



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

AUGUST 9, 2026

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 Welcome Center in the main 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 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!



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NEW MEMBER CLASS

The New Member Class is for adults and students 9th grade and above who wish to join Christ Covenant Church. Our pastors teach this class, which reviews Christ Covenant's philosophy of ministry, the reformed faith, the Presbyterian form of government, the vows of church membership, and other topics pertinent to church membership. This class is required for those seeking to join Christ Covenant Church. Our next New Member Class will be held during Sunday School beginning August 30, 2026. The class is eleven-weeks long meeting from 9:00 am – 10:20 am. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Gustavson at mgustavson@christcovenant.org or go to christcovenant.org/new-member-class to register by August 25.



NEW BUILDING CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Interested in making an Advance Commitment to the Building Campaign? You are invited to attend one of several special evenings where Pastor Kevin and the church leadership are gathering to share the vision for where God is leading Christ Covenant and what this next season could mean for our church and community. All meetings will be held in the Community Life Center from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Choose one of the gatherings to attend and RSVP at bit.ly/Vision-Gathering-RSVP or by scanning the QR code. If you have questions, please send them to info@christcovenant.org.



SMALL GROUP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Fall small groups registration is open now through August 31, 2026! Grab a promotional card from the tables in the lobbies of the worship center if you are interested in learning more. You can also learn more online at christcovenant.org/small-groups or by scanning the QR code.

At a large and growing church like ours, small groups provide a vital avenue for connecting in fellowship and sharing life with one another as we grow together in Christ. A small group can help a big church feel small. As always, feel free to reach out to Dave Lapp with any questions at dlapp@christcovenant.org.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDIES REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration for women's fall Bible studies is now open! We have Bible study options in the morning and the evening, and some Bible studies include children's programs. We hope you will gather your friends, invite your neighbors, and sign up for a Bible study. You can learn about all the options online at christcovenant.org/womens-bible-studies and by picking up a Women's Ministry Bible study booklet that is available in the worship center lobbies.



O NIGHT TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Our next O Night, which is Christ Covenant Outreach Nights, is Tuesday, August 18, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm, and we would love for you to join us. You can serve in the community or on the prayer team. We will meet in the south lobby of the worship center before heading out into Matthews to meet our neighbors, to pray with them, and to share the gospel. If you do not feel comfortable walking, we would love for you to participate by praying on our campus in the south lobby. All ages are welcome from children to seniors! If you have any questions, contact Amy Van Dusen at avandusen@christcovenant.org.

CHOIR & ORCHESTRA KICKOFF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Are you interested in singing in the choir or playing an instrument in the orchestra this year? If so, we hope you will join the choir and orchestra kickoff on Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 pm, in the worship center. We will preview the season's upcoming music and fellowship with one another. This is open for all ages! If you have questions, please contact Liz McNulty at lmcnulty@christcovenant.org.

GRIEFSHARE BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 24

GriefShare is a thirteen-week video seminar series hosted by David and Nancy Guthrie which features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. Our next GriefShare session begins Monday, August 24, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, in worship center room 107. You can register at griefshare.org or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact Carl Scheide at fromdust2glory@gmail.com.



We invite you to stop by the GriefShare table located in the main lobby today to meet our GriefShare facilitators who would love to share more about GriefShare and answer any questions you may have.

PRAYER FOR OUR COVENANT CHILDREN SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

The pastors and elders of Christ Covenant Church hope you will join us for a special time of prayer for all our children and college students. This special time of prayer will take place during the Sunday evening worship service on August 30, at 6:00 pm. During the school year, our leadership will refer to these cards often as they pray for children, students, and their parents. As always, each request will be handled confidentially.

Prayer cards are available in the worship center outside all sanctuary doors. You can also fill out the online version of the prayer card at christcovenant.org/prayer-for-our-covenant-children or by scanning the QR code.



GIVING

Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all of the ministries of Christ Covenant. You can give online at christcovenant.org/giving, by scanning the QR code, or by placing your gift in the offering or a tithe box. Please join us in pray for God's provision throughout 2026.



HISABILITIES RESPITE NIGHTS VOLUNTEERS & PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Our HisAbilities Ministry is excited to promote our respite event schedule for this fall. We have two Respite Nights planned for Saturday, September 26 and Saturday, November 14, both from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Our respite events provide a wonderful opportunity for our church to come alongside our 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!

Volunteers are needed for both evenings and must be members of Christ Covenant, but no experience with disabilities is necessary. We seek to ensure all volunteers are serving in roles best suited to them. Please sign up to volunteer using the QR code or at bit.ly/HisAbilities-Respite-Fall-2026 and select volunteer. Email with any questions to hisabilities@christcovenant.org or call Amy Van Dusen at 704-814-1064.



Also, if you are a Christ Covenant family (members or regularly attending) impacted by disability or special needs who would benefit from participating in either or both of these Respite Nights please also use the following QR code or sign-up link and select participant.

The RSVP deadline for the September 26 Respite Night for both volunteers and participants is September 11.

CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH AFGHAN REFUGEE MINISTRY

Our Afghan Ministry has joined efforts with several local non-profits and churches to help with back-to-school supplies for refugees and immigrant neighbors in Stoney Trace apartments and other nearby locations. If you would like to participate by donating needed items, email Jill Andersen at jara1212@aol.com for a list, or if you prefer, you may donate a Wal-Mart gift card, and a volunteer will do the shopping for you.

All donations can be dropped off at the carport at the Outreach & Mission house located at the corner of Fullwood and Highway 51. There is also a secure drop box for gift cards located at the carport. The deadline for donating is Sunday evening, August 16.

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.

- Aug 9 • No Sunday School until August 30
- Aug 15 • Veterans Fellowship
- Aug 18 • O Night
- Aug 19 • Choir & Orchestra Kickoff
- Aug 23 • Youth Ministry Open House Breakfast
- Aug 24 • Mom's Night Out at The Local Scoop
- Aug 24 • GriefShare Begins
- Aug 30 • Fall Sunday School Kickoff
- Aug 30 • Prayer for Our Covenant Children
- Sept 2 • Youth Group Wednesday Night Kickoff

WATCHING OUR BUDGET

Christ Covenant operates on a fiscal year that runs from July 1 through June 30. To align with this schedule, our budget reporting format has been updated to reflect the fiscal year rather than the calendar year.

The enhanced reporting format will provide both year-to-date and annual budget information. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Finance Office.

7/1/26 – 8/2/26	Actual	Budget	Difference	Budget for	% of Annual
	Fiscal YTD	YTD		Fiscal Year	Budget Received
Tithes & Offerings	732,913	834,160	(101,247)	8,675,310	8%
Faith Promise	45,640	58,920	(13,280)	700,000	7%