



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

SYMPATHY TO:

Danny Rhino on the loss of his mother, Julia Rhino.

Alona Weddine on the loss of her husband, Bill Weddine.

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 BIBLE STUDIES

Women's fall Bible study registration is now open! There are options for daytime and evening studies as well as weekly and monthly studies. Childcare is offered for certain daytime studies. Visit the Women's Ministry webpage at <https://christcovenant.org/womensbiblestudies/> to learn more.

SMALL GROUPS SIGN-UPS

Fall Small Groups registration is currently open until August 27! Grab a promotional card and feel free to come by the information tables in the main and north lobby to learn more!

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. As always, feel free to reach out to our Small Groups Coordinator, Caleb Johnson, with any questions at calebjohnson@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1091.



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 September 3. The class will be ten-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 28.

PRAYER FOR OUR COVENANT CHILDREN SUNDAY EVENING, AUGUST 20

The pastors and elders of Christ Covenant Church hope you will join us for a special time of prayer for all our children and college students. This special time of prayer will take place during the Sunday evening worship service on August 20, at 6:00 pm. During the school year, our leadership will refer to these cards often as they pray for children, students, and their parents. As always, each request will be handled confidentially.

Prayer cards can be found in the worship center outside all sanctuary doors. You can also fill out the online version of the prayer card at christcovenant.org/prayer-for-our-covenant-children-2023/.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF | AUGUST 27

We are having a combined Sunday School with all the adults in the sanctuary for our Sunday School Kickoff. All middle and high school students will meet in the lower level of the Community Life Center (CLC). All children from newborn to fifth grade will go to their new classes. Parents can drop off their children before coming to the sanctuary.

Do not miss this exciting kickoff to learn how we can "Gather & Grow" together as a church family. We will have a time to gather for fellowship and refreshments in the lobbies of the worship center before the adult Sunday School begins, and we will have a time to grow together as we hear from our Senior Pastor Kevin DeYoung and other staff about the vision of Christ Covenant Church's Sunday School.

Regular classes begin September 3, 2023, and go through November 19, 2023. Class information can be found at <https://christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool/>.

O NIGHTS TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

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, August 15, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm. This is a great opportunity to serve together, to pray for our community, and to see God work in another way as we share the gospel with our community and neighbors.

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.

MEN'S MONTHLY GOLF OUTING SAT., AUGUST 19

All men ages 16 and older who enjoy playing golf are invited to come play a round of golf at Monroe Country Club on Saturday, August 19, 2023, with tee times beginning at 11:00 am. Only 20 spots are available, so if you are interested, please sign up by to secure your spot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4facac2dabf5c16-mens1>. Have questions, contact Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant.org.

YOUTH FAMILIES OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

All of our families that have students in 6th-12th grade are invited to an Open House Breakfast Potluck on August 20, from 9:30-10:30 am in the Community Life Center (CLC). Whether you are brand new to the church or have been here your whole life, our staff would love to connect with you, and give you all a chance to connect with other youth families! We will spend a few minutes recapping our summer, introducing our staff, talking through our ministry goals, and giving information about this upcoming year's schedule. Spread the word and use the QR code to RSVP and sign up to bring a shareable treat!



MUSIC MINISTRY KICKOFF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Join us Wednesday, August 16, from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, in the Community Life Center (CLC) for food, fellowship, and a hymn sing! Plus, we will preview new music. Each year we look forward to learning contemporary music alongside the classics. The fall is a great time to jump in as we begin to prepare for the Advent season. To RSVP and to sign up to bring a dish to share, go to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0845ae2-worship6#.

Auditions are now open for all orchestral instruments, choirs of all ages, and contemporary instruments. These informal auditions give Pastor Nathan George an opportunity to get to know you, your heart, and your musical interests.

Please email Liz at lmcnulty@christcovenant.org for more information or to schedule an audition.

LADIES OF REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY WELCOME DINNER MONDAY, AUGUST 21

All Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) wives and female students are invited to a special welcome dinner with Christ Covenant Women's Ministry! Join us for dinner, fellowship, and to learn how to get connected at Christ Covenant. We will gather on Monday, August 21, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, in the Community Life Center rooms 1 & 2 (CLC). The dinner is free, but we do ask that women register by August 16 at <https://tinyurl.com/ycyxz8s3>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HISABILITIES FALL RESPITE NIGHT

Christ Covenant's HisAbilities ministry needs volunteers for our upcoming Fall Respite Night, Saturday, October 14, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, in the lower level of the Community Life Center (CLC). This is an opportunity to come alongside Christ Covenant families impacted by disability by providing a few hours of respite for parents while their children are cared for and engaged by a team of volunteers providing a safe environment with a variety of fun activities! Volunteers must be a member of Christ Covenant, but no experience with disabilities is needed to serve and our volunteers find the evening to be a rich blessing and a great time to make encouraging connections with this special part of our church body!

Respite Night serves parents with children impacted by disabilities or who are living with disability themselves. Training resources will be provided to our volunteers, and we work to make sure our volunteers are serving in a capacity in which they are comfortable. If you would like to serve or learn more about this opportunity, please email Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant.org. The deadline for volunteer registration is Friday, September 22.

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.

- August 15 • O Nights - Christ Covenant Church Outreach
- August 16 • Music Ministry Kickoff
- August 19 • Men's Monthly Golf Outing
- August 20 • Youth ministry open house and breakfast
- August 20 • Prayer for our Covenant Children during evening worship
- August 21 • Women's Ministry Welcome Dinner for RTS Ladies
- August 27 • Fall Sunday School Kickoff with Combined Sunday School
- August 30 • Epic and Link Kickoff

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 – 8/6/23	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	4,013,642	3,774,400	239,242	6.3%
Faith Promise Budget	323,493	200,306	123,187	61.5%