



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 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!



## 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?

## LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

For your convenience, large print bulletins are available at the guest center in the main lobby.

## 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. The list of classes is below.

- “The Christ Covenant Story—How Did We Get Here?”
- “Reading the Bible like a Christian (and Unlike Everything Else)”
- “Biographical Insights into Influential Christians”
- “A Theological Reflection on Beauty”
- “The Character of Christ: The Fruit of the Spirit in the Life of our Savior”

For information on each class and the class location, please pick up a new Sunday School booklet found on the tables outside the sanctuary or visit [christcovenant.org/sunday-school](http://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!

## 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!

We have a very limited number of spots still available in select childcare rooms. Please contact Stephanie Bennett to confirm if space is still available for your child(ren) at [sbennett@christcovenant.org](mailto:sbennett@christcovenant.org).

## CONGREGATIONAL MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Our monthly day of prayer is Tuesday, April 23. We encourage you to participate as we try to cover the entire day in prayer. You can sign up for a timeslot at [christcovenant.org/members/prayer](http://christcovenant.org/members/prayer). You can pray where you are or you can come 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. Our staff prays every week for our members and their prayer requests. Let us know how we can pray for you by either filling out a prayer card found in the pews and placing it in the offering. Or you can send in your prayer requests at [prayer@christcovenant.org](mailto:prayer@christcovenant.org).

## TRANSGENDERISM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Recordings of the Sunday School classes on transgenderism can be found at <https://christcovenant.org/sunday-school/> and on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@ChristCovenantChurchMatthews>.

## SET FREE MEN'S OPEN SESSION TO START IN MAY

Set Free is Christ Covenant's ministry to men who want to break their addiction to porn. Starting in May we will launch an open session using the Conquer Series ([www.conquerseries.com](http://www.conquerseries.com)). We encourage all men who are struggling with porn to begin their recovery by sending a confidential email to [setfree@christcovenant.org](mailto:setfree@christcovenant.org) to get more information.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

During Sunday School this morning, all our children from two years-old to fifth grade are learning God cares for boys and girls from *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* curriculum, from the lesson "The Daughters of Zelophehad" in Numbers 27 and 36. 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.

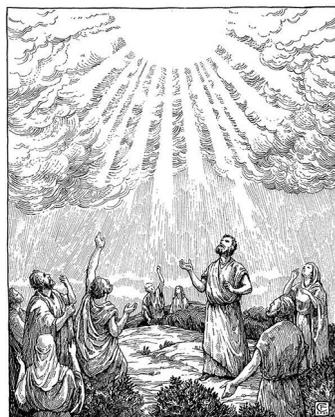
Details: [christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment](http://christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment)

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

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MAY 4

All men and sons ages 12 years and older are invited to the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, May 4, from 8:00 am – 9:00 am, in the Community Life Center. A buffet breakfast will be served followed by a speaker and then table discussion. Please bring \$10 in either cash or check to help with the cost of the breakfast buffet. If you have any questions, please email questions to Amy Van Dusen at [avandusen@christcovenant.org](mailto:avandusen@christcovenant.org).

Let us know you are coming by RSVPing at <https://bit.ly/mens-fellowship-breakfast-2024-05>. Please RSVP by Friday, April 26.



## 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.

## CAN YOU HELP A NEW AFGHAN FAMILY IN NEED?

A new Afghan family has arrived in our area and is in need of our help. This family is a dad, mom, and three young girls ages 5, 7 and 10, who crossed the Mexican border just a few weeks ago. The trek was very difficult as they worked their way across Mexico. The family arrived in the Charlotte area with only what they could carry in their backpacks and were immediately sent to a homeless shelter in San Diego, California. A man with a generous heart agreed to pay for their plane tickets to get here to the Charlotte area.

The dad worked with the United States military for 17 years interpreting and supporting our troops. A sister PCA church is providing housing for this family. We have been asked to help with their food needs by providing Wal-Mart gift cards.

If you would like to and are able to help, please place your Wal-Mart gift card in the secure black mailbox at the Outreach and Mission house or hand them to Amy VanDusen. If you have any questions, please contact Amy at [avandusen@christcovenant.org](mailto:avandusen@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.*

- Apr. 21 • Combined Sunday School
- Apr. 23 • Congregational Monthly Day of Prayer
- Apr. 23 • Session and Deaconate Meetings
- Apr. 25 • Women's Ministry Spring Brunch
- Apr. 28 • New Sunday School Classes begin
- Apr. 28 • Prayer for our Nation
- May 1 • CCYM: Yuckfest
- May 3 • First Friday Fellowship
- May 3 • Senior Adult Luncheon
- May 4 • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- May 5 • Ascension Concert

## WATCHING OUR BUDGET

Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all the ministries of Christ Covenant. Please continue to pray for God's provision throughout 2024.

| <i>Inflow 1/1/24 – 4/14/24</i> | <i>Actual \$</i> | <i>Budget \$</i> | <i>Difference \$</i> | <i>% (-) or +</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Budget               | 2,248,203        | 1,826,500        | 421,703              | 23.1%             |
| Faith Promise Budget           | 199,335          | 130,850          | 68,485               | 52.3%             |