



COVENANT CONNECTIONS

**A Publication of Opportunities to
Serve and Be Served Through the
Ministries of Christ Covenant Church**

*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in
serving one another, as good stewards of the
manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10*

...a word from our leadership

One of the glorious terms used to describe our Savior's Church is "the Body of Christ." The New Testament, particularly under Paul's direction, is enamored with the term because of its multi-faceted impact in communicating the glory of His Church and the privilege we have both to be in and serve it. A body has many members. Every member has a specific and needed function. In addition, each member is equipped in a unique way to fulfill that function. This ministry catalog communicates the opportunities for members of the Body of Christ at Christ Covenant to utilize their spiritual gifts and fulfill their calling. It is also a resource of ministries available to serve the needs of the Body of Christ. It is one component of an important strategy by our Assimilation Ministry Team to create clear and simple pathways to extend and receive ministry.

This is of particular interest to the leadership of Christ Covenant as we fulfill our responsibility "to equip the saints for the work of ministry." We are so grateful for a church that allows members to focus on this priority. We are also grateful for those in our Assimilation Ministry who desire to create open pathways for you to determine your life ministry and your call to utilize your spiritual gifts in the Body of Christ. You will find this catalog of particular benefit in identifying the many and varied opportunities to use your spiritual gifts, life experiences and physical skills in serving the Lord. May the Lord be praised as each member, gifted specifically for ministry, is equipped and serves the Lord. Healthy churches grow as they serve the Lord. Churches become healthy when believers present themselves as servants to the Lord through His Church.

Our desire is that you know the joy and fulfillment of serving Christ, by using your spiritual gifts as He has called you. Join us as together we "serve the purpose of God in our own generation" (Acts 13:36) in pursuit of Christ Covenant's mission: *Christ Covenant Church is a reformed congregation of the Presbyterian Church of America committed to making disciples who worship God, grow in community, love others and serve the world.*

How to Use This Ministry Catalog

Our desire for the Covenant Connection is that it would be a timely and useful tool to assist you in understanding the many pathways to both extend and receive meaningful ministry at Christ Covenant.

Nearly every ministry description listed includes a brief overview of the ministry, specific volunteer opportunities, and contact information. The ministries are organized primarily under Christ Covenant's ministry departments. Each of these departments is overseen by a staff pastor along with Elders and Deacons.

To find a specific ministry description, use the table of contents on the following pages. If you wish to have additional information for any ministry listed, call the contact phone number provided. If you have difficulty getting connected to a ministry, call the office of Welcome Ministry Coordinator Mary Jo Culver at 704-814-1039.

Gratefully in Christ,

The Assimilation Ministry Team of Christ Covenant

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ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

MINISTRY CONTACTS

Unless otherwise stipulated, please contact Sandy Spitz at 704-814-1010 or Margie Johnston at 704-814-1007 with additional questions about the teams listed below or financial gifts to Christ Covenant Church.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The Administration Department supports the other eight departments/ministry areas of Christ Covenant Church's organizational structure to enhance ministry. The department provides a range of services with the goal of enabling other departments to effectively focus on their specific ministries. These services include a quality human resources function that promotes high employee performance standards and morale, maintains competitive compensation and benefits, recruits excellent candidates, facilitates performance evaluations and complies with applicable federal, state and local employment regulations.

PROPERTY, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS TEAM

The team oversees the care of Christ Covenant Church's operations and property, maintenance, housekeeping, grounds keeping and property beautification, security and coordination of facility use.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS TEAM

The team develops communications and publications that serve to inform Christ Covenant Church members, staff, ministries, visitors and the general public of the ministry opportunities and events provided by the church.

Volunteers are needed to assist with public relations, advertising, writing news articles for Christ Covenant publications, graphic design and layout, editing and proofreading.

Contact Stelle Snyder at ssnyder@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6151

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TEAM (IT)

The team provides direction for and management of information technology at Christ Covenant Church, including planning and implementation of information, software, hardware, training and staffing needs.

FINANCE TEAM

The team provides a full spectrum of financial information and support services for all of the church's ministries. Members of the team provide budget information and assist in budget management; handle all accounts payable and accounts receivable; manage confidential giving records and individual receipts and quarterly reports; provide information about and assist in transfer of gifts of securities or marketable real property; offer resources for information on bequests, planned giving and major gifts.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

MINISTRY CONTACTS

Unless otherwise stipulated, please contact John Haines at 704-708-6124 or Liz McNulty at 704-814-1031 with additional questions about the opportunities listed below.

COVENANT CHOIR

The adult choir leads God's people in the singing of hymns, psalms and spiritual songs and presents anthems that reflect God's nature and work in the lives of believers. The choir also presents a number of special concerts throughout the year as well as supporting events developed for fellowship and outreach. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m.; childcare is provided. This is a wonderful opportunity for those God has gifted with music to use their gifts in worship.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC MINISTRY

If you play an instrument, this is a special way for you to bring praise to the Lord. Brass and woodwinds are used on a weekly basis; drums, piano, guitar and bass guitar are also used at most services. There are concerts and events featuring this ministry used for outreach and fellowship. Members play in worship services and organizational events within the church and the local community throughout the year. Auditions are required. Contact Scott Van Patter at 704-846-3839

SOUND AND LIGHTING MINISTRY

Christ Covenant strives to provide an environment that will allow God's Word to be effectively communicated and help engage the congregation in worship. The sound and lighting crew endeavors to enhance the quality of corporate worship by providing services that are technically superb, musically polished, and sensitive to the needs of the congregation. They also support the needs of other programs and activities in the church such as weddings, funerals, dinners, conferences and special productions. Volunteers with experience in sound mixing or lighting are needed; training period is provided. Contact Jim Deal at 704-905-1345

WORSHIP COORDINATOR MINISTRY

Worship Coordinators serve as ushers with the purpose of meeting the needs of both members and guests during Sunday Worship services at Christ Covenant. They distribute bulletins, provide directions, assist people with their needs, welcome worshipers as they enter the sanctuary and receive the offering. Team members serve one Sunday every four weeks in both morning and evening services. Training is provided. Men of college age or above are invited to volunteer. Contact Douglas Graham at 704-361-1911 or graham_of_montrose@yahoo.com

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (ages 5-12) Contact Liz McNulty at lmcnulty@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1031

TEEN CHOIR (ages 13-19) Contact Liz McNulty at lmcnulty@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1031

BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism classes for parents and adults are offered monthly throughout the year to explain the theology and significance of baptism and to discuss how baptisms are conducted at Christ Covenant. Covenant baptisms for believers and for their covenant children are provided by our Senior Pastor, according to the Word of God. Contact Liz McNulty at lmcnulty@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1031

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:18-20).

Christ Covenant welcomes you to join in prayer. A variety of opportunities are available for you to pray with others or to request prayer.

Sunday Morning Prayer ~ 8:30-8:45 a.m. in the Newborn Nursery. This prayer time is set aside to pray for the Sunday worship services, sermon and Sunday schools.

Contact John Haines at jhaines@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6124

Children's Ministry Prayer ~ 8:30 a.m. in B-102 on Sunday morning. Please join us - whether you are a parent, volunteer or just want to support Children's Ministry in this way. Children are welcome and encouraged to come too!

Contact Karen Chambers at kchambers@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1026

Sunday Evening Prayer ~ 5:00-6:00 p.m. in WC-201.

Contact Pat Lawrence at patlawrence@gmail.com for more information

Monthly Congregational Day of Prayer ~ 4th Monday of the month. Sign up for a time slot to pray between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. This prayer ministry offers one day devoted to prayer for the needs of our congregation.

The [Monthly Prayer Guide](#) is available each month at the Information Desk.

Tuesday Weekly Prayer Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. in the Dock in the Wilcox Building and is facilitated by Pastor Bruce Creswell.

Contact Pastor Bruce Creswell at bcreswell@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6106

Wednesday CCYM Prayer ~ 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Dock. Middle school and high school students are encouraged to come.

Contact Jan Adams at jadams@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6112

Thursday Prayer for Prodigals ~ 7:30 p.m. in the home of Anthony and Susan Pizzuti.

Contact the Pizzutis at 704-841-8379

Your confidential Prayer Request or Prayer Report is welcomed:

Via email -	Prayer@christcovenant.org
By phone -	Church receptionist at 704-847-3505
Prayer card -	The pew racks include cards for prayer requests. Drop the card in the offering basket or leave it on the pew. The staff meets for prayer each Tuesday morning.
24-Hour Prayer Chain -	704-364-0141 (alt.# 704-366-3829 or 704-545-1611)
Prayer with the Elders -	Contact any Pastor or Elder to arrange a private time of prayer after worship/another time
Via the website -	Click on the PRAYER link at the top or left side of the front page for access to Prayer Request Form

Please note: All prayer requests are treated with confidentiality and may be made anonymously or with the understanding that the name will not be circulated when the request is shared with staff and officers.

SHEPHERDING AND DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

MINISTRY CONTACTS

Unless otherwise stipulated, please contact Bernie Lawrence at 704-708-6110 or Kim Westbrook at 704-708-6107 with additional questions about the opportunities listed below.

DISCOVERY CLASS (required for those interested in considering membership with Christ Covenant)

A class designed to help you discover more about a relationship with Christ and Christ Covenant Church. You will hear about the vision, values, theology and ministries of Christ Covenant. You will learn who we are as a local church, whom and what we cherish, what we believe and how we hope to bring the Gospel to bear on our city and world. Our hope is that you will also make some new friends! Classes are offered each quarter of the year. There are also a variety of opportunities to volunteer with the Discovery team (helping with notebook assembly, helping the first day of class, greeting people, helping with handouts, getting coffee/refreshments for class).

Contact Mary Jo Culver at mculver@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1039

SMALL GROUPS

“Christ Covenant meets in Small Groups” is a motto that has described the church from its inception. All members are encouraged to become a part of a small group, and there are many open Small Groups available.

Covenant Groups – focus on authentic community and Bible study. They gather for fellowship, study of God’s Word, encouragement, and prayer. They are typically made up of 6-15 people.

Contact Pastor Kris Decker at kdecker@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6115

Ministry Administrator Jan Adams jadams@christcovenant.org 704-708-6112

Men’s Groups – are designed to help create a Gospel Community in which the message of the Gospel transforms our lives in such a way that participants become mature disciples who are able to make disciples.

Contact Pastor Kris Decker at kdecker@christcovenant.org 704-708-6115

Ministry Administrator Jan Adams at jadams@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6112

Youth Small Groups – Junior and Senior high students have several small group opportunities.

Contact Matt Smith at msmith@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6117

Ministry Administrator Jan Adams at jadams@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6112

MEN’S MINISTRY

Opportunities are plentiful for Christ Covenant men to gather for discipleship and a variety of ministry activities.

Men’s discipleship and accountability groups are available. An annual men’s retreat, usually during early spring, offers an extraordinary opportunity to meaningfully connect with other Christ Covenant men in a refreshing, beautiful location and to receive excellent instruction in God’s Word. Volunteer men are needed to lead discipleship groups and to plan/execute the annual men’s retreat.

Contact Pastor Kris Decker at kdecker@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6115

Ministry Administrator Jan Adams at jadams@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6112

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

***The Women of Christ Covenant** will honor our Session by promoting its welfare, vision and values.*

Thoroughly committed to one another, we will glorify God by becoming:

- *Faithful worshippers*
- *Firmly grounded in faith*
- *Passionately deployed in service*
- *Influential believers in the world*

Two things are important to note in that statement as they are distinctive to our heritage. First, we have a high value for our ordained leadership. Our love for Christ and the Church is demonstrated as we love and support our Session. Second, because the Session’s vision is for developing mature disciples of Christ, our hope is that we might be able to engage in the lives of women toward that end. We will not be women who are busy about many things; we will be women who are *becoming* worshippers ...*becoming* connected to one another and to the Word...*becoming*

passionate in our service and *becoming* influencers for Christ in the world. Our work is an overflow of who we are in Him. It is an exciting vision, and one that we hope might engage your heart.

The foundation for our ministry to women is our Discipleship and Bible study ministry. Several options are available for Bible study and small groups Monday through Thursday. We encourage you to consider taking advantage of one of those opportunities as soon as possible.

Additional information can be obtained on the website, www.christcovenant.org, link to "Women's Ministries," or contact Susan Shepherd at sshepherd@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1016.

The Anchor Discipleship Ministry

The ANCHOR is so titled to communicate a commitment to God's Word as the foundation - the anchor - for all of life and ministry. It is a unique ministry of discipleship for women that is built on the basis of a serious love for, and study of, Scripture as well as a deep commitment to one another.

Values that define the ANCHOR ministry:

- * A desire that women would grow in their love for God's Word
- * A desire that women would grow in their relationships with one another

Structure of the ANCHOR:

Personal study guide

To assist each woman in individual study of the passage and its implications to her life

Small group experience

To encourage each woman to come alongside others and share not only the Gospel, but their lives as well

Lecture

To increase each woman's understanding of Scripture, its context and historical background and the application of its truths to her life

Women's Elective Bible Studies

Christ Covenant Women's Elective Bible Studies (WEBS) seek to further advance the goals of our Session and Women's Ministry by providing women the opportunity to participate in classes and small groups focused on growth in the knowledge of our God and Savior and personal application of His Word.

The goal of WEBS is to influence women at Christ Covenant to participate in one of the several Biblically-solid studies offered, lead women toward progressive growth in their knowledge of God, His Word and His ways and promote personal application of God's Word both in each participant's life and in their world.

WEBS operates on a semester basis: Fall session and inter/Spring session. Bible studies do not meet during the week of Thanksgiving. If you have questions about any of our Women's Bible studies, visit our website, www.christcovenant.org, for a full list of studies.

Women's Ministry Team

The first Women's Ministries Leadership Team was appointed and deployed by the Session in November 2007. Our structure, philosophy and work are outlined in our Charter, approved by the Session in May 2007. Typically, the WMLT meets the third Thursday of every month. We covet your prayers for these meetings and our work, both independent and corporate, as we move forward with a new vision for ministry for women at Christ Covenant.

COUNSELING ADVISOR

Christ Covenant has a Counseling Advisor who serves as a link to resources in the church and the Charlotte area counseling services. Patti McMillan serves in this contractual relationship; she is a seasoned, licensed counselor with Carolina Counseling Center and has been an active member of Christ Covenant since 1994. This role was established to provide a starting place for anyone who is facing concerns and desires some clarity as to constructive options in moving forward in growth and healing. She can be contacted at the church at 704-708-6111 or emailed at patticcg@bellsouth.net.

PASTORAL COUNSELING

This ministry is dedicated to assisting church members and attendees during difficult or uncertain personal, familial and marital times. The pastors are experienced in providing Biblical counseling on issues ranging from depression, addiction, estrangement, childhood problems, marital infidelity and aging families.

Contact Bernie Lawrence at blawrence@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6110 or Gabe Sylvia at gsylvia@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6168

MARRIAGE MINISTRIES

Christ Covenant's Marriage Ministries' mission statement is to reclaim and to guard the holy ground of marriage, that it might reflect God's glorious grace and love to the world, to nurture healthy marriages and minister to hurting marriages at Christ Covenant:

Contact Bernie Lawrence at blawrence@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6110 or Gabe Sylvia at gsylvia@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6168

Premarital Mentoring (Prepare)

Premarital mentoring is part of Marriage Ministries at Christ Covenant. Premarital Mentoring complements pastoral premarital counseling by offering an extended mentoring relationship with a lay couple. The mentors administer a pre-marital inventory tool, containing important questions about communication, extended family issues, personality style, expectations, parenting, readiness, and more. The mentors lead the couple through a series of sessions reviewing and discussing the couple's answers, sharing their years of experience and skills for making a marriage that will go the distance and, more importantly, honor Christ. The mentors commit to pray with and for the couple and help them place Christ in the center of their relationship. The process is completely confidential and is required of all couples being married at Christ Covenant or by our pastors. Mentor couples have the passion, gifts, and training to help engaged or pre-engaged couples lay firm foundations for their marriage. Mentors are selected carefully based on their own marriage health and unique life experiences; our mentors have been married 15 years or more. For more information about mentoring, contact Gabe Sylvia at gsylvia@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6168.

Marriage Enrichment (Enrich)

Christ Covenant is committed to providing resources to enrich existing marriages in our church. This is accomplished through recurring small group studies led by seasoned couples using effective Biblical materials oriented toward cultivating vital marriages. Marriage electives are also offered during the church year as part of Sunday Bible school. Periodic community retreats are also part of our investment in fostering vital marriages.

Marriage Assistance (Protect)

Christ Covenant is concerned for hurting marriages. **Protect** helps marriages that are struggling and need help through one-on-one and couple-to-couple lay-counseling, as well as giving a referral source when needed. You will find prayerful and confidential guidance in a safe place. We also offer pastoral counseling by staff pastors and the services of our Counseling Advisor.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

MINISTRY CONTACTS

Unless otherwise stipulated, please contact Gabe Sylvia at 704-708-6168 or Kim Westbrook at 704-708-6107 with additional questions about the opportunities listed below.

Christian Education Mission:

- 1. We will encourage those who have come to saving faith to become members of Christ Covenant and enfold them into a class or small group in order to learn and apply God's Word to their lives.*
- 2. Our goal is to equip the saints for the works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach the unity of the faith in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature.*

SUNDAY BIBLE SCHOOL

Christ Covenant's Sunday Bible school program is based on classes of "communities" similar in life stage. These communities study through a six-year curriculum plan that includes classes in the Old Testament and New Testament, Worship, Galatians, Romans, Church History and key doctrines. Additionally, communities study topics relevant for each life state: dating, marriage, parenting, finances, end-of-life issues, etc.

CHRIST COVENANT COMMUNITIES

The following describes each of these communities. We encourage all of our members to join and participate in these communities.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY (18/22)

Life Stage: High school graduates through 22 years of age

Purpose: Effectively minister to college-age individuals of Christ Covenant Church and southeast Charlotte through teaching, small groups, fellowship, evangelism, discipleship, retreats and other ministry opportunities in the name of Jesus Christ

Staff Contacts: Peter Eck at peck@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6161

Sunday School: Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings

YOUNG SINGLES COMMUNITY (Young Professionals)

Life Stage: 22 + years and unmarried

Purpose: Be a community for singles and catalyst for discipleship, outreach and missions

Staff Contacts: Pastor Mike Miller at mmiller@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1056
Ministry Administrator Susan Reinken at sreinken@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1064

Sunday School: Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings

YOUNG FAMILIES COMMUNITY (Second Acts)

Life Stage: Young families (22-42 years of age) without children or whose oldest child is in elementary school or younger

Purpose: Love, shepherd and equip one another with a focus on assimilation, discipleship and fellowship, encouraging the use of gifts and talents of each member. Facilitate the discipleship goals of Christ Covenant.

Staff Contacts: Pastor Gabe Sylvia at gsylvia@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6168
Pastor Steffen Mueller at smueller@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6109
Ministry Administrator Kim Westbrook at kwestbrook@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6107

Sunday School: Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings

STUDENT FAMILIES COMMUNITY

Life Stage: Families of Middle School and/or High School students

Purpose: Provide families and youth with opportunities, by God's grace, to increase their knowledge and love of Christ, to deepen their relationships with others in similar life stages, and to use their God-given gifts in service to others

Staff Contact: Pastor Kris Decker at kdecker@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6115
Ministry Administrator Jan Adams at jadams@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6112

Sunday School: *For Parents:* Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Curriculum taught by Student Family Pastor and Elder team.
For Middle School Youth: Meets on Sundays as "Timothy Project" in the Harbor of the Wilcox Building (C-Building) at 9:00 a.m. Timothy Project meets as a large group and then breaks into grade & gender-specific small groups. These groups are led by trained senior high leadership students.
For High School Youth: Meets in a large group for fellowship and coffee on Sundays in the Dock of the Wilcox Building (C-Building) at 9:00 a.m. Students then break into grade-specific classes for teaching. These classes are taught by Elders and adult leaders.

BOOMERS (YOUNG EMPTY NESTERS)

Life Stage: Couples and single parents of grown children

Purpose: Love, shepherd and equip one another with a focus on assimilation, discipleship and fellowship, encouraging the use of gifts and talents of each member. Facilitate the discipleship goals of Christ Covenant.

Staff Contacts: Pastor Bernie Lawrence at blawrence@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6110
Ministry Administrator Kim Westbrook at kwestbrook@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6107

Sunday School: Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings

COVENANT SINGLES

Life Stage: 40+ years and unmarried

Purpose: A community striving to become more Kingdom-focused, desiring a closer relationship with God, reaching out to others in need

Staff Contact: Pastor Bruce Creswell at bcreswell@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6106
Mary Jo Culver at mculver@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1039

Sunday School: Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings

SENIOR ADULTS COMMUNITY (Coram Deo)

Definition:	Retired singles and couples
Purpose:	Direct senior adult members in the use of their gifts, talents and years of experience in the service of Christ and His Church
Staff Contacts:	Pastor Bruce Creswell at bcreswell@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6106 Ministry Administrator Vicki Simpson at vsimpson@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6104
Sunday School:	Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings
Transportation:	Provide transportation to church on Sunday. Contact: Dick Dear at 704-643-1483

COVENANT DAY SCHOOL

The school assists the Christian family by providing an education for children in K through 12th grade that is marked by a Biblical world view, academic excellence and affordability so that students are equipped to be salt and light for God's glory. From Latin to the Internet, Covenant Day School students learn from the rich heritage of the past as they prepare for a high technology future. Supplemental computer programs further enhance the phonics and literature-based reading curriculum. The math program emphasizes problem-solving skills, and science is hands-on. Students have five years of Spanish instruction in lower school, three years of Latin instruction in middle school, and take Latin, Spanish or French in high school. Students' current affairs through the Internet: High school students are provided with laptop computers through the Anytime, Anywhere Laptop Program and use these with on-campus wireless high-speed Internet access as a complement to classroom instruction. Students also enjoy a full range of sports and extra-curricular programs. Opportunities are available for teachers, substitute teachers and other departmental help. Contact Jane Courtright at 704-814-1002. Additional information is available on the school website: www.covenantday.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MINISTRY CONTACTS

Unless otherwise stipulated, please contact Karen Chambers at 704-814-1026 or Gatha Schleicher at 704-814-1045 with additional questions about the opportunities listed below.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

Elementary:

Classes for children from Kindergarten age through 5th grade are available during the 9:00 Sunday school hour on Sunday mornings. The format for Sunday school is a large group/small group. Curriculum is God-centered, structured, interactive and learning-oriented, encouraging the application of truth. Topics, schedule and locations are published and distributed every quarter.

Contact Katie Griffin at kgriffin@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1027

Early Childhood:

3 - 5 years of age. The Barnyard Ministry is available during the 9:00 Sunday school hour on Sunday mornings and includes lessons, storytelling, games, music, and snacks. This is also a large group/small group format.

Contact Diane Dworek at ddworek@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1025

Nursery:

Infants – 2 years of age. A safe, secure, pleasant environment for babies is provided by a trained staff. Very informal teaching begins from the time our babies can sit up. Our 18-months – 2-year-olds have a more structured teaching, including simple lessons and a music program. **Nursery children may stay in their class for both the 9:00 and 10:45 hours.*

Contact Sara McKissick at smckissick@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1024

King's Kids Class:

Designed for students at least four-years-old with special learning needs, not including learning disabilities. Team teachers use a curriculum involving the five senses, and activities are varied. Distinctive features of the class include caring buddies who facilitate individualized learning, visible encouragement, and the extensive use of music for worship, Scripture memory and learning fun. Volunteers with a heart for the handicapped are needed to serve as teachers, assistants and buddies.

Contact Sara McKissick at smckissick@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1024

Children's Bible Time:

Provided during the 10:45 worship hour for children from Barnyard program (3-years-old) to those in Kindergarten, this time together includes a solid Bible video and some activities regarding the lesson to teach the love of Jesus Christ to our children. Volunteers are needed as leaders and helpers to serve once a month, as well as substitutes.

Contact Jessica Wells at jwells@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1028

SUNDAY EVENING MINISTRIES

Evening Nursery:

We have nurseries available for children from newborns through 3 years of age. We provide stories and activities for the older nursery children.

Contact Sara McKissick at smckissick@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1024

ABC Bible Memory Class:

This is our Sunday evening ministry for our four-year-olds. We seek to develop disciples for God's glory through memorizing a Bible verse for each letter of the alphabet. This is taught through story, craft, song, and activities.

Contact Diane Dworek at ddworek@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1025

Children's Choir

Choir for children ages 5-12

Contact Liz McNulty at lmcnulty@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1031

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts:

The Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops at Christ Covenant endeavor to prepare young men (ages 6 – 17) from within the covenant community and the surrounding Matthews area for their role as citizens of both the Christian and civic communities. The troop involves boys, with their fathers when feasible, in a structured program which places an emphasis on character development, self-reliance and accountability (both to one another and to God). The ministry strategically includes the boys in service and ministry to the community and orchestrates challenging outings which stress teamwork and the development of leadership skills. There are volunteer opportunities for den leaders, scout leaders and parent helpers.

Contact Gabe Sylvia at gsylvia@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6168

Pioneer Girls:

Pioneer Girls at Christ Covenant endeavors to prepare young girls (elementary school age) within the covenant community and the surrounding Matthews area to make Christ Lord in every aspect of their lives. This is done through Bible study, verse memorization, fellowship and discipleship, while helping to foster friendships.

Contact Karen Chambers at kchambers@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1026

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers to teach and care for our covenant children are always needed, as well as to support the ministry behind the scenes. There are a variety of ways you can serve. For any of the opportunities below, contact our Volunteer Recruiter/Coordinator Jessica Wells at jwells@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1028.

Elementary Large Group Teacher: Serve on a rotating basis as part of a group, for either Kindergarten – 1st, 2nd – 3rd grade, or 4th – 5th grade large group sessions. Curriculum and resources are provided.

Elementary Small Group Leader: Serve weekly or every other week with a small group of children. No advance preparation required. Important aspect of this responsibility is to build a relationship with the children in the group and reinforce teaching in large group session with activities prepared for leaders.

Barnyard Shepherds: Serve weekly or bi-weekly with a small group of preschool children. No advance preparation necessary, just a love for the children.

Barnyard Storyteller: Serve on a team on a rotating basis to teach Bible stories to preschoolers in a fun and creative way.

Nursery Worker: Serve monthly in a nursery caring for and sharing the love of Jesus with our children.

Children's Bible Time Worker: Serve monthly to engage the children while watching the movie, then lead a small group through questions and answers about the story as well as simple crafts or activities.

Music Leader: Serve on a team in either the nursery or preschool, sharing the love of God through music with the children.

Substitute: Serve in the planned absence of a teacher, small group leader or nursery volunteer.

Sunday Support: Serve weekly, bi-weekly or monthly outside of the classrooms, on Sundays or during the week, choosing from a variety of opportunities supporting Children's Ministry.

OUTREACH AND MISSIONS MINISTRY

MINISTRY CONTACTS

Unless otherwise stipulated, please contact Mike Miller at 704-814-1056 or Susan Reinken at 704-814-1064 with additional questions about the opportunities listed below.

GLOBAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

FOCUS AREA TEAMS

Outreach & Missions has chosen to focus in certain areas of the world to better use the resources that God has provided to Christ Covenant. The focus teams seek to communicate to the congregation the purpose and goals of missions in the focus areas based on the scriptural mandate to make disciples of all nations. The teams are vital in evaluating missionaries who are seeking the support of the church for missions work at home or overseas. They are the key contact point for information on a missionary, for providing shepherding and support to each missionary and for connecting each missionary with the church. Volunteers with an interest in missions are needed.

MISSIONARY CARE

The Missionary Care Team provides outreach care ministry to our missionaries and their families through sewing projects, correspondence, prayer intervention, gifts and encouragement as well as helping provide short-term teams with supplies needed for their trips (crafts for VBS, gifts, clothes, etc.).

Contact Nancy Stout at 704-684-1341

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Throughout the course of the year missionary personnel arrive in Charlotte for brief visits at Christ Covenant. Housing, hospitality and transportation are all needed on such occasions. Would you be willing to open your heart and your home for those who come to visit us? As God makes you a blessing for them, He in turn makes them a blessing for you. Just ask those Christ Covenant members who regularly extend hospitality to our missionaries.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE TEAM

The Missions Conference Team meets year round and helps with all the details and events for our annual conference in February. They also support our missionaries through prayer and encouragement. We need folks who are gifted in communication, art design, hospitality and many other areas. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Missions House.

Contact Nancy Stout at 704-684-1341

SEWING FOR THE MISSIONS

Cut out and sew multiple items that are carried to many of our mission fields throughout the year.

SHORT-TERM SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Join the on-going ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by serving on one of the many short-term mission trips that Outreach & Missions sponsors each year. On each trip Christ Covenant serves with either a full-time missionary or a national partner to spread the good news of Christ. This is done through, but is not limited to, evangelism, prayer, sports outreach and retreats, music drama, medical aid, construction, and ministries of mercy.

LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

PRISON MINISTRIES

Christian Life Skills Training

Instructors, facilitators and mentors are needed to go into the Charlotte Correctional State Prison and the Mecklenburg County Jail to teach valuable, transforming life skills from a Christian perspective. Prison Fellowship Ministry provides the training, as well as the materials, to use in the classes and for homework. The two-hour classes meet once a week for three months. Approximately 25 inmates, who may or may not be believers, attend each class.

Mecklenburg County Jail Ministry

On Wednesday evenings from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the Lord has provided our church an open door to teach His word to and pray for the inmates at the Mecklenburg County Jail in downtown Charlotte. We staff two classes each week, one for male inmates and one for female inmates. Volunteers also follow up with the female inmates through letters to evangelize, disciple, witness, love, encourage, comfort, and exhort them to follow Christ and walk worthy of Him. No contact is permitted outside of the classrooms. Our letter writers include only their first names and the church address on their correspondence.

Metanoia Prison Ministry

This ministry provides inmates with extensive, challenging, and practical correspondence Bible study curriculum where the student is linked with a trained instructor in a Christian church. Metanoia Ministries works closely with the leadership of local churches to involve members of their church as instructors. Experience shows that instructors also grow spiritually as they share their faith through this vital ministry.

CHURCH ON THE STREET

Early each Sunday morning, members of our church participate with Church on the Street Ministry (COTS) by serving a breakfast and providing a worship service to over 200 homeless under the I-277 bridge on North Tryon Street. Also, during the winter, coats and warm clothing are collected to give to those in need.

JACKSON PARK MINISTRY

This ministry serves low income families in Charlotte by providing for their physical needs while teaching self improvement and accountability. Among the ways Christ Covenant assists JPM is by serving a meal to the residents on the 4th Tuesday of each month. This is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love to those in need.

SEEK THE CITY

Seek the City is the "stay-at-home" summer mission trip for Christ Covenant. Middle and High School youth set aside the last week in June to serve the communities of Charlotte and Matthews. We call it a "stay-at-home" mission, because all of the students and their leaders live on the campus of Christ Covenant Church for the entire week. During the day, 10-15 teams of students and leaders go to serve all over the city: running sports camps, volunteering at homeless shelters, leading Vacation Bible Schools, partnering with programs for at-risk students, serving nursing homes, and completing selected work projects for senior citizens.

CRESTDALE

The Crestdale neighborhood in Matthews is a community of diverse cultures and economic challenges. Our volunteers provide practical support through tutoring at-risk students, recreation opportunities, mentoring and the simple act of friendship. Many Crestdale families are assisted through the Matthews HELP Center with whom we partner through donations of groceries.

APARTMENT LIFE

CARES by Apartment Life partners with local churches to place CARES Teams (a family, couple, or two single adults) in a rent-free apartment to help apartment management build a strong sense of community and serve fellow residents. CARES Teams welcome their neighbors to the community, work with apartment management to organize and host activities, and care for residents in times of special need or celebration. These efforts position CARES Teams at the center of community life and provide a platform to build friendships and develop spiritual relationships.

SOAR

SPORTS OUTREACH AND RECREATION (SOAR)

SOAR at Christ Covenant Church offers Youth and Adult Sports, Camps, and Community Events geared towards impacting people by sharing and showing the love of Christ through the Word of God and relationships. SOAR was founded in 1990 as an outreach ministry. We share with both players and coaches how to integrate sports and ministry from a Biblical perspective. We provide healthy competition which will allow players, youth and adults to express their competitive abilities and not stifle them. Athletically, our focus is to help players discover and refine their skills at all levels. Foundationally, our goal is to make Jesus Christ known through sport.

Contact Jason Miller at jmiller@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1062 or

Jenny Young at jyoung@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1055

Youth Fall Season: This season runs from August to November, with us offering soccer, volleyball & flag football. Children and youth 3-18 years of age can participate in soccer, while flag football and volleyball start at age 7. Time commitment is one night of practice and one game on the weekend.

Youth Winter Season: This season runs from December to March, with us offering basketball. Children and youth 5-18 years of age can participate in basketball. Time commitment is one night of practice and one game on the weekend.

Youth Spring Season: This season runs from March to June, with us offering soccer, volleyball, baseball, and softball. Children and youth 3-18 years of age can participate in soccer, while volleyball starts at age 7 and softball/baseball at age 5. Time commitment is one night of practice and one game on the weekend.

Adult Sports: We offer a men's basketball league that runs from June to August and women's basketball that meets one night a week year round. Registration and participation are open for anyone in the community.

Community Events: Community events are geared toward the SOAR community to build and further relationships through family events. Past events have been with partners such as the Charlotte Eagles, Charlotte Bobcats, Carolina Panthers, and more.

Internship Program: There are opportunities to gain insight into sports ministry through our Internship Program via Church Sports Outreach (www.csosports.org). This Internship Program is designed for college students and young adults.

SOAR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that our God is at work through this ministry. We hear inspiring stories of life change and Christ's life being proclaimed through our parents, players and coaches every season. No matter your age or experience, come be a part of what God is doing at SOAR Sports. You can also gain volunteer hours.

Coaching: You must be at least 18 years old, unless otherwise approved by the SOAR Director and commit to one practice per week, one game on the weekends and an end-of-season team party. Check our website for coach qualifications. Coaches must go through the CARE approval process.

Referee & Umpire: Starting at age 13, we have youth, teens, college students and adults helping us each season with soccer, flag football, baseball, volleyball, and other sports. You can be paid or receive volunteer service hours for school or club organizations. There will be mandatory trainings at the beginning of each season.

Parent Volunteer Teams: Team Parent - Organize snack schedule, team party, or other outside events for team during season; serve in concessions; organize volunteer teams to help with concessions for season.

Game-Day Preparation: Pre-season: Laying out fields. In-season: Lining fields, organizing equipment, and more.

Administration: Pre-season prep. in the office, such as uniform organization, sports equipment prep., and other tasks.

SOAR SPORTS – Call or Click

Web: www.soarsports.com

Phone: 704-814-1063

Twitter: www.twitter.com/soarsports

Facebook: Search "SOAR Sports"

CAMPUS OUTREACH

Unless otherwise stipulated, please contact Andrew Holbrook at 704-814-1053 or James Broadway at 704-814-1049 with additional questions about the opportunities listed below.

CAMPUS OUTREACH CHARLOTTE

Campus Outreach ministers to the church's college-aged students as well as students at colleges and universities around the state, including UNCC, UNCG, Davidson, Wingate, Elon, CPCC and others. The primary ministry focus is evangelism and discipleship that prepares students to be a laborer for Christ in the church, community and marketplace after college.

During the summer, Campus Outreach hosts a variety of summer projects: The Summer Beach Project, an eight-week discipleship and training project in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; The Cross Cultural Project, a 5 – 7 week project that partners with Campus Outreach Johannesburg in South Africa; and our Charlotte Summer Ministry located at Christ Covenant each summer.

On campus at CCC is Campus Outreach's 18/22 Generation. The 18/22 Generation ministers to all college-aged students, even if that student does not attend a college or university. This community meets weekly for Sunday Bible school at 9:00 a.m. at the Campus Outreach house located in the white brick house on the corner of Fullwood Lane and Matthews Township Parkway.

Ways to be involved:

1. A light breakfast that will feed 35 students is needed for Sunday Bible school each week.
2. During the summer, dinner is needed for the Charlotte Summer Ministry
3. Food is often needed for weekly meetings and other various activities such as organizational fairs, retreats and other events at UNC Charlotte.
4. Volunteers are often times needed at our CO office to help with an assortment of tasks.
5. Our staff loves to be prayed for; if you would like to connect to a staff person at a specific campus so you can pray for them, please contact the regional office as well.

Contact information:

Front Desk: 704-814-1046

Email: cocharlotte@campusoutreach.org

CAMPUS OUTREACH JOHANNESBURG (COJ):

“Glorifying God by building laborers on the campus for the lost world”

Campus Outreach Johannesburg ministers to students on the college campus in Johannesburg and Pretoria, South Africa. The primary ministry focus is evangelism and discipleship that prepares students to be laborers for Christ in the church, community and marketplace after college. It is through these life-on-life relationships that college students come to know Christ, mature in their relationships with Him, and share their lives and faith with others. The ministry of Campus Outreach doesn't end at graduation. The success of our vision is measured best by the students who carry the vision of reaching the lost world with them after college. Our prayer is that alumni will continue to grow in their relationships with God, share their faith with the lost and continue the process of discipling others.

Campus Outreach Johannesburg currently hosts 3 major, critical events:

The Joint Winter Conference (JWC) - Similar to the Christmas conference held by Campus Outreach in the U.S., the JWC is a 4-day, 3-night evangelistic event held during the end of the first semester and campus winter break.

The Summer Training Camp (STC) - Similar to the Summer Beach Project in the U.S., the STC is a 4-week discipleship and training project.

The Cross Cultural Project (CCP) - The CCP is a 6-8 week mission trip for students in other regions of Campus Outreach. They raise money to come over to South Africa for their summer to get a different cultural experience.

Each campus also holds various Evangelistic camps, women's and men's camps and other events for training students and developing leaders throughout the year.

Ways you can be involved:

Become a prayer partner. You can pray for and receive updates from specific individuals on our staff team periodically.

Host a staff member - From time to time our staff return home for a season of support maintenance and often need a place to stay while they visit with supporters.

For more information, you can contact the Campus Outreach Johannesburg office at 704-814-1051.

CARE AND MERCY MINISTRY

Please see each ministry for specific pastoral and administrative contacts.

HOSPITAL AND FOLLOW-UP CARE

When a Christ Covenant member or attendee enters the hospital, the church receptionist should be contacted at 704-847-3505 with the following information: name, address, phone number, name of hospital/medical facility, date and time of procedure, time of check-in and place to report (outpatient, front-desk, admissions, same-day, etc.).

Volunteers to assist with visitations are always welcome.

Contact Pastor Bruce Creswell at bcreswell@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6106

Ministry Administrator Vicki Simpson at vsimpson@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6104

HOME BOUND MINISTRY

Care is provided for shut-ins and home-bound members through visitation, telephoning and writing.

Contact Pastor Bruce Creswell at bcreswell@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6106

Ministry Administrator Vicki Simpson at vsimpson@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6104

CANCER MINISTRY

A ministry of spiritual encouragement, prayer, and comfort for those affected by cancer.

There are no meetings to attend. We email a monthly list of those who are affected by cancer to our prayer partners. They are then prayed for on an ongoing basis. We would encourage anyone who would like to help in this vital ministry to contact Dick & Peggy Dear at D1226@aol.com or 704-643-1483 for more information.

Contact Pastor Bernie Lawrence at blawrence@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6110

Ministry Administrator Kim Westbrook at kwestbrook@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6107

KENDAL MINISTRY

Individuals who suffer from chronic illness or long-term disabilities, caregivers to special needs people, the elderly, the widowed or those who are shut-in, many times become disconnected from the body of believers. They can often feel forgotten or abandoned, and their caregivers can experience exhaustion and hopelessness. Through the Kendal Ministry at Christ Covenant Church, we want to reach out to such people in long-term care situations. Our goal is to systematically care for, encourage, and support in prayer those who are in difficult situations. Care Teams offer help and encouragement on a continuing basis in a variety of services (e.g. babysitting, homemaking, yard care, errands/shopping, emotional support, prayer, etc.). Anyone who has a heart for the Lord can serve in the Kendal Ministry. The Care Team model requires only a 2-3 hour per month time commitment for individuals. Team members are asked to serve for a minimum of 12 consecutive months.

Contact Pastor Bruce Creswell at bcreswell@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6106

Ministry Administrator Vicki Simpson at vsimpson@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6104

HIS ABILITIES

A ministry serving special needs individuals and their families by providing personalized levels of support as needed, opportunities for special needs individuals to use their gifts and abilities to serve within the church body, and ease of access to classes and events on the church campus. His Abilities also seeks to provide heightened awareness of and training for special needs within the church body.

Contact Joe Adams at joeadamsfam@gmail.com or Karen Chambers at kchambers@christcovenant.org

MEAL MINISTRY

As crisis comes to individuals and families, one very meaningful way to “bear one another’s burdens” is to provide meals for the family as they attend to the crisis they face. Volunteers are needed to make nutritious meals that can serve families in such times.

Contact Mark Lomas at mark.lomas@strayer.edu

SANCTITY OF LIFE MINISTRIES

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a national ministry in which members of our congregation join others in our community as quiet witnesses, praying publicly in front of abortion providers and offering encouragement to women who are in conflict about their decision to end their pregnancies. Visit www.40daysforlife.com. Contact Curt and Gwen Johnson at seven-arrows@carolina.rr.com

Bethany Christian Services

Bethany Christian Services is the nation's largest adoption agency and is recommended by our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America. Bethany's commitment extends to children and teens who are living in foster care or in orphanages. Their comprehensive services include adoption, temporary foster care, counseling, training, and family support. Visit www.bethany.org.

Hand Chosen

Hand Chosen is our own ministry to those in the congregation whose families include an adopted child or children, couples who are considering or going through the adoption process and those with a heart for the needs of adopted children and their families.

Contact Nancy Yates at nancy_yts@yahoo.com or Alice Guthmann at aliceguthmann@gmail.com

Lois' Lodge

Lois' Lodge is a local Christ-centered ministry providing shelter and support for women experiencing unplanned pregnancies as well as for their families. Lois' Lodge offers unconditional love for the women seeking shelter in an encouraging, home-like residential setting as well as non-resident young women who come for group and individual counsel. Visit www.loislodge.org.

Pregnancy Resource Center

Pregnancy Resource Center is a place of compassion, information and support for anyone facing an unintended pregnancy. More than 3,000 new women and men are seen each year; more than 13,600 are touched by its programs including tests, ultrasounds and classes. Visit www.friendsofPRC.org.

Caleb Ministries

Caleb Ministries offers help for women who have experienced infertility, miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death, or who are post-abortive. Volunteers who have endured similar experiences are paired one-on-one with clients, and Bible studies to help those who are grieving are offered on a continual basis. A number of resources are available to assist women who are grieving. If you have experienced a similar loss and would like to help other women through the recovery process, please contact the ministry for volunteer opportunities. Volunteers are also needed to sew burial gowns, bonnets, and blankets for keepsake boxes that are given to people who have experienced a stillbirth or lost a child in early infancy. For additional information and help, visit Caleb Ministries' website at www.calebministries.org or call 704-841-1320.

ASSIMILATION MINISTRY

Unless otherwise stipulated, please contact Mary Jo Culver at 704-814-1039 with additional questions about the opportunities listed below.

ASSIMILATION MINISTRY TEAM

This team exists to create clear and simple pathways to meaningful relationships and ministry. Part of the function of this team is to help all members discover their unique callings, passions and spiritual gifts and to assist them in locating the places at Christ Covenant where they will most effectively serve Christ and be served by His people. Volunteers are needed to serve on this team in the following areas:

- **Ministry Information** – assist in keeping information on Christ Covenant ministries current, meaningful, and in sources/forms that are easily accessible and user-friendly format.
- **Liaisons** – be available to the congregation to help them connect to ministry opportunities consistent with their spiritual gifts and passions, and to lead them to areas of need.

WELCOME MINISTRY

Our desire at Christ Covenant Church is for every person who comes through our doors to feel welcomed into the house of the Lord, to easily find the help and guidance they may need, and to experience firsthand the warmth and love of Christ through His servants. The Welcome Ministry is an important part of expressing a Christ-like love for our neighbor through a friendly face, a smile, and a warm handshake. All of these help prepare hearts for worship and receiving the Word of God. The following is a list of opportunities to serve if you would like to become a part of this much needed ministry.

- **Sunday Greeting** - Volunteers welcome and greet people as they enter/leave the building. Greeters are needed to serve fifteen minutes before and during the first ten minutes of one of the two morning schedules, before Sunday school, before the worship service or the evening service.
- **Sunday Morning Coffee** – The Welcome Ministry provides coffee for all the Sunday school classes and for the 3 lobbies in the Worship Center every Sunday. Volunteers are needed to help make the coffee and to clean up the Lobby Coffee stations after the morning service.
- **Welcome/Information Desk** – Volunteers provide guests and members with information they need for Bible studies, programs for their children, support groups, and much more. Desk volunteers serve fifteen minutes before and ten minutes after Sunday school, the morning service or the evening service.
- **Discovery Class Luncheon** – Once a quarter Christ Covenant hosts a luncheon for those attending the Discovery Class. Volunteers are needed to help with greeting the class members, food preparation, setting up, serving, and cleaning up the day of the luncheon.
- **Discovery Class Dinner Night Out** – Once a quarter a dinner is planned for those attending the Discovery Class. These dinners take place in members' homes with a small number of class members attending. Hosting couples are needed to open their homes to 6 to 8 people.
- **Guest Follow-up** – Volunteers are needed to help follow up each week by phone with guests who were visiting Christ Covenant.
- **Bulletin Stuffers** – Volunteers are needed weekly to help stuff the bulletins with the weekly inserts. Come join a warm group of people who enjoy fellowshiping as they work. This process takes about one hour of time.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Unless otherwise stipulated, please contact Matt Smith at 704-708-6117 or Jan Adams at 704-708-6112 with additional questions about the opportunities listed below.

SENIOR HIGH

Sunday Bible School: Meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Harbor of the Wilcox Building (C-Building). Students in ninth through twelfth grades meet together for a time of praise and worship and then break into smaller groups for more in-depth teaching. Beginning in September, senior high students will meet in the Dock (C-Building) at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship & coffee; then, at 9:30 a.m., they will break into grade-appropriate classes for teaching. Volunteer opportunities for involvement include teaching, hospitality teams or joining the worship team.

“The Link” a.k.a. Senior High Small Groups: Meets from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Harbor on Wednesday nights. Our evening starts with a “Link Leader” training time from 6:00-6:45 p.m. Then at 7:00 p.m., students begin with a time of worship until 7:45 p.m. At this point, we break into small groups where one adult leader discipled and mentors six to eight students. The vision for Link is: *“To make disciples of Christ by linking adults and students together.”* For those who have a passion for the Lord and high school students, contact us for opportunities to serve.

Sr. High Student Leadership Teams: There are four different student leadership teams in which students can be involved:

- **Timothy Project** – this is a mentoring ministry where 10th-12th grade senior high students lead small groups of middle school students. They meet every Sunday morning for discipleship and relationship building.
- **C2** – is the youth outreach ministry of Christ Covenant Youth Ministry. For more information, please see the section on C2 ministry.
- **CREW** – this 9th-12th grade leadership team functions as a behind-the-scenes team providing support for all the youth activities and programs.
- **Worship Team** – this is a music ministry where 10th-12th grade senior high students lead music for high school and middle school students on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

C2 Youth Outreach Ministry: Through personal contacts and relational gatherings, C2 (Considering Christ) purposes to introduce students to Jesus Christ, teach them to walk with Christ, and connect them to a local church where they will enjoy fellowship and encouragement of other believers. C2 seeks volunteer leaders to be involved with the following:

Sunday Night C2 Gatherings: Providence, Butler, and East Meck. high schools meet every Sunday night at Warner Park for team games from 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Students range from 6th-12th grade and meet together to enjoy relationships and hear the Gospel. Volunteer opportunities for involvement include building relationships with students at their schools and joining in games on Sunday nights.

Retreats & Mission Trips:

- **Fall Retreat** “Big What” is during the month of October, exact dates will be announced
- **Renovatus** (Prayer Retreat) is usually in March, exact dates will be announced
- **Seek the City** (Summer mission to Charlotte) in June; signups for this begin in January and close by March, so make sure you sign up early

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Timothy Project: is a middle school small group ministry. Middle school students are mentored in small groups by senior high students. It meets from 9:00-10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning from August until May and will meet in the C-Building in the Harbor.

EQUIP: is a group of students who want to take on some extra responsibility in middle school and try out their leadership potential. “By Invite Only” meets every Wednesday night throughout the school year.

Extra Middle Events: There will also be 3 “Late Nights” (time for middle school students to come together on a Friday night and hang out) during the school year. You can look for these in November, February, and April. Exact dates will be announced and published in the fall calendar.

Retreats:

- **Fall Retreat** (WORD) will be in September
- **Renovatus** (Prayer Retreat) is usually in March, exact dates will be announced
- **Seek the City** (Summer mission to Charlotte) in June; signups for this begin in January and close by March, so make sure you sign up early

STUDENT FAMILIES COMMUNITY

Sunday Bible School: Parents of middle and high school students meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Dock in the C Building. Beginning in September, we meet in C-105 for fellowship & coffee; then at 9:10 a.m., parents will break into small groups with an Elder facilitating discussion; then at 9:45 a.m., parents join together in the Harbor for large group teaching. Contact: Pastor Kris Decker 704-708-6117 or Jan Adams 704-708-6112

CHRIST COVENANT CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Christ Covenant has established season of life communities called congregational communities. Each community is shepherded and served by a staff pastor working with Elders and Deacons. Every member of Christ Covenant is assigned to one of these communities for the purpose of pastoral care.

Many activities at Christ Covenant, including Sunday Bible school classes, are organized by congregational communities. The following describes each of these communities as well as their activities and ministries in which you are encouraged to participate.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY (18/22)

Definition: High school graduates through 22 years of age

Purpose: Effectively minister to college-age individuals of Christ Covenant Church and southeast Charlotte through teaching, small groups, fellowship, evangelism, discipleship, retreats and other ministry opportunities in the name of Jesus Christ

Staff Contacts: Peter Eck at peck@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6161

Sunday School: Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings

YOUNG SINGLES COMMUNITY (Young Professionals)

Definition: 22 + years and unmarried

Purpose: Be a community for singles and catalyst for discipleship, outreach and missions

Staff Contacts: Pastor Mike Miller at mmiller@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1056
Andy Wyatt at 704-708-6169

Sunday School: Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings

YOUNG FAMILIES COMMUNITY (Second Acts)

Definition: Families without children or whose oldest child is in Elementary School or younger

Purpose: Love, shepherd and equip one another with a focus on assimilation, discipleship and fellowship, encouraging the use of gifts and talents of each member. Facilitate the discipleship goals of Christ Covenant

Staff Contacts: Pastor Gabe Sylvia at gsylvia@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6168
Pastor Steffen Mueller at smueller@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6109
Ministry Administrator Kim Westbrook at kwestbrook@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6107

Sunday School: Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings

STUDENT FAMILIES COMMUNITY

Definition:	Families of Middle School and/or High School students
Purpose:	Provide families and youth with opportunities, by God's grace, to increase their knowledge and love of Christ, to deepen their relationships with others in similar life stages, and to use their God-given gifts in service to others
Staff Contact:	Pastor Kris Decker at kdecker@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6115 Ministry Administrator Jan Adams at jadams@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6112
Sunday School:	<i>For Parents:</i> Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Curriculum taught by Student Family Pastor and Elder team. <i>For Middle School Youth:</i> Meets on Sundays as "Timothy Project" in the Harbor of the Wilcox Building (C-Building) at 9:00 a.m. Timothy Project meets as a large group and then breaks into grade- & gender-specific small groups. These groups are led by trained senior high leadership students. <i>For High School Youth:</i> Meets in a large group for fellowship and coffee on Sundays in the Dock of the Wilcox Building (C-Building) at 9:00 a.m. Students then break into grade-specific classes for teaching. These classes are taught by Elders and adult leaders.
Communications:	Weekly or bi-weekly student families email provides information about youth activities, information useful for parents, and prayer requests & praise reports within the Student Families Community. To be included in the distribution, contact Jan Adams at jadams@christcovenant.org

BOOMERS (YOUNG EMPTY NESTERS)

Definition:	Couples and singles parents of grown children
Purpose:	Love, shepherd and equip one another with a focus on assimilation, discipleship and fellowship, encouraging the use of gifts and talents of each member. Facilitate the discipleship goals of Christ Covenant
Staff Contacts:	Pastor Bernie Lawrence at blawrence@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6110 Ministry Administrator Kim Westbrook at kwestbrook@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6107
Sunday School:	Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings
Social Events:	Get to know other Boomers through dinners and other opportunities.

COVENANT SINGLES

Definition:	40+ years and unmarried
Purpose:	A community striving to become more Kingdom-focused, desiring a closer relationship with God, reaching out to others in need
Staff Contact:	Pastor Bruce Creswell at bcreswell@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6106 Mary Jo Culver at mculver@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1039
Sunday School:	Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings
Friday Night Dinner:	Gather for dinner and fellowship every Friday night. Restaurants are rotated monthly. Contact Mary Jo Culver at mculver@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1039
Sunday (brown bag) Lunch:	Bring your lunch and join us after the Worship Service; we meet in the Youth House Conference room. Contact Mary Jo Culver at mculver@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1039

SENIOR ADULTS COMMUNITY (Coram Deo)

- Definition:** Retired singles and couples
- Purpose:** Direct senior adult members in the use of their gifts, talents and years of experience in the service of Christ and His Church
- Staff Contacts:** Pastor Bruce Creswell at bcreswell@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6106
Ministry Administrator Vicki Simpson at vsimpson@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6104
- Sunday School:** Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings
- Mentoring:** Older women nurturing younger women; older men nurturing younger men
- Social Events:** Get involved with luncheons, dinners and special trips that provide spiritual and social encouragement.
- Sewing for the Missions:** Cut out and sew multiple items that are carried to many of our mission fields throughout the year.
Contact Susan Reinken at sreinken@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1064
- Transportation:** Provide transportation to church on Sunday.
Contact Dick Dear at 704-643-1483

Every Tuesday night there is a Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in The Dock, located in building C.