



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

SYMPATHY TO:

Philip and Amanda Lemaster on the loss of their daughter, Aurora.

Family and friends on the loss of our long-time member and supported worker, Dot Driver.

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!



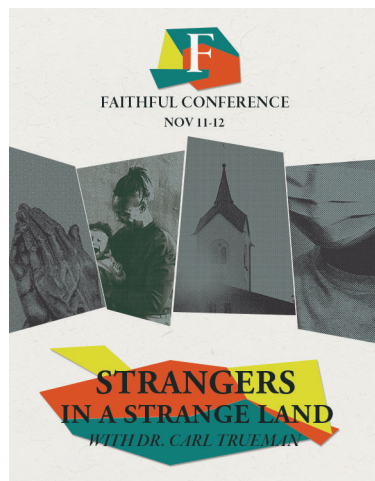
WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRAY WITH SOMEONE TODAY?

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!

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

All are invited to participate in the Monthly Day of Prayer on Tuesday, September 26. There are two ways you can participate. One is to come in-person for your prayer time to the Covenant Day School Conference Room located in the A Building (this room is located next to the church's main office) anytime between 7:30 am – 7:00 pm. Prayer guides are provided. Another option is to pick a time slot and pray where you are, whether that's at home or at work. The day is divided into 30-minute segments for individuals to sign up and pray for supported workers and for the needs of our congregation. You can select the time that best fits your schedule at <https://christcovenant.org/members/prayer/>. We also hope you will take time to submit your confidential prayer requests online at <https://christcovenant.org/members/prayer/> or by email at prayer@christcovenant.org.

FAITHFUL CONFERENCE STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND NOVEMBER 11-12, 2023



We hope you will join us for the Faithful Conference on November 11-12, 2023. This year's theme is "Strangers in a Strange Land," with guest speaker Carl Trueman, Professor of Biblical & Religious Studies at Grove City College and author of *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self: Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to Sexual Revolution*, and *Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution*.

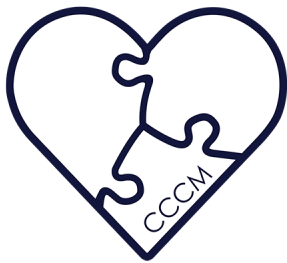
Register today at faithfulconference.org! This year's Faithful Conference costs \$10 per person, those 18 and younger are free. Paid registrations will receive a \$10 off coupon at the bookstore (received by email the week of the conference) and a copy of Carl Truman's book, *Strange New World*. All registrations must be submitted by Friday, November 10, at noon to receive the coupon.

We also have free children's programs on Saturday night for ages 4 months - 5th grade. All children's programs on Sunday morning and Sunday evening will operate as normal. To register your child(ren) for Saturday night's activities, register at faithfulconference.org.

We hope you will make plans now to join us for the Faithful Conference 2023!

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 and to register.



HISABILITIES FALL RESPITE NIGHT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

HisAbilities Fall Respite Night is Saturday, October 14, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, in the lower level of the Community Life Center (CLC). Respite Night serves parents with children impacted by disabilities or who are living with disability themselves. If you would like to learn more about this family fun event, please email Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant.org.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

During Sunday School this morning, all our children from two years-old to fifth grade are learning about Noah and the ark in *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* curriculum, from the lesson "Rain, Rain, Go Away," on Genesis 6-9. The focus verse for the week is Genesis 7:12, "Rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights." 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!

FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP OCTOBER 6

All moms are welcome to join children's ministry staff and other moms for a time of fellowship and discussion. Each month we will discuss a new topic centered around interests of young moms. Childcare is available by emailing Stephanie at sbennett@christcovenant.org. For more information contact Amy at awallace@christcovenant.org.

COMMUNICANTS CLASS IS FORMING SOON

Our 2023-24 communicants class will be forming soon! If you have a son/daughter in the 5th-8th grade who desires to become a communing member of the church in this year's class, please contact Amy Wallace at awallace@christcovenant.org for more information and for an application. We would love to have all applications in by Friday, October 6. We look forward to having your student join us!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have a variety of adult Sunday School classes happening now through November 5, 2023. All classes begin at 9:00 am on Sundays. You can join a class at anytime during the Sunday School semester.

We hope you will find a class that will benefit your relationship with Christ and connect you with others. To see class options and to learn more about each class and its location, we invite you to either pick up a Sunday School booklet in the worship center or visit christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool.

PRAYER GUIDES AVAILABLE

Did you know we have various prayer guides available each week? Our church produces a weekly prayer guide that features a persecuted church and an unreached people group. We have a prayer guide with new updates and requests from our supported workers that can be found in the north and south lobbies under the screen. We also have a church-wide prayer guide that can be picked up in the main lobby on the guest center desk. All prayer guides can be found at christcovenant.org/prayer.

GIVE ONLINE

To give online, scan the QR code to the right with your smart phone or visit <https://christcovenant.org/members/giving/>. Thank you for your gift to Christ Covenant Church!



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. 26 • Monthly Day of Prayer
Sept. 27 • Epic & Link - Middle & High School
Sept. 27 • Adult Choir & Orchestra
Oct. 3 • O Nights - Christ Covenant Church Outreach Night
Oct. 3-6 • Senior Adult Fall Retreat
Oct. 6 • First Friday Fellowship
Oct. 14 • HisAbilities Respite Night
Oct. 17 • O Nights - Christ Covenant Church Outreach Night
Oct. 24 • Monthly Day of Prayer
Nov. 3-5 • Youth Ministry Fall Retreat
Nov. 11-12 • Faithful Conference with Carl Trueman
Nov. 12 & 19 • Combined Sunday School in the sanctuary
Dec. 3 • Christmas Concert
Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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 – 9/17/23</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	4,647,378	4,502,800	144,578	3.2%
Faith Promise Budget	370,955	243,062	127,893	52.62%