



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Luke and Emily Pfeiffer
on the birth of their son,
Timothy Pfeiffer.

SYMPATHY TO:

Ann Louise Wright on the loss of
her mother, Katherine Glasser.

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!



LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

For your convenience, large print bulletins are available at the Welcome Center in the main lobby.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR CHRIST COVENANT AFGHAN REFUGEE MINISTRY

Our February special offering will go to support the Christ Covenant Afghan Refugee Ministry. This ministry began when our United States troops were pulled out of Afghanistan in August 2021. Many Afghan's that had fought alongside or served our military in some capacity were rescued from the new Taliban regime and brought here to the United States. While the mission field is global, now some of the mission field became our new neighbors when they moved here to Matthews. As a church, we were called to help in some way.

We began by caring for one family, the Mohammadi family (Dad, Mom and four young children). For the last two years, God has blessed this ministry as we have joined arms with other churches to serve this refugee community that lives in the Charlotte area. Now the ministry has expanded to include many Afghan refugee families. We build relationships with these families as we serve to meet some of their immediate needs such as learning English, learning to drive, tutoring for their children, household set-up, and other assimilation needs. Your gift will be used to continue the growth of this Christ Covenant ministry as we serve, care, and develop deeper relationships with our Afghan friends.

If you would like to give to the Christ Covenant Afghan Refugee Ministry, 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CORAM DEO PASTORS CONFERENCE

The Coram Deo Pastors Conference is quickly approaching and will be on March 12-14, 2024. Christ Covenant Church and Clearly Reformed have the opportunity to serve & strengthen nearly 1800 pastors and attendees. John Piper, Carl Trueman, and our own Kevin DeYoung are just a few of the many speakers. We have a huge range of volunteer opportunities and need your help! Would you join our volunteer team for the Coram Deo Pastors Conference? If so, please email Janet at janet@clearlyreformed.org by February 6 if you'd like to be a part of the volunteer team! Volunteers will be able to attend the conference.

GRIEF SUPPORT CARD MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Grief Support Card Ministry supports members of Christ Covenant Church by praying for and sending cards to our members who have recently lost a family member. Supplies are provided. Contact Linda Lemmons at llemmons01@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

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.

COFFEE &
CONVERSATIONS WITH
SUPPORTED WORKERS
MARCH 2

All are invited to Coffee and Conversations with Supported Workers on Saturday, March 2, from 9:00 am - 10:30 am, in the Community Life Center. Join us for breakfast snacks, fellowship, and to hear from some of our supported workers. Don’t miss this special opportunity to engage in what Lord is doing in the part of the world where they serve. We will also learn about the challenges they face and how we can pray for them. Please RSVP at bit.ly/MissionsCoffee2024. If you have questions, please contact Staci Poston at sposton@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 Jacob from *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* curriculum, from the lesson “God Raises Up a Deliverer” on Exodus 1-3 about Moses being born and the burning bush. 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!

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.

- Feb. 12 • GriefShare and DivorceCare begins
- Feb. 15 • New Members Women’s Dessert
- Feb. 19 • Mom’s Meet Up
- Feb. 27 • Monthly Day of Prayer
- Mar. 2 • Caregivers begins
- Mar. 2 • Conversations and Coffee with Supported Workers
- Mar. 3 • Missions Conference Sunday
- Mar. 3 • Combined Sunday School
- Mar. 31 • Easter 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.				
<i>Inflow 1/1/24 – 1/28/24</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	566,159	451,600	114,559	25.4%
Faith Promise Budget	46,640	24,800	21,840	88.1%