



# THE COURIER

## LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Walker and Shelby Rose  
on the birth of their son,  
James Walker Rose.

### SYMPATHY TO:

Jonathan Doyle on the loss of his  
mother, Sally Ann Doyle.

## 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). There are also guest cards located in the pews in the sanctuary you can fill out and place in the offering. You can also scan the QR code below to fill out the online guest card. 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!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

We hope that you have enjoyed the Sunday School classes that have been available to you this fall. Our last Sunday School for this fall was today, Sunday, November 19. Sunday School will resume with new classes beginning Sunday, January 7, 2024. This is a new rhythm for us as a church, which allows a rest for our teachers and volunteers, especially in the children's area.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 3

All are invited to join us for our special Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 3, at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy a time of singing carols together and other musical selections prepared by our choir and orchestra. Children's programs are available for ages 4 months through 35 months. If you have questions about children's programs, please contact Amy Wallace at [awallace@christcovenant.org](mailto:awallace@christcovenant.org).

This is a great time to bring family and friends for a special night of music as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! We have special invitations available for you in all the lobbies of the worship center that you can take and use to invite your family, neighbors and friends!

## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Healing from divorce is not easy. Most people will say separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever had. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never encountered before. Our DivorceCare Ministry is offering a "Surviving the Holidays" session Monday, December 4, from 6:30 pm-8:30pm in worship center room 211. At this session, people in separation and divorce will find tools, teaching, and support to help them deal with their pain and give them hope for the future. You can register at [www.divorcecare.org/findagroup](http://www.divorcecare.org/findagroup) or contact Gaylene Scheide at [gscheide@christcovenant.org](mailto:gscheide@christcovenant.org).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Our annual Women's Christmas Brunch will be held this year on Thursday, December 7, from 10:00am-12:00pm, in the Community Life Center (CLC). Let us enjoy the season together with delicious food, carols, and a special panel entitled "Christmas Around the World" featuring some of our intern wives. Registration for this event is open until November 27, 2023. Childcare is available. Register today at <https://tinyurl.com/5xttknfx>.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Mark your calendars for our drop-in Children's Christmas Celebration on December 9, from 9:30 am-11:30 am, in the Community Life Center (CLC). Join us for a special Christmas story time at either 10:00 am or 11:00 am and lots of games and crafts you can do anytime from 9:30 am-11:30 am. This is a free event for families with fifth graders and younger. Invite and bring your friends and neighbors as we celebrate Christmas together!

## FAITHFUL CONFERENCE VIDEO INFORMATION

We hope you were able to attend the Faithful Conference last weekend. If you were not able to come or missed a session, each session is now online at [faithfulconference.org](http://faithfulconference.org). Thank you to everyone who came and attended and a special thank you to those who served! Save the date for next year's Faithful Conference with Dr. Stephen Nichols on November 16-17, 2023.

SUPPORTED  
WORKER SPOTLIGHT  
SUNDAY, NOV. 19

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 pm, in the Community Life Center rooms 1&2 (CLC), to hear from one of our restricted workers serving the Lord in Malaysia! Joining him will be several pastors and elders from Malaysia who are attending The Malaysia Partnership, November 15-18, at Christ Covenant Church. Come and enjoy light refreshments prior to the evening worship service as we learn about the Lord's faithful work in Malaysia!

MEN'S MINISTRY  
GOLF OUTING  
FRIDAY, DEC. 1

All men ages 16 and older who enjoy playing golf are invited to come play a round of golf at Monroe Country Club on Friday, December 1, 2023, with tee times beginning at 1:00 pm. There are only 20 spots available, so if you are interested, please sign up to secure your spot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FACAC2DABF5C16-46014658-mens>. The fee is approximately \$55. If you have questions, please contact Amy Van Dusen at [avandusen@christcovenant.org](mailto:avandusen@christcovenant.org).

MEN'S MINISTRY  
FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST  
SATURDAY, DEC. 2

On Saturday, December 2, at 7:00 am, our monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be a buffet breakfast in the Community Life Center rooms 1&2 (CLC). 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 at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AABA828A2FDC07-46001842-dec>. If you have questions, please contact Amy Van Dusen at [avandusen@christcovenant.org](mailto:avandusen@christcovenant.org).



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

During Sunday School this morning, all our children from two years-old to fifth grade learned about Esau selling his birthright and Jacob deceiving his father from *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* curriculum, from the lesson "God's Tricky, Hairy, Blessed People" on Genesis 25,27. The focus verse for the week is Genesis 25:23—"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger." 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!

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NEW MEMBER CLASS

Our next New Member Class begins Sunday, January 7, 2024, and you can register today for the class!

The New Member Class is an opportunity to learn more about the ministries, people, staff, doctrine, and vision of Christ Covenant. The class is open to anyone but is especially for those who are new to Christ Covenant or are considering membership at the church. Topics include Presbyterian theology, the importance of church membership, philosophy of worship, the role of elders and deacons, and how to get plugged into the church. This class is required for those 9th grade and older who would like to become members of Christ Covenant Church. Those participating will have the opportunity to develop relationships with other class participants and current members.

We ask that everyone interested in attending the New Member Class to register at <https://christcovenant.org/newmembersclass/>. If you have any questions, please email Michelle Gustavson at [mgustavson@christcovenant.org](mailto:mgustavson@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](https://christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment)

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

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.*

- Nov. 19 • Combined Sunday School in the sanctuary with Eric Russ
- Nov. 19 • Supported Worker Spotlight
- Nov. 23-24 • Church offices closed
- Nov. 26 • No Sunday School through December 31
- Nov. 28 • Monthly Day of Prayer
- Dec. 1 • First Friday Fellowship
- Dec. 1 • Men's Ministry Golf Outing
- Dec. 1 • Senior Adult Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 2 • Men's Ministry Fellowship Breakfast
- Dec. 3 • Christmas Concert during Evening Worship
- Dec. 4 • Surviving the Holidays
- Dec. 7 • Women's Ministry Christmas Brunch
- Dec. 9 • Children's Christmas Celebration
- Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service during Evening Worship
- Dec. 31 • Morning Worship

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 – 11/12/23	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	5,531,537	5,529,000	2,537	.0%
Faith Promise Budget	408,842	300,070	108,772	36.25%