



# THE COURIER

## LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023**

### 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). 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!

### “ASK PASTOR KEVIN” SUNDAY EVENING, 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 questions 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](mailto:communications@christcovenant.org). Pastor Tom Groelsema will take these questions and lead an interview time with Kevin on April 23.

### MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, APRIL 25

All are invited to participate in the Monthly Day of Prayer on Tuesday, April 25. 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).

### ‘O NIGHTS’ CHRIST COVENANT OUTREACH NIGHTS BEGINNING TUESDAY, MAY 2

Everyone is invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month for Christ Covenant Outreach Nights, called O Nights, starting May 2, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm. O Nights will be biweekly. One O Night per month will be outreach/evangelism in the community with people going into different sections of the community to share their faith. The other O Night each month will have some time of training to equip our people, but for those that are comfortable with evangelism and don't need the training, they will still have the option of going out to do surveys/evangelism.

Our desires are to provide different spaces where we can learn more about our community while at the same time care for people, take steps of faith to engage others, and avail ourselves to opportunities to share the gospel. It also gives us the opportunity to serve together, pray for our community, and see God work in another way.

We will meet in the Community Life Center (CLC) rooms 1 & 2. If you do not feel comfortable walking, we would love for you to participate by praying on our campus. Please bring your small group, family, etc. and join us! If you have any questions, contact Michelle Gustavson at [mgustavson@christcovenant.org](mailto:mgustavson@christcovenant.org).



## 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. The deadline to register is Monday, April 24. Email Stephanie Bennett at [sbennett@christcovenant.org](mailto:sbennett@christcovenant.org) to reserve your child's spot. We hope to see you there!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

Registration is open for women's summer Bible studies! Don't miss this great opportunity to be in the Word and to have fellowship with other women during the summer months. To learn and to register, visit <https://christcovenant.org/womensbiblestudies/> to learn more and to register.



## NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGAN TODAY, APRIL 16

We have a variety of classes that began on April 16 at 9:00 a.m. Classes will run for six weeks and end with a combined Sunday School class on the seventh week, May 28. We hope you will find a class that will benefit your relationship with Christ and connect you with others.

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).

Below is a brief description of each class. To learn more about each class and its location, we encourage you to either pick up a Sunday School booklet found on the tables going into the sanctuary or online at [christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool](http://christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool).

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR THOSE GETTING STARTED (AND ANYONE ELSE WHO IS INTERESTED), TAUGHT BY WILL ERTEL

This class provides a biblical framework for Christians who are seeking to be responsible and godly in their financial stewardship. While this class's principles are targeted at twentysomethings who are getting serious about stewardship, it is open to anyone who is interested in understanding and applying biblical principles to their finances.

### PARENTING TEENAGERS TAUGHT BY NATHAN GEORGE, DEREK WELLS, AND OTHERS

Parenting in the teen years is a mixture of blessings, opportunities and challenges. This class will explore those themes using Paul Tripp's *Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens*. This class will look to include parents of teens and pre-teens, as well as empty-nesters, as we share wisdom and seek a godly perspective on parenting during this season.

### TRUSTING OUR BIBLE TRANSLATIONS TAUGHT BY WILL ROSS

Everyone has their favorite translation of the Bible. But which one is the best? Why are there so many? Why do they say different things sometimes? This class will tackle these questions (and others like them) as we look at the history of the major translations of Scripture as well as try to understand why some contemporary translations are better than others.

### GROWING DEEPER TOGETHER: *THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS* TAUGHT BY BLAIR SMITH

Lewis's work creatively explores the nature of temptation and evil and resistance to them. First published in February 1942, the story takes the form of a series of letters from a senior demon, Screwtape, to his nephew, Wormwood, a junior tempter. *The Screwtape Letters* is an especially important book for our 'distracted age' when even Christians struggle to be aware of the spiritual side of reality.

**HOLINESS (SENIOR ADULTS COMMUNITY) TAUGHT BY BRUCE CRESWELL AND KEN DABBS**  
This class will begin April 30 and go through June 25. All are welcome to join us any Sunday during the eight-week series - not only senior adults! We will study the classic book, *Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties & Roots* by J.C. Ryle.

Paul Engle's class "Insights into the Life of Christ" is continuing on April 16 and April 23 in Worship Center rooms 201 and 211.

### THE NEW CITY CATECHISM (KING'S COMMUNITY) TAUGHT BY A TEACHING TEAM

The King's Community is a class designed for those with special learning needs or disabilities, but open to any who want to get to know and learn with this wonderful community in our church.

### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL) TAUGHT BY THE CCYM STAFF

This semester our Sunday School hour we will be spent diving into Scripture and various supplemental resources as we explore some of the fundamentals of the Christian faith and life.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21-23 • Men's Retreat  
April 22 • HisAbilities Respite Night  
April 27 • Women's Ministry Spring Brunch  
May 2 • O Night - Christ Covenant Church Outreach  
May 16 • O Night - Christ Covenant Church Outreach  
May 21 • Ascension Celebration Concert