



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023 | HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SYMPATHY TO:

Lynnette Peterson on the loss of her husband and our church member, Andy Peterson.

Family and friends on the loss of our church member, Steve Thompson.

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. 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!



FREE GIFT FROM CLEARLY REFORMED

As a New Year's gift to the Christ Covenant congregation, Clearly Reformed is giving away 500 copies of Pastor Kevin's book, *Crazy Busy*. They can be picked up in the lobby this Sunday morning. Happy New Year!

CAMPUS OUTREACH NEW YEARS CONFERENCE JANUARY 3-6, 2024

Each new year, Campus Outreach hosts a conference for college and university students. From January 3 - 6, 2024, hundreds of students from all over the east coast will gather in Washington, D.C. for four days of investing in their relationship with God, connecting with others, and learning how to follow God in college. Each day is packed with impactful speakers, breakout seminars, fellowship, worship, fun activities and opportunities to explore the person of Jesus. This year, Pastor Eric Russ will be one of the main speakers for the conference. Please be in prayer for the students and staff who will be attending this year!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

Have you considered joining a small group in the new year? At a large and growing church like ours, small groups provide a vital avenue for connecting in fellowship and sharing life with one another as we grow together in Christ. A small group can help a big church feel small.

We have a special small group signup season that opens next Sunday, January 7 and ends on January 21! Be on the lookout for more information. Contact our small groups coordinator, Caleb Johnson, with any questions at calebjohnson@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1091.

PRAYER REGARDING ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS

Officer Nominations open on January 2, 2024! Would you prayerfully consider who you believe could serve our church well as an elder or deacon? Through these offices Christ rules and shepherds his church. All nominees must be male and a member of our church for at least two years by his election (June 2024). The nomination form gives additional attributes of elder and deacon to consider as you are thinking of men to nominate. Nomination forms are available at the Welcome Center in the main lobby or online at <https://christcovenant.org/officer-nomination/>. Nominations will be received until Sunday, January 28. Thank you!

YEAR-END GIVING

Gifts to the church in December are a significant part of our annual income and help support more than 50 ministries. Generally, gifts to the church in the form of checks or cash that are mailed (and postmarked), or placed in the church offering by December 31, or delivered in person to the church office by 3:45 pm on Friday, December 29, should be deductible for tax purposes. You may also take advantage of our secure online giving at <https://christcovenant.org/members/giving/>. God blesses Christ Covenant through your gifts, and they are greatly appreciated. Call the Church Finance Office at 704-847-3505 with any questions or for more information, including details on handling stock/fund or IRA transfers.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST JANUARY 6

All men ages 12 and older are invited to the Men’s Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, January 6, 8:00 am - 9:30 am, in the Community Life Center. A buffet breakfast will be served followed by our speaker, Wade Byrum, and table conversations. To sign up go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AABA828A2FDC07-46864627-jan>! There is a \$10 donation for breakfast, please pay in either cash or check. Email questions to Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant.org.

SUPPORTED WORKER SPOTLIGHT JANUARY 21

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, January 21, following the evening service in the Community Life Center rooms 1&2 (CLC), to hear from our Supported Workers, Bud and Barb Speck! Bud works with Wycliffe Bible Translators as a Communications Consultant, and Barb dedicates her time to intercessory prayer. They recently moved from Germany and are currently staying in Charlotte, NC. Come and enjoy light refreshments as we learn about what the Lord is doing through the Specks and the impacts of Wycliffe Bible Translators around the world!

MEN’S MONTHLY GOLF OUTING JANUARY 27

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, January 27, 2024, with tee time at 11:00 am. The cost is \$55. Only 20 spots are available, to sign up go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FACAC2DABF5C16-46014703-mens> to secure your spot.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume with new classes beginning Sunday, January 7, 2024. New Sunday School booklets are available at the tables coming into the sanctuary. New class information can also be found online at christcovenant.org/connect/sundayschool. Below are the class titles. All classes begin at 9:00 am.

- “Growing Deeper Together: The Life of David”
- “Introduction to Reformed Theology: The Canons of Dort”
- “Sexuality & Discipleship”
- “Pilgrim’s Progress, Our Neglected Treasure”
- “Twenty-First Century Insights Into Global Missions: Countering the Myths and Stereotypes”
- “New Member Class”

We hope you will find a class that will benefit your relationship with Christ and connect you with others. Our pastors are looking forward to hosting a time of fellowship and prayer each Sunday morning as we begin class. Regular discipleship and fellowship is a vital part of learning to stand on truth and walk in grace together. If you have any questions about Sunday School, please email info@christcovenant.org.

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.

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.

- Dec. 31 • Morning Worship
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- Jan. 1 • Church offices closed
- Jan. 5 • First Friday Fellowship
- Jan. 6 • Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
- Jan. 7 • Sunday School resumes
- Jan. 7 • New Member Class begins
- Jan. 10 • CCYM Lumberjack Games
- Jan. 12 • Senior Adult Monthly Luncheon
- Jan. 21 • Supported Worker Spotlight
- Jan. 22 • Women’s Winter Girls’ Night Out
- Jan. 27 • Men’s Monthly Golf Outing
- Feb. 17 • International Eats Outreach

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 – 12/24/23	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	6,673,504	6,663,990	9,514	.1%
Faith Promise Budget	457,367	347,425	109,949	31.64%