



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 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. 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!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COMMUNICANTS

Today we have the privilege of welcoming a group of young people who have completed the communicants class and therefore are moving from being noncommuning members to full-communing members of the church.

As we desire to honor parents in their role as primary disciple-makers and the elders' role in shepherding, assessing and admitting these same children into membership, the communicant, his/her parents, and their family's elder work together throughout an 8-month long process of study. The students examine questions like; Who is God? What does it mean to be a Christian? What is the church? What does it mean to be a church member? They then take a 4-week class taught by our pastors, staff and elders, and after a final interview with their elder, they are ready to join the church. So as you see these young people joining the church today, congratulate and welcome them! They have worked very hard!

Makenna Aitchison

Mya Aitchison

Ellie Allen

Ava Andrade

Nora Kate Baxter

Briana Boland

Emma Byrd

Avery Canupp

Joshua Deaton

Mary DeYoung

Noah Fikkert

Silas Fikkert

Sophie Fuderer

Ava Garvey

Juliet Harbin

Luke Helmer

Ava Helms

Libbie Kasten

Sam Ketchie Silver

Adelina Knight

Liam Massengill

Brie Narveson

Ames Ormsby

Grace Peterson

Lydia Peterson

Ella Reeves

Madi Reeves

Emily Shanko

Emmerson Skipper

Graham Smith

Maggie Smith

Aaron Wanamaker

Emory Weir

Evangeline Weir

Asher Wells

Ryker Wiersma

'O NIGHTS' - CHRIST COVENANT OUTREACH NIGHTS BEGINNING THIS 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 this Tuesday, May 2, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm. 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 desire is to provide different opportunities where we can learn more about our community while at the same time care for people, take steps of faith to engage with others, and to 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 south lobby of the worship center. 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.



MINISTRY TO MEN FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MAY 6

All men ages 16 and older are invited to join us on Saturday, May 6, from 7:00 am – 8:30 am at Stack's Kitchen for the Ministry to Men (MtM) Monthly Fellowship Breakfast! Come for food and fellowship with your brothers in Christ and hear how God impacted men's lives during the men's retreat. The only cost is your breakfast.

RECOGNIZING 2023 GRADUATES

We want to publish the names, schools and plans for the immediate future (i.e., college, military, career, postgrad) of our high school, college, and postgrad members of the Class of 2023 so our church family can celebrate these milestones with you. Please send your graduate's information (name, graduating from, going to, degree, military) to communications@christcovenant.org. We will publish all grads and their future plans in the courier and recognize our graduates during morning worship on May 28. Deadline to submit graduation information for the courier is Tuesday, May 23.

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/>.



ASCENSION CELEBRATION CONCERT SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 21

On Sunday evening, May 21, at 6:00 pm, it will be our joy to honor Jesus Christ as the ascended King and to give thanks for the gift of the Spirit. We hope everyone will invite a friend and then join us for an evening of praise and worship, sacred music, spirituals, and more. Please pick up invitations on the tables outside the sanctuary to use as you invite friends, neighbors, and family!

EVANGELISM TOOLS IN SOUTH LOBBY BOOK NOOK

How is your relationship with your neighbors? We are happy to provide you with resources to help cultivate evangelism in your neighborhoods. In the south lobby book nook we have resources like Kevin DeYoung's *The Story* tract, a community survey, guest cards, and even pens and a clipboard to provide you with all the tools you would need to foster evangelical conversations with your neighbors. The community survey walks you through a conversation and provides a space for you to take note and get information for follow up purposes. Please take any of these free resources to help guide your evangelism to your neighbors. Please return completed community surveys and the clipboard to their designated areas. Have questions, contact Michelle at mgustavson@christcovenant.org.

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS COMING!

We are working on an updated directory for all Christ Covenant church members. Each member will have their picture, first and last name, email address, and children's names with ages listed in the directory.

If you would like to include an updated picture in the directory, please send an email with your name and picture to communications@christcovenant.org. The last time we produced a church directory was in 2019, so please consider sending in an updated picture! If you prefer not to have your picture or any of the personal information listed above in the directory, please send an email to communications@christcovenant.org. Information and photos are needed by Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares special events and various weekly programs. See our website for our full calendar and the E-Courier (found on the News webpage) for a complete list of what is coming up this week, along with additional announcements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2 • O Night - Christ Covenant Church Outreach
May 3 • CCYM Yuck Fest
May 16 • O Night - Christ Covenant Church Outreach
May 21 • Ascension Celebration Concert
May 28 • Combined Sunday School
May 29 • Church offices closed for Memorial Day
June 4 • Congregational Meeting, Officer elections
June 11 • New Officer Installation

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 – 4/23/23</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,251,662	2,018,000	233,662	11.6%
Faith Promise Budget	221,895	116,100	105,795	91.1%