THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

November 29, 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!

18|22 Lunch Sunday, Nov. 29

All college-age/18-22 year olds are welcome to join us at the Hall's for our monthly 18|22 Lunch on Sunday, November 29, at 1:15 pm. This is an opportunity to gather over food and conversation about the things of the Lord. Feel free to bring snacks/dessert/drinks! Please email Ty Hall at ty.hall@campusoutreach.org for the address or more information.

Celebrating 25 Years at Christ Covenant

Join us in celebrating and in giving thanks to the Lord for Pastor Bruce Creswell, Pastor of Senior Adults, and Rick Ely, Director of Operations, as we recognize both of them for having served at Christ Covenant Church for 25 years!



Bruce and Carolyn Creswell were married in 1979 and subsequently both taught and ministered at a church school in West Viriginia. In 1982, Bruce accepted the call to his first church and in 1992, Bruce and Carolyn moved to a church in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Nine years later, they moved to Charlotte where Bruce enrolled at Reformed Theological Seminary, and they started attending Christ Covenant. While in seminary Bruce became the part-time Pastor to the Senior Adult's Community. In 2007, Bruce became full-time and transferred his ordination to the PCA.

The Lord has used and continues to use Bruce in multiple ways at Christ Covenant as he encourages the Senior Adult Community to run the race before them. Bruce brings joy, energy, and light not just to the Senior Adult Community but to the staff and to the entire church family. It's impossible not to feel spurred on in the gospel after spending just a short time with Bruce. We are so thankful the Lord brought Bruce and Carolyn to Christ Covenant where they have given their lives to the Lord and to his people.



Rick Ely has served as the Director of Operations at Christ Covenant Church for 25 years. As our Director of Operations, he oversees both the church and school properties, facilities, and equipment. Rick has been a lead participant in each building project. He also oversees campus safety and security for both Covenant Day and Christ Covenant. Knowing what Rick is responsible for on our campus makes you wonder when he sleeps! When any need arises on campus, whether it is a groundbreaking for a new building or assisting with what could seem like a "small repair," Rick serves our church and school with dedication.

Rick Ely embodies a servant's heart as he leads our Operations department and serves our church and school with humility and devotion. We are so thankful the Lord brought Rick to Christ Covenant Church and Covenant Day School where we benefit from his service that keeps our entire campus safe, efficient, and functioning well.

Poinsettias Order Form

Each poinsettia is $10.00. Deadline to order is Monday, December 21.

Giver's name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

__ I will pick up my poinsettia after the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve worship service.

__ I will leave my plant to be given to someone to brighten their Christmas.

Paid by: __ Cash __Check __Online

To pay with a credit card, go to bit.ly/poinsettia-2026 or scan the QR code.

Sympathy to:

Tracy Jones on the loss of her mother, Diane Doster.

Honor a Loved One with a Poinsettia

Each Christmas at Christ Covenant we provide an opportunity for you to buy a poinsettia that is displayed in our sanctuary for the Advent season. You can purchase one for you/your family, give one in honor of someone, or give one in memory of someone. We will print the names of those who receive a poinsettia in honor and in memory in the courier for our Christmas Eve worship service. Each poinsettia is $10. If you purchase one, you can either pick it up and enjoy it at home after the Christmas Eve worship service, or you can leave it to bless someone else. Poinsettias can be purchased online at bit.ly/poinsettia-2026, by using the form on the other side of the courier and placing it in the offering or a tithe box, or by scanning the QR code.

Open Bible Study Friday, Dec. 4

You are invited to join the Open Bible Study on Friday, December 4, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, in the Community Life Center (CLC). This is a mixed-gender small group open to all adults (visitors, members, and your friends). It is a low-key opportunity to connect with others and study together. Childcare is not provided, but children are welcome. Snacks are provided. Come when you can and stay as long as you would like. Have questions, please contact Dave Lapp at dlapp@christcovenant.org.

Give Online

To give online, scan the QR code or visit christcovenant.org/giving. Thank you for your gift to Christ Covenant Church!

First Friday Fellowship Friday, December 4

Moms, have you been looking for a place to connect here at Christ Covenant? Come join the Children's Ministry staff and a bunch of other moms for discussion about important topics and the opportunity to grow in relationships! First Friday Fellowship meets next on Friday, December 4, from 10:00 am - 11:30 am, in the Community Life Center (CLC). Childcare is provided so email Stephanie Bennett at sbennett@christcovenant.org to reserve your child's spot! Any questions? Email Amy Wallace at awallace@christcovenant.org. We do hope you will come!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, December 5

All men are invited to the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, December 5, at 8:00 am, in the Community Life Center (CLC). Come join with other guys to worship the Lord, engage in fun competitions, and be encouraged in your own faith life. Fathers are welcome to bring their sons. To assist our team in preparation and set up, please register at either bit.ly/mens-bkft-dec-2026 or by using the QR code. For more information, visit the Men's Ministry webpage at christcovenant.org/mens-ministry.

Registration Now Open for New Member Class

Our next New Member Class begins Sunday, January 10, 2027, and you can register today for the class! This class is required for those 9th grade and older who would like to become members of Christ Covenant Church. Those participating will have the opportunity to develop relationships with other class participants and current members. Topics include Presbyterian theology, the importance of church membership, philosophy of worship, the role of elders and deacons, and how to get plugged into the church.

We ask that everyone interested in attending the New Member Class to register either by using the QR code or at christcovenant.org/new-member-class. If you have any questions, please email Michelle Gustavson at mgustavson@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.

Nov 29 • 18|22 Lunch
Dec 2 • Youth Ministry Christmas Party
Dec 3 • Women's Ministry Christmas Brunch
Dec 4 • First Friday Fellowship
Dec 4 • Open Bible Study
Dec 5 • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Dec 11 • Senior Adult Christmas Dinner
Dec 20 • Christmas Concert at 6:00 pm
Dec 24 • Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm
Jan 10 • Winter Sunday School begins
Jan 10 • New Member Class begins

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.

7/1/26 –11/22/26	*Actual Fiscal YTD*	*Budget YTD*	*$ Variance*	*% Variance*	*Budget for Fiscal Year*
Tithes & Offerings	2,868,780	3,503,487	(634,707)	-18%	8,675,310
Faith Promise	173,268	277,160	(103,892)	-37%	700,000