

THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, March 17, 2024

SYMPATHY TO:

Sara McKissick on the loss of her mother, Arle Ann Lamberd.

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-guestcard. 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!



MONTHLY PRAYER FOR OUR NATION SUNDAY, MARCH 24

All are invited to join us once a month for a time of prayer focused on our nation. Throughout Scripture, we read of God's people calling out to him for help, guidance, and direction for its leaders and land. In this election year it seems right to gather, not for politics, but prayer. Would you join us on Sunday, March 24, from 5:00 pm – 5:40 pm, in the worship center room 107 as we gather to call on God's name?



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is quickly approaching, and we hope you are making plans to join us for these special worship services. Each service is located in the sanctuary in the worship center. If you are unable to join us in person for any of these worship services, we hope you will join us online for the livestream at christcovenant.org/live.

Children's programs are available on Thursday, March 28 during the Maundy Thursday worship service for children 4 months - 35 months. There are no children's programs available during the Good Friday worship service. For morning worship on Easter Sunday, children's programs are available for ages newborn - preschool. For evening worship on Easter Sunday, children's programs are available for ages newborn - 2 years old. If you have any questions regarding children's programs, please contact Amy Wallace at awallace@christcovenant.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Children's ministry invites you to attend our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am, in the Community Life Center (CLC). This is a family fun time for children 5th grade and younger to come for story time*, crafts and an egg hunt. We hope to see you there! *Story times are at 10:00 am and 11:00 am. This is a great opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to join you. Have questions, contact Amy Wallace at awallace@christcovenant.org.

Women's Ministry Girls' Night Out Monday, March 18

Our Spring Girls' Night Out will be on Monday, March 18, at 6:00 pm, at Yafo Kitchen in Southpark (address is 720 Gov Morrison St #120, Charlotte, NC 28211). 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT SAT., MARCH 23

Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23! If you can sit at a table and do crafts with a child, if you can play games with kids, if you can hide plastic easter eggs or if you can be a smiling, welcoming face, we can use you! Adults, youth, seniors, all are needed and welcome! This is an amazing opportunity to share the gospel with our own kids and with the visitors we are praying God will send to us! Please go to bit.ly/egg-hunt-volunteer and pick your spot or email acerrato@christcovenant.org.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, April 6

All men are invited to attend the next Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, April 6, in the Community Life Center rooms 1 & 2, from 8:00 am - 9:30 am. A buffet breakfast will be served followed by a speaker and then table discussion. Sons 12 years and older encouraged to attend. The cost is recommended donation of \$10 in either cash or check for the cost of breakfast. RSVP by https://bit.ly/mensfellowship-breakfast-2024-04. If you have questions, please email Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant. org.

Combined Sunday School on Transgenderism - April 7, 14 and 21

We hope all adults and youth will join us for combined Sunday Schools on April 7, 14, and 21, in the sanctuary, at 9:00 am. This combined Sunday School series will focus on transgenderism. In addition to Pastor Kevin DeYoung, guest teachers from Reformed Theological Seminary will lead us in this topic.

Trail Life Bar-b-que - Last Day to Order is Saturday, March 30

Christ Covenant Family it's that time of year again for the best BBQ in Matthews. Our Trail Life Ministry will be firing up the smokers again and filling the air with a heavenly aroma the week of April 15, 2024. Don't miss out on getting Trail Life BBQ by ordering today by nc413.page.link/bbq. You can order bbq by the pound or order a meal that comes with bbq, sides and bbq sauce. Have questions? Contact either Jerry Shanko at jshanko@gmail.com or Wes Smith at Smithwp4@gmail.com.

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 $4:00~\mathrm{pm}-7:00~\mathrm{pm}$.

To learn more or register to volunteer please contact Amy Van Dusen at 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.

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.

Mar. 17 • American Heritage Girls Donation Drive for Roof Above

Mar. 17-30 • Ordering open for Trail Life BBQ

Mar. 18 • Women's Ministry Girls' Night Out

Mar. 18 • Monday Mom's Meet Up

Mar. 23 • Children's Ministry Easter Egg Hunt

Mar. 24 • Monthly Prayer for Our Nation

Mar. 26 • Monthly Day of Prayer

Mar. 28 • Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm

Mar. 29 • Good Friday service at 12:00 pm

Mar. 31 • Easter Sunday

Mar. 31 • No Sunday School

Apr. 7 • Combined Sunday School

Apr. 14 • Church-wide picnic

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 –3/10/24	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	1,505,813	1,185,000	320,813	27.1%
Faith Promise Budget	103,881	95,800	8,081	8.4%