



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tennant and Candi Brastow
on the birth of their son,
Barrett Brady Brastow.

SYMPATHY TO:

Steve Onxley on the loss of his
mother, Jean Corley.

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?

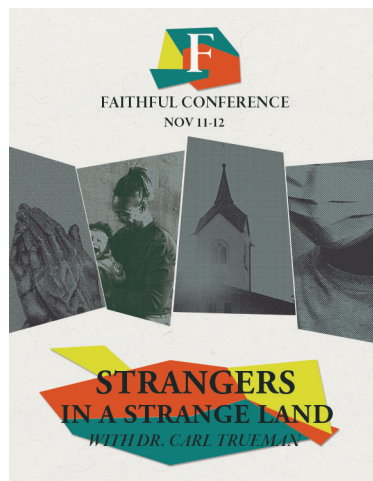
If you have a prayer need or would like to speak with an elder, they will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the morning service. They would love to pray with you!

CHRIST COVENANT WELCOMES UNCC STUDENTS

Christ Covenant Church welcomes students from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) with Campus Outreach this morning! We are so glad that you are here to worship with us! Please stop by north lobby at the Campus Outreach table. We have a free gift for you!

Campus Outreach is a campus ministry that works through the local church to reach and develop the next generation of Christ-centered leaders on the university campus. The goal of Campus Outreach is to "Glorify God by building laborers on the campus for the lost world." Christ Covenant Church partners with Campus Outreach to help do this and make Christ known on college campuses in our state and in our region.

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!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

During Sunday School this morning, all our children from two years-old to fifth grade are learning about Noah's sons and the Tower of Babel from *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* curriculum, from the lesson "A Table and a Tower" on Genesis 10-11. The focus verse for the week is Genesis 11:9, "Its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth." 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!

O NIGHTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

All are welcome to join us this Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 pm, in the lower Community Life Center (CLC). With it getting darker quicker in the fall we will take a break from going out into the community. For O Nights, we will have a few training times to equip us for future discussions with our neighbors. We look forward to seeing 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 this Friday, October 6, at 10:00 am, in the Community Life Center rooms 1 & 2 (CLC). 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!

COVENANT DAY

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Are you exploring education options for your family? Covenant Day School is a ministry of Christ Covenant Church where students thrive in an educational environment marked by a biblical worldview and academic excellence so that students are equipped to be salt and light for God's glory. If you're looking for this approach to education, we encourage you to visit Covenant Day School! There are three upcoming Come See Covenant open house events for you to come and discover if Covenant Day is the right fit for you. Choose from one of three events: Thursday, October 12 (JK-5), Friday, October 27 (JK-5), and Thursday, November 9 (6-12). Space is limited. Reserve your spot at www.covenantday.org/comesecovenant.

DEACONS' SPECIAL OFFERING: PROJECT 658

Our special/monthly communion offering today is for Project 658. Project 658 is a local Charlotte ministry that believes Christ's love compels us to change the world through serving our neighbors by providing ongoing physical, emotional, and spiritual support for those in need. Project 658 is a Christ-centered, holistic ministry providing services for at-risk families in Charlotte, moving them toward sustainability, with a key focus on the international and refugee communities. Project 658 works to restore hope, pursue excellence, find solutions, create community, fosters service, and engages in growth across an extensive variety of ministries they have to serve individuals and families across Charlotte.

When you support Project 658, you assist them to provide over 20,000 meals for families and to operate Hope Community Clinic of East Charlotte, which offers free medical and mental health services. Project 658 has English as a second language classes, a culinary arts school, and a sewing class. Childcare programs are provided to families involved in various ministries so that parents can learn English or a new skill. When children come to childcare, they receive early childhood development and pre-k curriculum.

Project 658 works to restore hope to our city as they share the love of Christ through purposefully empowering others toward their Godly design and self-sustainability.

If you give today, please place all special/monthly communion offering gifts in an envelope (found in pews) and label it 'Special Communion Offering' and include the name of the ministry before placing your gift in one of the tithe boxes located inside the sanctuary at our main doors in the north, south and toward the main lobby both downstairs and in the balcony. You can also give online at christcovenant.org/members/giving. Thank you for your gift!

A NEW RESOURCE FROM CLEARLY REFORMED

The online ministry of our Pastor Kevin, Clearly Reformed, is giving away monthly resources aimed at further developing your walk with the Lord. Please find a free booklet of the most recent article, "3 Indispensable Requirements for Good Preaching," located in the book nook in the main lobby and visit clearlyreformed.org for thousands of other resources.

SCREEN STRONG

ScreenStrong is an organization that comes alongside parents in learning about the topic of kids and screens. They provide vital information about the impact of screens on kids, as well as solutions to tackle the challenges linked to excessive screen time. ScreenStrong is hosting free events for students on Thursday, October 12 and on for parents on Friday, October 13. To learn more, visit christcovenant.org/screenstrong.

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.

- Oct. 3 • O Nights - Christ Covenant Church Outreach Night
- Oct. 3-6 • Senior Adult Fall Retreat
- Oct. 4 • Epic & Link - Middle & High School
- Oct. 4 • Adult Choir & Orchestra
- 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

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 – 9/24/23	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	4,728,969	4,625,700	103,269	2.2%
Faith Promise Budget	377,279	250,188	127,091	50.80%