



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023 | Happy Mother's Day!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Hayden and Katie Hendrick
on the birth of their daughter,
Natalie Grace Hendrick.

Trey and Julianna Hendrick
on the birth of their daughter,
Adeline Cooper Hendrick.

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!



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/>.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER TIME FOR SUMMER MISSIONS - SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 14

Your Outreach and Missions team at Christ Covenant is excited to commission the mission trips below. This summer five different teams will be traveling to assist in serving churches and gospel ministries in our city, country and internationally. In the evening worship service, we will intentionally set aside time to commission our teams being sent out with prayer. Here is a summary of the teams.

Campus Outreach Leadership Project on May 24 - July 20: Campus Outreach is hosting an eight-week training project in Orlando, FL called the Leadership Project (LP) for college students. The LP is an immersive opportunity for growing spiritual leaders where they can learn how to study God's Word, commune with God in prayer, and share the basics of the gospel with non-believers. Students work jobs and live in community where these disciplines can be lived out.

Serve the City on June 20-23: Middle and high school students will be serving in various capacities locally, including Charlotte Eagles, Starmount ARP, Vive Charlotte PCA church plant, Christ Covenant Church Senior Adult Community and Outreach and Missions department.

Teachers + Missions = Kenya on June 22-30: This team will head to Kenya to support the work of Kibera Reformed Presbyterian Church with Imbumi and Martha Makuku and their school in Kibera by providing a week of teacher training for their staff.

Little Haiti Mission on July 15 - 22 will be serving El Shaddai Ministries International, engaging the Haitian refugee/immigrant community with sports-based outreach and service.

Atlantic City Mission on July 22-29 will be serving with New City Fellowship, a PCA church, engaging the inner-city community with VBS-type camps, multicultural outreach, and service.

We invite and encourage you to be praying for effective and fruitful ministry for all these team members.

COMFORT FOR MOTHER'S DAY CALEB MINISTRIES

Mother's Day is a special day for many women, but for some, it can be very painful. For women who have lost babies due to miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death, struggle with infertility or who are post-abortive, this is a bittersweet day. *Morning Will Come* is a book with a collection of encouraging stories of couples who have been through a loss or are infertile. If you have experienced a loss, please visit the Caleb Ministries table in the north lobby to obtain a free copy of this book. For more information, please visit www.calebministries.org.

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!

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 post-grad 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.

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS COMING!

We are working on an updated directory for all Christ Covenant church members. Each member will have their individual 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.

SAVE THE DATE! CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUNDAY, JUNE 4

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on officer candidates and returning sabbatical officers. It will be held on Sunday, June 4, immediately following morning worship services. Please note that those who attend morning worship in-person on Sunday, June 4, will be voting on these nominees. We will not have online or advance voting available. We look forward to your participation in electing new officers. Candidate biographies will be available to review by late May.

'O NIGHTS' CHRIST COVENANT OUTREACH NIGHTS TUESDAY, MAY 16

Everyone is invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month for Christ Covenant Outreach Nights, called O Nights. Our next one is this Tuesday, May 16, 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.

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY, MAY 28



We hope you will make plans to join us for a combined Sunday School with middle and high school students and all adults on Sunday morning, May 28, at 9:00 am in the sanctuary. Our special guest speaker is Paul McNulty, President of Grove City College, who is speaking on "Faith, Calling, and Christian Education: A Conversation with Paul McNulty." The Honorable Paul J. McNulty is the ninth president of Grove City College. Prior to returning to his alma mater, McNulty spent over 30 years in Washington, D.C., as an attorney in public service and private practice. You can learn more about our guest speaker at <https://www.gcc.edu/Home/Our-Story/Leadership-Teams/Office-of-the-President>.

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 16 • O Night - Christ Covenant Church Outreach
- May 21 • Ascension Celebration Concert
- May 23 • Monthly Day of Prayer
- May 24 • 18/22 Kick-off Cookout
- May 28 • Combined Sunday School
- May 29 • Church offices closed for Memorial Day
- June 3 • Ministry to Men Fellowship Breakfast
- June 4 • Congregational Meeting, Officer elections
- June 6 • O Night - Christ Covenant Church Outreach
- 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.

Inflow 1/1/23 – 5/7/23	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	2,514,596	2,261,000	253,596	11.2%
Faith Promise Budget	235,527	124,500	111,027	89.2%