



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, JULY 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. 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!



SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES IN AUGUST

There will not be Sunday School June 4 through August 20. Sunday School will resume on August 27, 2023. This is a new rhythm for us as a church, which allows a rest for our teachers and volunteers, especially in the children's area.



PEACH COBBLER FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 16

All are invited to join a time of fellowship and peach cobbler after evening worship on Sunday, July 16, in the Community Life Center (CLC). Don't miss this family fun time to enjoy a sweet treat and fellowship with one another.

O NIGHTS TUESDAY, JULY 18

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, July 18, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm. We want 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, to pray for our community, and to 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 at mgustavson@christcovenant.org.

SMALL GROUPS SIGN-UPS

We hope you are enjoying the summer season. It's hard to believe how quickly it's passing! As we look forward to the fall, have you considered joining a small group? At a large and growing church like ours, small groups provide a vital avenue for connecting in fellowship and sharing life with one another as we grow together in Christ. A small group can help a big church feel small.

We are excited to launch a concentrated sign-up season for small groups starting August 6 and running through August 27. That's just around the corner, making this a great time to prayerfully consider joining a small group for the coming ministry year. Contact our small groups coordinator, Caleb Johnson, with any questions: calebjohnson@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1091.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER POP-UP WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Join Children's Ministry staff with your family and kids at the next Summer Pop-Up on Wednesday, August 2, from 9:00 am - 11:30 am, at Crooked Creek Park in Indian Trail. Join us for time at the park and the splash pad as we kick-off summer together! This is a great time to bring friends for a time of fun!

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 following the morning service. They would love to pray with you!

NEW ARRIVALS IN THE BOOK NOOK

Have you looked through the new arrivals we have in our book nooks located in the main and north lobbies? If you are looking for a great book for summer reading, we encourage you to stop by one of the book nooks for your next book!



Little Pilgrim's Big Journey box set can be found in our north lobby. This beautiful cloth-bound box set includes both Part I & Part II of *Little Pilgrim's Big Journey*. Part I follows the classic story of Christian as he journeys from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. Part II is the heart-warming sequel, which follows Christian's family as they encounter new challenges and learn many new lessons along the King's Path.

Children ages 2-10 will learn timeless truths in an engaging way through these heirloom-quality books.

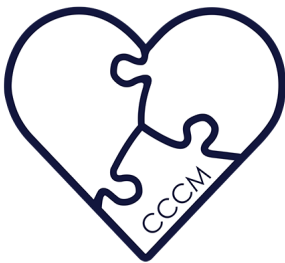


The Pilgrim's Progress can be found in our main lobby. One of the most widely read books of all time, John Bunyan's timeless classic has inspired readers for centuries. Considered to be one of the most important books in the history of English Literature, Bunyan's heroic Puritan tale has been in print since he first penned it while in Bedford jail for preaching the gospel in 1678. This version, skillfully updated so that it is accessible for the twenty-first century reader, follows the story of Christian, whose pilgrimage takes him through the Slough of Despond, Vanity Fair and the Delectable Mountains before he finally reaches the Celestial City.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NEW MEMBER CLASS

The New Member Class is for adults and students 9th grade and above who wish to join Christ Covenant Church. Our Pastors teach this class, which reviews Christ Covenant's philosophy of ministry, the reformed faith, the Presbyterian form of government, the vows of church membership, and other topics pertinent to church membership. This class is required for those seeking to join Christ Covenant Church. Our next New Member Class will be held during Sunday School beginning August 27. The class will be twelve-weeks long meeting from 9:00 am – 10:20 am. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Gustavson at mgustavson@christcovenant.org to register by August 21.

VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers for the upcoming year. This is a great opportunity to both invest in the children that you will serve with but also to create community within the congregation. Children's Ministry would love the chance to place you in a spot to serve where you can connect with other members at Christ Covenant and form a relationship where you might not otherwise. If this sounds like a way that you would be interested in connecting with your fellow church members, email Abigail Cerrato at acerrato@christcovenant.org, and she can give you more information.

LOST & FOUND

Have you misplaced an item while you were attending a worship service or Sunday School? We have a lost and found that is filled with personal items that might be yours! If you are missing something that you left at church, please call the church office at 704-847-3505 to see if your item is there. We also keep an updated list of lost items at the Guest Center in the main lobby. On Sundays you can stop by the Guest Center and during the week the church office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 11:45 am and 1:00 pm - 4:45 pm. We invite you to stop by and pick up your lost item!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares special events and various weekly programs. See our website for our full calendar of what is coming up this week, along with additional announcements.

- July 16 • Peach cobbler fellowship after evening worship
- July 18 • O Night - Christ Covenant Church Outreach
- July 19 • Middle and high school summer Bible study
- July 19 • 18/22 Fellowship
- July 22-29 • Atlantic City Mission Trip
- July 18 • Women's fall Bible study registration opens
- August 1 • Registration opens for women's fall Bible studies
- August 2 • Children's Ministry Summer Pop-up
- August 27 • Fall Sunday School Kick-off

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 – 6/25/23	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	3,173,719	2,960,000	213,719	7.2%
Faith Promise Budget	270,951	152,400	118,551	77.79%