



# THE COURIER

## LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

### SYMPATHY TO:

Ora Johnson on the loss of her husband, Alfred Johnson.

## 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](http://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!



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

During Sunday School this morning, all our children from two years-old to fifth grade are learning about creation from *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* curriculum, from the lesson "A Very Bad Day," on Genesis 3. The focus verse for the week is Genesis 3:15, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." If you sit near a family with young children, please take a moment to ask the children to share what they learned in Sunday School with you!

## FALL PHOTOS & FUN FESTIVAL UPDATE SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

We hope you are inviting your friends and neighbors in the community to our outreach event, Fall Photos & Fun Festival, on Saturday, September 23, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. We also hope you are making plans to come and to join us for this fun-filled day!

We are asking all Christ Covenant members to refrain from signing up for the photography time slots so that these photography spaces are available for our guests, visitors, and those we are reaching out to in the community who are not part of Christ Covenant Church. We hope you will invite someone that you are praying for and hopefully this outreach is an opportunity for you to care for your guests and to build good will for an opportunity to share the gospel.

Invitation cards for you to use can be found on all the tables going into the sanctuary. We also have yard signs for you to pick up and put in your yard! These can be found at the south lobby book nook. Have questions, contact Michelle at [mgustavson@christcovenant.org](mailto:mgustavson@christcovenant.org).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL KICKOFF TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

All are invited to Christ Covenant Women's Ministry's annual Fall Kickoff, which is Tuesday, September 12, from 6:45 pm - 8:30 pm, in the Community Life Center (CLC). The theme this year is Game Day Kickoff, so come dressed in your favorite team jersey! We will enjoy delicious game day food and fellowship. We will hear from Angela Pacey about Christ Covenant's ministry to Afghan refugee families in our community. We will also hear about Women's Ministry for the year ahead!

If you would like to support the church's ministry to Afghans, please consider bringing a pack of diapers (size 2 and up), a pack of wipes, Walmart gift card, or Harris Teeter gift card. These will be used to help refugees get settled in their new homes!

## JOIN US AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We hope you were able to attend one of the new Sunday School classes that began last week. All Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 am. If you haven't joined a class yet, we have a variety of classes that you can choose from. The fall 2023 Sunday School booklet can be found in the worship center on the tables as you enter the sanctuary and online at [christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool](http://christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool). We hope you will find a class that will benefit your relationship with Christ and connect you with others. Below is a list of our fall class offerings.

- "You, Me and the World We Live In" taught by Dave Baxter & Zach Fulginiti
- "Sketches in Church History: AD 451-1415" taught by Kevin DeYoung
- "The Enchanted World of C.S. Lewis" taught by Doug Falls
- "The New Member Class" taught by Tom Groelsema
- "News of the Hour: An Interactive Exploration of the Gospel of Mark" taught by Matt Lindner
- "Growing Deeper Together: Christianity & Liberalism" taught by Blair Smith

CAREGIVERS &  
GRIEF SHARE -  
FALL SUPPORT  
GROUPS BEGINNING  
SEPT. 12 & 19

Our support groups are facilitated by caring members of our church who understand what you may be going through and want to help. These groups feature weekly devotional materials and group discussions designed to draw you closer to God and provide comfort.

GriefShare will be held Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, September 12 through December 12. We will meet in the Youth House Conference Room located at 344 Covenant Church Lane. You can register for the GriefShare group at [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org). If you have questions, contact Carl Scheide at [fromdust2glory@gmail.com](mailto:fromdust2glory@gmail.com).

Caregivers will be held Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, starting on September 19, in the CDS Conference room in the A building that is located next to the church office. The group will study *Ambushed by Grace* by Shelley Beach. To register for the group contact Gaylene Scheide at [gscheide@christcovenant.org](mailto:gscheide@christcovenant.org).

MOM'S MEET UP  
MONDAY, SEPT. 18

All moms are invited to join us for Mom's Meet Up! This is a time for moms to chat with each other and build relationships while serving the church! This is a wonderful opportunity to get out and share life with other moms and bless our children's ministry at the same time. We meet in the B building in room 101 on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Have questions? Contact Amy at [awallace@christcovenant.org](mailto:awallace@christcovenant.org).



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS OPEN HOUSE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

American Heritage Girls Troop 0800 is holding an Open House on Thursday, September 14, in the Community Life Center rooms 1 and 2 (CLC), from 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm. American Heritage Girls is a Christian based scout program, available to all girls between the ages of 5 and 18. At the Open House, girls are invited to enjoy a night of games, snacks, and crafts. Interested in coming? Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea8aa2ba2fdc52-ahgopen>. Our troop is also looking for adults willing to volunteer to invest in our girls and share the love of Christ. Contact us at [christcovenantahg@outlook.com](mailto:christcovenantahg@outlook.com) if you wish to talk more about this opportunity.

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](mailto:avandusen@christcovenant.org). The deadline for volunteer registration is Friday, September 22.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

It's not too late to register for a women's fall Bible study! 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.

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.*

- Sept. 12 • Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff
- Sept. 12 • GriefShare support group begins
- Sept. 13 • Epic & Link - Middle & High School
- Sept. 13 • Adult Choir & Orchestra
- Sept. 14 • American Heritage Girls Open House
- Sept. 18 • Senior Adults Joy Singers begin
- Sept. 18 • Mom's Meet Up with Children's Ministry
- Sept. 19 • O Night - Christ Covenant Outreach Night
- Sept. 19 • Caregivers support group begins
- Sept. 22 • Senior Adult Fall Kickoff Lunch
- Sept. 22 • Men's Monthly Golf Outing
- Sept. 23 • Fall Photos and Fun Festival
- Sept. 26 • Monthly day of prayer
- Nov. 11-12 • Faithful Conference with Carl Trueman

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 – 9/3/23	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	4,379,827	4,257,000	122,827.40	2.9%
Faith Promise Budget	338,168	228,810	109,3585	47.79%