, April 9, 2023, at 11:59 pm. Registration includes Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner, and Sunday breakfast. The total cost of the men's retreat is registration plus lodging. The lodging options are as follows: share a room with 1 other man (2 beds) for \$119; share a room with 2 other men (3 beds) for \$77; share a room with 3 other men (2 bunk beds) for \$50. Learn more and register at christcovenant.org/mensretreat2023.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING BRUNCH THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Join Christ Covenant Women's Ministry on Thursday, April 27, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm, in the Community Life Center (CLC), as we enjoy a spring brunch! We will hear from Peggy Dear, one of our church's senior members, who will share a testimony of the Lord's faithfulness throughout her life and how she continues to labor for him. This will be a wonderful event, and we encourage you to attend if you are able!

The brunch is potluck-style, so we ask that you register using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444aaaf2ea2fc1-20231>. This event is free, and childcare is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Email Stephanie Bennett at sbennett@christcovenant.org to reserve your child's spot. We hope to see you there!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT DEACONS' SPECIAL OFFERING: RTS PARTNERSHIP

This morning our deacons are asking us to prayerfully consider a gift to the Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) Partnership. Today's special offering is designated for seminary scholarships to assist new and current students with the cost of their education at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS).

These scholarships make it possible for gifted believers to become seminary students and develop as future leaders who are trained and mentored by professors who honor God's Word. These funds are vital in removing obstacles for current students, and they are critical for the health and growth of the next generation of Christian leaders.

We need more pastors and professors, writers and speakers, teachers and counselors who believe that the Bible is true and know how to share that truth with anyone. We need young leaders who have been equipped to minister in a world that is hostile to Christianity. We need dedicated students and seminary graduates who are called to careers in Christian service. We need committed believers who will surround seminarians with prayer and loving support.

Your gift today will help RTS fulfill its mission of preparing students to fill all the roles the church will need in the days to come. Your gift will be used by God first to encourage each scholarship recipient, then to touch thousands of people who will be affected by the work of these students over a lifetime of ministry.

To learn more about RTS and opportunities for partnership please visit www.rts.edu.

Please place all special/monthly communion offering gifts in an envelope (found in pews) and label it 'Special Communion Offering' and include the name of the ministry before placing your gift in one of the tithe boxes located inside the sanctuary at our main doors in the north, south and toward the main lobby. You can also give online at christcovenant.org/members/giving. Thank you for your gift!

"ASK PASTOR KEVIN" ON APRIL 23

Join us for an engaging night on Sunday, April 23, during evening worship as we have a hymn-sing and a time to "Ask Pastor Kevin." This is a time for us to get to know our senior pastor better and to ask him question about his interests, hobbies, family, etc. Kevin often speaks at conferences, and the people there get the chance to ask him questions. This is an opportunity for Christ Covenant to do the same! The focus of this time is getting to know Kevin personally, though some may also want to ask questions about theology or current "hot topics." All questions should be submitted by Wednesday, April 19 to communications@christcovenant.org. Pastor Tom Groelsema will take these questions and lead an interview time with Kevin on April 23.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6 • Maundy Thursday service
April 7 • Good Friday service
April 7 • Church offices closed for Good Friday
April 9 • No Sunday School
April 9 • Easter Sunday
April 16 • New Sunday School classes begin
April 21-23 • Men's Retreat
April 22 • HisAbilities Respite Night
April 27 • Women's Ministry Spring Brunch

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 – 3/26/23</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	1,752,600	1,518,000	234,600	15.5%
Faith Promise Budget	169,467	95,300	74,167	77.8%