



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024**

## 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!



## SPRING PICNIC SUNDAY, APRIL 14

All are invited to join us for a church-wide spring picnic immediately following morning worship today, Sunday, April 14, 2024. The church will provide drinks and desserts. You provide your picnic lunch!

Bring blankets and/or lawn chairs, as we will be outside on the lawn. Some inside seating will be available. We hope to see you there!

## 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!

## CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH WELCOMES CAMPUS OUTREACH STUDENTS

Join us in welcoming students with Campus Outreach who are here to worship with us this morning! These students will be serving as leaders on Campus Outreach's summer project from May 12-31, 2024. Campus Outreach is a campus ministry that works through the local church to reach and develop the next generation of Christ-centered leaders on the university campus. We hope you will join us in welcoming them and in praying for these students as they grow in their walk with Christ.

## COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL ON TRANSGENDERISM - APRIL 14 AND 21

Western culture is currently undergoing deep transformation in how people view sexuality and personal identity. Rather than seeing sexuality as a gift to be received from one's Creator, it is increasingly understood as determined by the individual—even down to remaking bodies to align with a sense of sexual identity. This cultural change has brought unprecedented challenges to the Church as she seeks to bear witness to God's Word on what it means to be human, and as she seeks to minister in a deeply confused culture.

This all-church mini-series taught by professors from Reformed Theological Seminary will equip Christians to understand what Scripture teaches on issues related to transgenderism, how we got to this cultural moment, and how Christians might wisely and compassionately minister to others on this issue. All adults and youth are welcome to attend. Sunday School begins at 9:00 am in the sanctuary.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORDINGS

Many of you have asked where you can locate the recording of the Sunday School classes on transgenderism. You can find these at <https://christcovenant.org/sunday-school/> and on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@ChristCovenantChurchMatthews>.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING BRUNCH THURSDAY, APRIL 25

The Women's Ministry Spring Brunch is on Thursday, April 25, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, in the Community Life Center. Please RSVP by April 22 at <https://bit.ly/spring-brunch-2024>.

Bring a salad or dessert to share and join us for brunch! Let us know what you plan to bring in the RSVP link above. We'll hear from a panel of ladies on how to engage in hospitality during all life stages, enjoy fellowship, and celebrate the work of the Lord in us and through us.

Plan to bring a favorite family recipe to the brunch. We will be compiling them into a recipe book that will be available for purchase later in the year as a fundraiser for our local ministry partners!

Childcare is available for the brunch. To reserve your child's spot in childcare, please contact Stephanie Bennett at [sbennett@christcovenant.org](mailto:sbennett@christcovenant.org) to see if space for childcare is still available.

## MONTHLY PRAYER FOR OUR NATION SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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, April 28, from 5:00 pm – 5:40 pm, in the youth center/lower Community Life Center, as we gather to call on God's name?

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

During Sunday School this morning, all our children from two years-old to fifth grade are learning about when Korah, Dathan and Abiram complain to Moses from *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* curriculum, from the lesson "You're Not the Boss of Me" in Numbers 16. 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!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

Registration is open for women's summer Bible studies! Don't miss this great opportunity to be in the Word and to have fellowship with other women during the summer months. To learn about class offerings and to register, visit <https://christcovenant.org/womensbiblestudies/>.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COVENANT

Current employment opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

Event Planner,

Facilities Maintenance,

Youth Ministry Logistics Coordinator.

Details: [christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment](https://christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment)

Covenant Day School is hiring for various positions. Details can be found at <https://www.covenantday.org/about-us/employment>

## O NIGHT TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Everyone is invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month for Christ Covenant Outreach Nights, called O Nights. Our next one is Tuesday, April 16, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm. We will meet in the south lobby of the worship center. We will have some time of training to equip our people, and then we will go out in groups into the community to do surveys and to share the gospel. If you do not feel comfortable walking, we would love for you to participate by praying on our campus. Please bring your small group, family, etc. and join us! If you have any questions, contact Amy Van Dusen at [avandusen@christcovenant.org](mailto:avandusen@christcovenant.org).

## SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ELECTIVES APRIL 28 - MAY 19

We have a variety of adult Sunday School classes beginning Sunday, April 28 that will go through May 19, 2024. All classes begin at 9:00 am on Sundays. To see a list of all the classes and locations, please pick up a new Sunday School booklet found on the tables outside the sanctuary or visit [christcovenant.org/sunday-school](https://christcovenant.org/sunday-school). If you have any questions about Sunday School, please email [info@christcovenant.org](mailto:info@christcovenant.org). We look forward to seeing you at Sunday School!

## SAVE THE DATE ASCENSION CONCERT SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 5

On Sunday evening, May 5, at 6:00 pm, it will be our joy to honor Jesus Christ as the ascended King and to give thanks for the gift of the Spirit. We hope everyone will invite a friend and then join us for an evening of praise and worship, sacred music, spirituals, and more.

## GIVE ONLINE

To give online, scan the QR code below with your smart phone or visit <https://christcovenant.org/members/giving/>. Thank you for your gift to Christ Covenant Church!



## 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.*

- Apr. 14 • Combined Sunday School
- Apr. 14 • Church-wide picnic
- Apr. 15 • Moms Meet Up
- Apr. 16 • O Nights - Christ Covenant Outreach Nights
- Apr. 19-20 • Trail Life bar-b-que pick up
- Apr. 20 • HisAbilities Spring Respite Night
- Apr. 21 • Combined Sunday School
- Apr. 23 • Monthly Day of Prayer
- Apr. 25 • Women's Ministry Spring Brunch
- Apr. 28 • New Sunday School Classes begin
- Apr. 28 • Prayer for our Nation

## 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 – 4/7/24</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,126,892	1,698,600	428,292	25.2%
Faith Promise Budget	189,076	124,600	64,476	51.7%