



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

SYMPATHY TO:

Larry Blythe on the loss of his mother, Sharla Blythe Quinones.

Leslie Bolick on the loss of her mother, Deborah Sherrill.

Ilse Cauble the loss of her husband and our Elder, Jerry Cauble.

Family and friends on the loss of our member, Vicki Evans.

Pam Hollars the loss of her mother, Shirley Terwilliger.

Mike and Kim Larson on the death of their daughter, Hadassah Agboton.

John Surratt the loss of his step-father, Louis Otterbourg.

Margery White the loss of her father, Harry Lee Phipps Jr.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

This is the last day of the special small group sign up season! Grab an info card or 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 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 tables going into the sanctuary and can be turned in at the Welcome Center in the main lobby of the worship center. The forms are also online at <https://christcovenant.org/officer-nomination/>. Nominations will be received until Sunday, January 28. Thank you!

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!



SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY AND FREE BOOK FROM CALEB MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, January 21, 2024, is the National Sanctity of Life Sunday. On January 22, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a presidential proclamation designating the third Sunday of January (or close to that) as National Sanctity of Human Life Day, a day that emphasizes the need to protect and save lives, born or unborn. One of the best ways we can protect unborn lives is by supporting local pregnancy help organizations who daily reach women and families with messages of hope and life.

Sanctity of Life Sunday is often a very difficult day for women who are dealing with a past abortion decision. Living in His Forgiveness is a Bible study guide that offers encouragement of God's complete forgiveness for an abortion decision. These Bible study books are available free of charge to anyone struggling with this. Please visit the Caleb Ministries table in the south lobby for a free copy. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.calebministries.org/>.

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

All are invited to participate in the Monthly Day of Prayer on Tuesday, January 23. 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.

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.

NEW MEMBER WOMEN’S DESSERT FEBRUARY 15

If you are a new member, or are new to Christ Covenant, please join us for a Dessert Fellowship on Thursday, February 15, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, in the worship center’s main lobby. We want to welcome you and connect you to other women. Please RSVP to Staci Poston at sposton@christcovenant.org by February 8.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Christ Covenant offers three different types of support groups facilitated by caring members of our church who understand what you may be going through and want to help. Grieving a loss, walking through a divorce, or providing care for a parent or child are all difficult experiences you don’t have to go through alone. Also, if you have a family member or friend going through these difficult seasons of life, let them know that these groups are here for them as well. You do not have to be a member of Christ Covenant Church to join one of these support groups.

GRIEF SUPPORT

GriefShare is a video seminar series featuring some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. Our next GriefShare session will begin Monday, February 12, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in worship center room 107. You can register at www.griefshare.org. Contact Carl Scheide at fromdust2glory@gmail.com with any questions.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

We live in a culture where divorce is increasingly prevalent. Christ Covenant offers support groups for those moving through separation and divorce out of a desire to restore hope through the gospel.

Christ Covenant uses the DivorceCare program in leading 13-week groups to help men and women recover from the pain of separation and divorce. This is a support group that meets weekly and includes three key parts: a video seminar featuring top divorce recovery experts, small group discussion about the video and issues faced by the individual group members, and a personal workbook with study that reinforces each session’s topic. Our next session will begin Monday, February 12, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in worship center room 201. To find out more about the DivorceCare program, or to register for our next session, go to www.divorcecare.org. If you have any questions, please contact Gaylene Scheide at gscheide@christcovenant.org.

CAREGIVERS

Are you caring for a parent, spouse, or child? Have you been caring for a loved one for a long time or just beginning your journey? We have a support group just for caregivers. We’d love for you to join us.

Caregivers is a book study along with presentations by local resources for the many typical needs for this season of life. Our next session will be Saturdays, from 9:00 am - 10:30 am, beginning Saturday, March 2, in worship center room 107. If you would like to either join a group or learn more about Caregivers ministry, please email Gaylene Scheide at gscheide@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. 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
- Feb. 3 • Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
- Feb. 22 • New Members Women’s Dessert
- Mar. 3 • Missions Conference Sunday
- Mar. 3 • Combined Sunday School

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 1/1/24 – 1/14/24	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	235,112	225,800	9,312	4.1%
Faith Promise Budget	7,274	12,400	-5,126	-41.3%