



# THE COURIER

## LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

### SYMPATHY TO:

Rick Ely on the loss of his father,  
Clarence Ely.

Becky Shames on the loss of her  
mother, Dorothy Upchurch.

### 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](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!



### A NEW RESOURCE FROM CLEARLY REFORMED

The online ministry of our Senior Pastor Kevin DeYoung called Clearly Reformed is giving away monthly resources aimed at further developing your walk with the Lord. Please find a free booklet of one of the articles, "The Case Against Christians Attending a Gay Wedding," located in the book nook in the main lobby. Visit [clearlyreformed.org](http://clearlyreformed.org) for thousands of other resources.

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2024

#### "THAT THE NEXT GENERATION MIGHT KNOW"



Our Mission Conference is March 2 - 3, 2024 and our theme is, "That the Next Generation Might Know." We have several exciting events that you can attend!

**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 the 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](https://bit.ly/MissionsCoffee2024). If you have questions, please contact Staci Poston at [sposton@christcovenant.org](mailto:sposton@christcovenant.org).

**Combined Adult Sunday School on March 3, from 9:00 am - 10:15 am in the sanctuary.** This combined Sunday School is for all adults. Middle and high school students will meet in the lower Community Life Center. We will have the opportunity to hear from our supported workers serving in various parts of the world.

**Morning and evening worship on Sunday, March 3.** Join us as we gather for a time of worship and to hear from one of our supported workers, Victor Nakah, about what God is doing in South Africa. We will also have our Faith Promise collection during the morning worship service.

To learn more about our upcoming Missions Conference visit [christcovenant.org/missions-conference](http://christcovenant.org/missions-conference).

### FAITH PROMISE AT WORK

Faith Promise is the primary means by which Christ Covenant financially supports international and domestic supported workers and church planters. Through Faith Promise, we support 92 supported workers/agencies in 26 countries around the globe! Would you begin praying now about how you and your family can participate in Faith Promise giving in 2024? You can pick up a Faith Promise commitment card to take home with you today. These can be found at the tables going into the sanctuary.

### 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](mailto:llemmons01@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

### MOM'S MEET UP | FEBRUARY 19

All moms are invited to join us for Mom's Meet Up on Monday, February 19. This is a wonderful opportunity to get out and share life with other moms and bless our children's ministry at the same time. We meet in the B building in room 101 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Have questions? Contact Amy at [awallace@christcovenant.org](mailto:awallace@christcovenant.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

## CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

During Sunday School this morning, all our children from two years-old to fifth grade are learning about Moses from *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* curriculum, from the lesson “Free at Last” on Exodus 4-15 about the plagues. 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!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HISABILITIES RESPITE NIGHT

Christ Covenant’s HisAbilities ministry needs volunteers for our upcoming Spring Respite Night on Saturday, April 20. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our church to come alongside Christ Covenant families impacted by disability by providing a few hours of respite for parents while their children are cared for and engaged by a team of volunteers providing a safe environment with a variety of fun activities! Volunteers must be a member of Christ Covenant, but no experience with disabilities is needed to serve (training resources are provided and we work to make sure our volunteers are serving in a capacity in which they are comfortable). The evening is always a rich blessing and a great time to make encouraging connections with this special part of our church body! Respite Night is held in the lower level of the Community Life Center, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

To learn more or register to volunteer please contact Amy Van Dusen at [avandusen@christcovenant.org](mailto:avandusen@christcovenant.org). The deadline for volunteer registration is March 30. And if you are a member or attending family impacted by disability or special needs who would benefit from participating or would just like to learn more about Respite Night, please contact Amy Van Dusen as well. Participants need to register by April 6.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRAY WITH SOMEONE TODAY?

If you have a prayer need or would like to speak with an elder, they will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the morning service. They would love to pray 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](http://www.griefshare.org). Contact Carl Scheide at [fromdust2glory@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.divorcecare.org). If you have any questions, please contact Gaylene Scheide at [gscheide@christcovenant.org](mailto: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](mailto: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. 1 • Men’s Monthly Golf Outing
- Mar. 2 • Caregivers begins
- Mar. 2 • Conversations and Coffee with Supported Workers
- Mar. 3 • Missions Conference Sunday
- Mar. 3 • Combined Sunday School
- Mar. 23 • Children’s Ministry Easter Egg Hunt
- Mar. 28 • Maundy Thursday
- Mar. 29 • Good Friday
- 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 –2/4/24</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	801,574	570,500	231,074	40.5%
Faith Promise Budget	51,307	31,000	20,307	65.5%