

## MORNING WORSHIP

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. Psalm 100:4*

### GATHERING TO PRAISE AND ADORE OUR GOD

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*God's Word*

*Confession of Sin*

Heavenly Father,

We praise you for your amazing grace. Though we deserved punishment for our sins, you were merciful to the world. In love and justice you gathered our iniquities and laid them upon your Son so that we might be forgiven. Enable us now by your Holy Spirit to turn from our sinful ways so that we might walk in the way of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness*

### WORSHIP IN HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

Jesus There's No One Like You

The Gospel Song

### WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD READ PUBLICLY

Psalm 41 (Page 469)

### WORSHIP THROUGH JOINING OUR HEARTS TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Glorious Day

### WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD PROCLAIMED

A Controversy Over Family and the Choice We All Face | Matthew 12:46-50 | Bradley Aucoin

### PRAYER WITH THE ELDERS

*(As we stand and sing together, you are invited to come forward and pray with the elders about any concerns you might have.)*

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Tis So Sweet

### BENEDICTION TO RETURN AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS TO THE WORLD

### BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

## PRAYER LIST

**Members:** Stephanie Edwards, Paddy Garrett, Miriam Holmes, Jean Raggio, and Brandon Reynolds.

**Church Family:** That we would view our life together as a church family as central to what it means for us to be a Christian people.

## A Controversy Over Family and the Choice We All Face

Mt. 12:46-50 (P. 818)

### The Controversy

### The Controversial Truth

"[T]he anti-family passages cited earlier . . . [Matt. 8:21-22, 10:34-38] are not primarily intended to force us to get our priorities right by elevating our personal relationship with God above our commitments to natural family relations. The loyalty conflict is not about making a choice between God and people. Rather, it is about choosing between one group of people and another—between our natural family and our eternal family." Joseph Hellerman, *When the Church Was a Family*, p. 63.

*Traditional Priority List:* God (1<sup>st</sup>)—Family (2<sup>nd</sup>)—Church (3<sup>rd</sup>)—Others (4<sup>th</sup>)

*Jesus' Priority List:* God's Family (1<sup>st</sup>)—My Family (2<sup>nd</sup>)—Others (3<sup>rd</sup>)

### The Choice We All Face

1. *Join, by Faith in Christ, the People for Whom Christ Died*

2. *Love Christ and His Family (i.e. Don't Commit Adultery)*

"By becoming a Christian, I belong to God and I belong to my brothers and sisters. It is not that I belong to God and then make a decision to join a local church. My being in Christ means being in Christ with those others who are in Christ. This is my identity. This is our identity. To fail to live out our corporate identity in Christ is analogous to the act of adultery; we can be Christian and do it, but it is not what Christians should do. The loyalties of the new community supersede even the loyalties of biology."

Tim Chester, *Total Church: A Radical Reshaping around Gospel and Community*, p. 4



### Questions to Help You Respond in Faith and Obedience to God's Word

1. It's common to hear people say that everyone is a "child of God," but how does verse 50 help us rightly define who is truly a part of God's family? What does this truth reveal about your relationship to God?
2. If you are a Christ-follower, what are the implications for you that you are now part of God's family? What privileges and responsibilities are upon you? How can you enjoy and keep these two things this week?

### Questions to Ask a Friend After the Worship Service

1. How did God's Word speak to you today—to bring comfort, challenge or encouragement?
2. How can I pray for you this week?

Next Week: Matthew 13:1-23 (If you have questions about God, what it means to follow Christ, our church or one of our sermons, please email us because we'd love to help if we can--[christcovenantchurchbr@gmail.com](mailto:christcovenantchurchbr@gmail.com)).

# WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

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*If you have questions about following Christ, reach out to a pastor, elder or even a church member sitting near you. Our church family would love to help you in any way that we can.*

**Pastor:** Bradley Aucoin | **Assoc. Pastor:** Shawn Branscum  
**Pastoral Assistant:** Josh Motta **Pastor Emeritus:** Phill Yoho  
**Pianist:** Vasil Cvetkov  
**Elders:** Bradley Aucoin, Shawn Branscum, Matt Edwards, Scott Gendron, Bob Welch, and Casey Williamson

## COVID PRECAUTIONS

- The aisle to the far left (as you face the pulpit) is reserved for those who are at a higher risk for Covid.
- The Offering Box in the back of the sanctuary can be used for Giving to the Lord's Work and Welcome Cards.

## TODAY AND THE WEEKS AHEAD

**CCC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFO MEETING--SATURDAY, NOV. 6 FROM 10-11 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:** Pastor Bradley and Chris Shipley will be discussing the "Why, What, When and How" of CCE (Christ Covenant Elementary), which is set to begin with 1st Grade in the Fall of 2022. Whether your children end up attending CCE or not, this discussion will be helpful as you develop a Philosophy of Education (i.e. discipleship). For more info, contact Bradley or Chris. For childcare that morning (0-2 years of age), contact Erika at [erikaroseprice@gmail.com](mailto:erikaroseprice@gmail.com).

**MEMBERS MEETING—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 11:30 AM:** This will be a brief meeting (5 minutes) to vote on the 2022 Proposed Budget (purple sheet on the Resource Table). Please direct any questions you have to our elders.

## OTHER WAYS TO PARTNER TOGETHER IN THE GOSPEL

**"LIVING FOR GOD IN A DIVERSE AND PLURALISTIC WORLD"—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 FROM 7-8:15 PM:** Darrell Bock will be speaking (webinar) about this issue and what it means for the church. RSVP to Erika for childcare.

**TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL CONFERENCE—APRIL 19-21, 2022:** A group of men from CCC are going to the last T4G Conference in Louisville and, if you would like to accompany us, please contact Shawn. T4G is a very edifying 2-day event filled with great singing (with over 6,000 others!), personal testimonies, panels on current issues and excellent preaching from God's Word. We would love to have a group from our church family go there together.

**"THE FAMLEE ROOM" PODCAST:** Download this podcast, produced by our own Andrew Franzella, and get to know members of your church family and be encouraged by the evidences of grace all around us.

**"FALL FOOD ROUNDUP" FOR LOUISIANA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME:** All donations should be brought to the church for pickup by Wednesday, November 17 Pick up a flyer on the Resource Table for a complete list of needs.

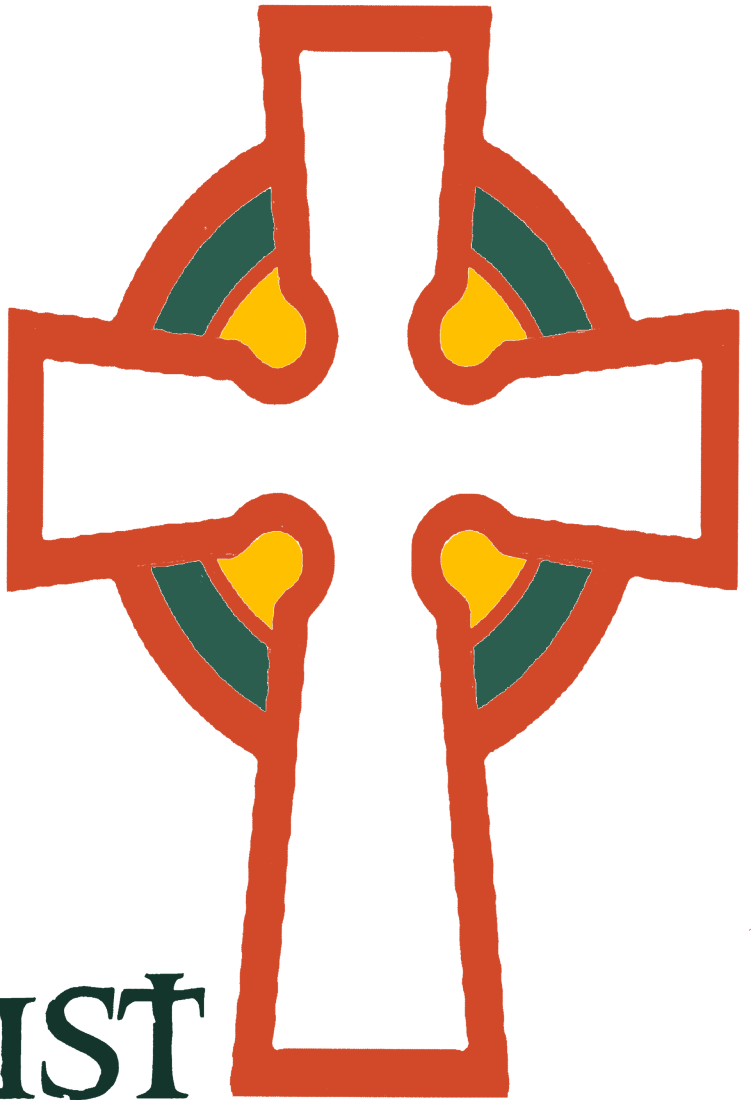
**MINISTRY COORDINATOR NEEDED--KOREAN CENTRAL CHURCH OF BR:** If you'd like to serve this church on Saturday afternoons by being an English speaking Youth and/or Children's Minister (a married couple could fill both spots), please contact Pastor Choi at 225-939-4068 about exact needs, pay and schedule.

**VISITOR/SENIOR ADULT PARKING:** Please note that there is Reserved Parking for our guests and senior citizens along the playground fence.

**BUILDING FUND MATCHING CHALLENGE:** For the first \$81,000 given to the BF between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 (see below for total given to date), another \$81,000 will be given—and, together, \$162,000 will be enough to pay off an entire year's worth of principal/interest on our loan. This is giving over and above the Operational Budget, and your faithful giving is appreciated.

Building Fund Contributions | \$4,470 (Since Oct. 1, 2021)

FINANCIAL UPDATE	Budgeted Giving	Actual Giving	Surplus (Deficit)
<i>as of 10/25/21 (rounded)</i>	\$620,190	\$526,454	(-\$93,738)



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