



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Zach and Kendyl Perkins
on the birth of their son,
Ryle James Perkins.

Reid and Marel Schmideler
on the birth of their daughter,
Amelia Rae Schmideler.

SYMPATHY TO:

Julie Swanger on the loss of her
brother, Steve Henderson.

John White on the loss of his
stepfather, Joseph Henry.

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. 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!

A NEW RESOURCE FROM CLEARLY REFORMED

The online ministry of our Senior Pastor Kevin DeYoung called Clearly Reformed is giving away monthly resources aimed at further developing your walk with the Lord. Please find a free booklet of one of the articles, "Is It Wrong to Have Sex Before Marriage?" located in the book nook in the main lobby. Visit clearlyreformed.org for thousands of other resources.

DIRECTORIES ARE HERE

We are thrilled that our new directories are here! Directories can be picked up in the main lobby this Sunday morning. Please take one directory per household. Please note that the directories are for church members. If you have information that you would like to change in the directory, please email communications@christcovenant.org.

FAITHFUL CONFERENCE 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 Trueman'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. You do not need to register your children for Sunday's children's programs.

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

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

All are invited to participate in the Monthly Day of Prayer on Tuesday, October 24. 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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

During Sunday School this morning, all our children from two years-old to fifth grade are learning about Abraham from *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* curriculum, from the lesson "The Judge Judges Justly" on Genesis 18-19 about Sodom and Gomorrah. The focus verse for the week is Psalm 75:7, "It is God who executed judgment, putting down one and lifting up another." 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!

MEN'S MONTHLY GOLF OUTING SATURDAY, OCT. 28

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, October 28, 2023, with tee times beginning at 11:00 am. There are only 20 spots available, so if you are interested, please sign up to secure your spot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FACAC2DABF5C16-45116670-mens>. The fee is approximately \$50. If you have questions, please contact Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant.org.

MINISTRY TO MEN FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SATURDAY, NOV. 4

On Saturday, November 4, at 7:00 am, our monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held in a new location. A buffet breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the Community Life Center rooms 1 & 2 (CLC). In addition to breakfast, we will hear from visiting Pastor Imbumi Makuku of Kibera Reformed Presbyterian Church of Kibera, Kenya. Invite a friend and bring your sons who are 12 years or older. A \$10 donation will be collected for the breakfast expense. Kindly RSVP no later than October 27 at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AABA828A2FDC07-45139681-nov4fellowship>. If you have questions, please contact Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current employment opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

Facilities Maintenance (full-time) & Temporary Facilities Maintenance (Now-February 2024)

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

Covenant Day School is hiring for various positions. Details can be found at <https://www.covenantday.org/about-us/employment>

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GIRLS' NIGHT OUT MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Join Women's Ministry for our next Girls' Night Out on Monday, October 30, at 6:00 pm, at Tacos 4 Life, in the Arboretum (address is 3351 Pineville-Matthews Rd #300, Charlotte, NC 28226). This is always a fun time of casual fellowship and delicious food at a local restaurant. The only cost is the cost of your dinner!

SUPPORTED WORKER SPOTLIGHT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Come and enjoy light refreshments and hear from our supported workers, Imbumi and Martha Makuku, in the Community Life Center rooms 1&2 (CLC), on Sunday, November 5, following the evening service. Imbumi and Martha's ministry, the Mamlaka Foundation, includes a school, a feeding program, and health education at their church, Kibera Reformed Presbyterian Church. They work within the poorest section of the Kibera slum in Silanga Village. All are welcome to join us on November 5, 2023, and hear about the amazing things the Lord is doing through the Makukus in Kenya!

PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL THURSDAY, NOV. 9

Over the years, Heritage Funeral Home has served many in the Christ Covenant community. One of their directors will meet with us on Thursday, November 9, at 7:00 pm, in the Community Life Center Chapel (CLC). Heritage Funeral Home staff will discuss planning funerals, prepaying for a burial service, and additional services available during funerals. There will be a question-and-answer time. All are welcome to attend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

The annual Women's Ministry Christmas Brunch will be held this year on Thursday, December 7, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm, in the Community Life Center (CLC). Come join us to enjoy the season together with delicious food, carols, and a special guest speaker! Childcare will be available. The deadline to register is November 22, 2023. Space is limited and this event tends to fill up, so we encourage everyone to register early! Registration opens Sunday, October 22, 2023 at <https://tinyurl.com/5xttknfx>.

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. 24 • Monthly Day of Prayer
- Oct. 27 • Covenant Day School Open House
- Oct. 28 • Men's Monthly Golf Outing
- Oct. 30 • Girls' Night Out with Women's Ministry
- Nov. 3 • First Friday Fellowship
- Nov. 3-5 • Youth Ministry Fall Retreat
- Nov. 4 • Ministry to Men Fellowship Breakfast
- Nov. 5 • Supported Worker Spotlight
- Nov. 5 • Daylight Savings
- Nov. 9 • Planning Your Funeral
- Nov. 11-12 • Faithful Conference with Carl Trueman
- Nov. 12 & 19 • Combined Sunday School in the sanctuary

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 – 10/15/23</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	5,076,589	5,006,400	70,189	1.4%
Faith Promise Budget	394,390	271,566	122,824	45.23%