



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

SYMPATHY TO:

Jessica Boone on the loss of her brother, Ray Wright.

Jonathan Doyle on the loss of his father, Peter Doyle.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Are you a guest visiting with us today, or did you meet a guest today? 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!

GIVING THANKS FOR GATHA SCHLEICHER



Join us in giving thanks to the Lord for Gatha Schleicher, who has served Christ Covenant Church as Ministry Administrator for Children's Ministry for 31 years and is entering into retirement.

During Gatha's time in Children's Ministry, she served in various church ministry roles. According to our Human Resources department, Gatha has worked for 11,297 days at Christ Covenant. She is detail oriented, a self-starter, handy, our institutional knowledge, a natural mentor, and the epitome of a team player. Gatha will do anything necessary to benefit the church

and Children's Ministry. She welcomes each new Children's Ministry staff member and makes them feel needed and supported in their roles. Gatha has taught us all how to be godly women, mothers, mother-in-laws, and grandmothers. She lives her life in such a way that you watch her and want to be more like Jesus because of her example.

Although Gatha is retiring from her role in Children's Ministry, she is not leaving Christ Covenant Church. You will still find her volunteering at the office on Thursdays and once a month in the newborn nursery on Sunday morning. Children's Ministry is so appreciative of Gatha and everything that she has done to help the ministry flourish.

Gatha Schleicher has been married to Dean for over 50 years. Together they have two sons and four grandchildren. Gatha loves her family, the church, and each of the staff members in Children's Ministry so well. She has impacted the lives of those around her, especially at Christ Covenant, for over three decades.

Join us in thanking the Lord for Gatha!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

Our Small Groups signup season opens today and will go through January 21! Grab an info card and feel free to come by the information desks in the main lobby to learn more!

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. As always, feel free to reach out to our Small Groups Coordinator, Caleb Johnson, with any questions at either calebjohnson@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1091.

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Officer Nominations are open! 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!

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!

WOMEN’S MINISTRY
GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT
MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Join Women’s Ministry for our next Girls’ Night Out on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm, at Viva Chicken in Indian Trail (address is 6461 Old Monroe Rd A, Indian Trail, NC 28079). We will gather for casual fellowship and dinner. The only cost is the cost of your dinner.

We do Girls’ Night Outs quarterly throughout the year as a way for women to enjoy fellowship together. This is a great way for ladies who are new to the church to get connected. We hope to see everyone there!

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:
QUEEN CITY PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

For our special/monthly communion offering today, our deacons have selected the Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center (QC PRC) located in Charlotte, NC. The Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center is a ministry to women facing unplanned pregnancies that partners with the local church to serve her family, save her child, and share the gospel.

The Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center has staff that is committed to providing compassionate care and confidential services in a welcoming environment. Medical services are provided by licensed medical personnel. The various medical services that can be found at the Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center are pregnancy tests, medical referrals, parenting education, post-abortion support, pregnancy options, support for men, and ultrasounds onsite. All their services are at no cost to the client and no insurance is needed for those who visit the center. The QC PRC also offers a variety of classes including educating moms on a healthy pregnancy and newborn care, a class for dads covering a variety of pregnancy and parenting topics, and a continuing of care program providing guidance on budgeting, housing, resume writing and education.

If you would like to give to the Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center, please place all special/monthly communion offering gifts in an envelope (found in pews) and label it ‘Special Communion Offering.’ Please include the name of the ministry on the envelope 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 in the balcony and on the floor level. You can also give online at <https://christcovenant.org/members/giving/>. Thank you for your gift!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School resumed with new classes this morning, 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. If you were not able to join a class this morning, we hope you will join next week. All classes begin at 9:00 am.

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.

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.

Jan. 7 • Sunday School resumes
Jan. 7 • New Member Class begins
Jan. 10 • CCYM Lumberjack Games
Jan. 12 • Senior Adult Monthly Luncheon
Jan. 12 • First Friday Fellowship
Jan. 15 • Church offices closed
Jan. 21 • Supported Worker Spotlight
Jan. 22 • Women’s Winter Girls’ Night Out
Jan. 23 • Monthly Day of Prayer
Jan. 27 • Men’s Monthly Golf Outing
Feb. 2 • Senior Adult’s Monthly Luncheon
Feb. 2 • First Friday Fellowship
Mar. 3 • Missions Conference Sunday

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 2024.

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%