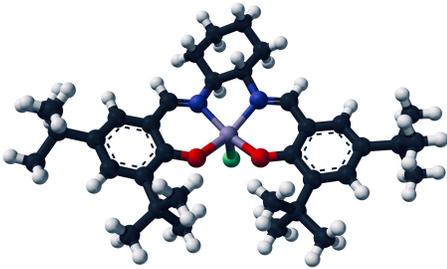


## Catalyst 2019



*Catalyst* is a plan designed to gain understanding, spark conversations, encourage prayer, and build community through planning around the Vision and Mission of Christ Covenant Church for the re-planting of a church through a movement of the gospel at 3100 Covenant Road.

It is our hope that all those in attendance at Christ Covenant will be participants in this movement of God here in Columbia. We believe that what God has done in bringing two churches together to become one is for the growth of the gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives and around the world. Therefore we invite you to be a part of this movement of God and not just a spectator.

## Catalyst 2019 Timeline

January 2019

November 2019

Catalyst Sermon Series  
January - February  
*Sermons on our Vision*

Catalyst Conversations  
February - March  
*Discussing the Vision  
& Mission*

Catalyst Prayer  
April - June  
*Thanking God for  
& Asking Him to  
Accomplish His Will*

Catalyst Planning  
June - November  
*Group Planning  
Sessions*

You can listen to the Catalyst Sermon Series: *Gospel Centrality* - Galatians 2:11-21, *Stewarding a Gospel Movement* - 1 Peter 2:4-12, *God Seeks Worshipers* - John 4, *God Builds Community* - Acts 2:37-48, *Generous Lives* - Luke 10:25-37, and *Humble Cultural Engagement* - John 5:1-17 at [www.ccotc.org/sermons](http://www.ccotc.org/sermons).

## Catalyst Conversations...Sign Up for One in the Narthex at Barnwell St.

Please take the opportunity to participate in a Catalyst Conversation by signing up after Worship or Life Groups. Catalyst Conversations are a one time opportunity for you to participate with other church members, regular attenders, and guests in a discussion around CCC's Vision and Mission. We desire that you have an opportunity to engage yourselves and affirm together what we believe is God's biblical vision for his church. The Catalyst Conversation is a small group gathering of 8-10 people facilitated by a couple (husband & wife) who will be prepared to lead the discussion. We desire that the Catalyst Sermon Series and the Catalyst Conversations will lead us as a church toward a planning process for the re-planting of Christ Covenant Church at 3100 Covenant Road. Therefore, your participation in these conversations is vital to a movement of the gospel at Christ Covenant Church.

## Property Renovations Update

As we continue to trust God in his movement with Christ Covenant Church it is our desire to be one church in one location at 3100 Covenant Road. The facilities and grounds at Covenant Road have served the congregation and community well since 1951. We want to continue to be good stewards of this property as we seek to do worship, life, and ministry together in this community. We want this property to not only serve the congregation effectively, but we desire that this property be used as part of our generous lives in a humble cultural engagement here in Columbia. Therefore, we desire to see this property experience renovations over the coming years that will allow us to effectively serve the church and the community for years to come.

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All buildings have a life span. There are times in the life of structures where they begin to need repair for their continued effectiveness in serving the needs for which they were constructed. There are also times in the life of a building and it's property where it needs to be cared for so that it remains effective and useful to it's community. We believe our attractiveness as a church is in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we are changed by the gospel. Our lives centered around the gospel personally and expressed generously in words and deeds is what God uses in building his church. But we also believe in facilities as centers for our expressed gospel centered lives. And just as our lives and churches need renewal, so do these facilities where we worship, do life, and ministry together in our community. Therefore we are trusting God to provide for needed renovations at 3100 Covenant Road.

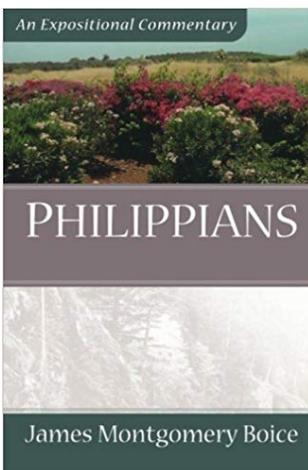
The first phase of those renovations will be to the sanctuary and nursery space. The estimated cost of these renovations is \$325,000. The leadership of the church has chosen to use Hood Construction of Columbia to carry out this work with design leadership from the Catalyst Architech group of Lexington. Hood Construction can complete the needed renovations in 4 weeks after they begin construction.

The leadership of the Christ Covenant Church is in favor of continuing morning worship at 1824 Barnwell Street and evening worship at Petersen Hall until the time that the money is raised to complete the Phase I Renovations (\$325,000) or the Barnwell Street property sells. Phase II Renovations of the bathrooms, office space, and a gathering area off the Sanctuary would come at a later date after we have relocated to the Covenant Road location.

You can see visuals of the renovations and our process displayed outside the sanctuary at the Barnwell St. property.

If you are interested in giving to the Building Fund that will be used to accomplish the Phase I Renovations please make your checks payable to Christ Covenant Church memo: "Phase I Building Fund". To date we have seen God provide \$75,000 of the \$325,000 needed.

## Joy in Everything



The apostle Paul writes from prison to the church at Philippi, "Rejoice in the Lord, again I say, rejoice!" (4:4). In my reading and re-reading of this affectionate letter by the church planter to this church that has generously participated in a gospel centered partnership with Paul, I have seen that there is joy in everything.

There is joy in their relationship. There is joy in God's purposes and plans. There is joy in suffering. There is joy in being generous. There is joy in a shared ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. There is joy in plenty and in want. All these joys are rooted in Jesus the Joy in all their joys. As C.S.Lewis states, "Joy is the serious business of heaven." Heaven came down to us in the incarnation of Jesus Christ to make him our lasting and everlasting Joy. But the biting pains of the earth rise up to rob him from us. Therefore, God is calling us to live in Jesus Christ as our joy in the consistent pains of this earth.

I encourage you to read, re-read and participate in our study of Philippians on Sunday mornings that we may together have Joy in Everything. One of the resources I have found helpful in my studies is the late Dr. James Boice's commentary on Philippians. I have found it refreshing and insightful. It is pastoral and engaging helping us to get a better grasp on this compelling letter. **[You can order here.](#)**