



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Harry & Emma Ovey  
on the birth of their son,  
Caleb James Ovey.

### SYMPATHY TO:

Ginger Edwards on the loss of her  
father, Ray Davis.

Ted Williams on the loss of his  
brother, Robert E. Williams.

## TRAIL LIFE BBQ

### ORDERING OPEN NOW THROUGH MARCH 12

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 March 23, 2026. Trail Life is taking orders now through March 12. To order BBQ and sides, visit [bit.ly/Trail-Life-BBQ-2026](http://bit.ly/Trail-Life-BBQ-2026) or scan the QR code. Get your order in now so you don't miss out!



BBQ pick up is March 27-28 at Christ Covenant Church parking lot. Have questions, contact either Jerry Shanko at [jshanko@gmail.com](mailto:jshanko@gmail.com) or Wes Smith at [Wes.Smith@capitalelectricsupply.com](mailto:Wes.Smith@capitalelectricsupply.com). You can also stop by the Trail Life table in the main lobby of the worship center today or ask one of the many Trail Life men you see in uniform today.

## 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) or by scanning the QR code. There are also guest cards located in the pews in the sanctuary you can fill out and place in the offering. 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!



## MEN'S GOLF OUTING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

All men ages 16 and older are invited to join us for a round of golf on Friday, February 20, at the Monroe Country Club, with tee times beginning at 1:00 pm. Men of all skill levels are invited to come out. The only cost is the cost of your round of golf. Let us know you are coming at [bit.ly/Mens-Golf-Feb-2026](http://bit.ly/Mens-Golf-Feb-2026) or by scanning the QR code.



## VETERANS MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

What is the Veterans Ministry here at Christ Covenant Church? Started in 2025, the mission of our Veterans Ministry is to organize like-minded veterans who served their country and now want to serve the needs of people in the church and in our local communities.

So far this year, our Veterans Ministry has served our church by doing yard clean ups, small organization projects, and minor home repairs for members. Our desire is to help members of our church who aren't able to complete these projects themselves and have projects that can be completed in 3 - 4 hours on a Saturday. This ministry is open to any member of Christ Covenant Church who is also a military veteran.

We meet together for fellowship and to complete these service projects on the 3rd Saturday morning of each month. We are meeting this month on Saturday, February 21, at 8:00 am, in the Community Life Center. If you're interested in joining us as a veteran, or if you have a small home project you could use help with, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Erik Schlacter at [schlac4@gmail.com](mailto:schlac4@gmail.com).

## GROVE CITY CHOIR SUNDAY, MARCH 1

We are excited to welcome the Grove City College Touring Choir for a concert on Sunday, March 1, during the evening service. We hope you will make plans to join us for this special night of worship.

## COMMUNION | SUNDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 22

We have an opportunity to observe communion together during evening worship on Sunday, February 22. We know that not everyone is able to attend morning worship for a wide variety of reasons. Therefore, we want to provide an opportunity to participate in the Lord's Supper during evening worship. We are offering this quarterly throughout the year. We hope you will be able to join us.

## FAITH PROMISE

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 90 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 2026? 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. You can also make your Faith Promise pledge online at [bit.ly/faith-promise-2026](https://bit.ly/faith-promise-2026) or by using the QR code.



On Sunday, March 15, we will have a special time during our morning worship to offer our Faith Promise commitment cards with our pledges and pray that God will provide for the supported workers and ministry partners we are supporting in 2026. What might God supply through you to help empower our supported workers and church planters across the globe this year as they share Christ across the world?

## HIS ABILITIES RESPITE NIGHT VOLUNTEERS & PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Christ Covenant's HisAbilities Ministry is excited about our upcoming Spring Respite Night, April 18, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. 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 (younger or older) are cared for and engaged by a loving team of volunteers! It's also a great time to make encouraging connections with this special part of our church body!

We need volunteers! No experience with disabilities is necessary, but you must be a member of Christ Covenant to serve. To learn more or register to volunteer please email [hisabilities@christcovenant.org](mailto:hisabilities@christcovenant.org) by March 20.

If you are a Christ Covenant family, members or regularly attending, impacted by disability or special needs who would benefit by participating in Respite Night please register by emailing [hisabilities@christcovenant.org](mailto:hisabilities@christcovenant.org) by March 27.

## "THE CHURCH OF GOD TRIUMPHANT" MISSIONS CONFERENCE MARCH 14-15

We are looking forward to our upcoming Missions Conference on March 14-15, 2026. Our theme this year is "The Church of God Triumphant." Together, we will explore how the church is growing and triumphing amid trials, persecution, and opposition. Supported workers from around the world will share how they engage unreached people groups and diverse cultures, and how the local church is helping overcome barriers to the gospel as we reflect on Matthew 16:18, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Below is the schedule for our 2026 Missions Conference.

### MISSIONS DINNER & MINISTRY FAIR | SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us in the Community Life Center for our first ever Missions Dinner & Ministry Fair, "Stories from the Church Triumphant: Part 1," a special event for the whole family. We will hear amazing stories from supported workers from around the globe! We will also have a chance to learn about our ministry partners, who are local mission-focused organizations serving throughout the Charlotte area and how we can join them in their work. Children will join us for dinner before heading to age-appropriate programs for ages 4 months through 5th grade. Space for dinner is limited so RSVP today at [bit.ly/missions-dinner-2026](https://bit.ly/missions-dinner-2026) to reserve your spot! We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 per person with a \$20 per family maximum to help cover the cost of dinner. To reserve your child's spot for their age-appropriate activities, please RSVP at [bit.ly/Missions-Dinner-Childcare-2026](https://bit.ly/Missions-Dinner-Childcare-2026).

### COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL | SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 9:00 AM

All adults are invited to attend our combined Sunday School, "Stories from the Church Triumphant: Part 2," in the sanctuary where we will hear from a panel of supported workers, including several serving in restricted parts of the world where the gospel is not known.

All middle and high school students will still meet in the Youth Center. All children 5th grade and younger will attend their normal classes.

### MORNING WORSHIP | SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 10:45 AM

Our special guest for morning worship is Dr. Neil Stewart, Senior Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. Neil grew up in Northern Ireland during the Troubles and came to faith as a teenager through the witness of high school friends. Neil has been a keynote speaker at various conferences throughout the United States and Canada. He has also authored books and contributed chapters to several other books, including *A Pastor's Heart: Essays in Memory of Harry L. Reeder III* (Christian Focus, 2024) and articles for Ligonier's *Tabletalk* magazine.

### EVENING WORSHIP | SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 6:00 PM

Our special guest for evening worship is Frank, one of our supported workers. Because he serves in a restricted area, evening worship will not be livestreamed or recorded. We encourage you to attend evening worship in-person as he shares what God is doing in the part of the world where he is serving, particularly among unreached people groups in the Middle East and North Africa regions.

### AFTER EVENING WORSHIP | SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Immediately following evening worship, Dr. Kevin DeYoung will interview Frank and Brooks Buser, president of Radius International, in the sanctuary. Brooks and his wife served among the Yembi Yembi people of Papua New Guinea for thirteen years. In 2016, they returned to the United States, and Brooks assumed the leadership of Radius International, a school that trains missionaries going to the last unreached language groups of the world. Please note that this will not be livestreamed or recorded.

To learn more about the 2026 Missions Conference, please go to [christcovenant.org/missions-conference/](https://christcovenant.org/missions-conference/).

### 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 2026.

Inflow 1/1/26 - 2/8/26	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	807,527	750,976	56,551	8%
Faith Promise Budget	49,574	63,000	13,426	-21%