

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

Ginny Knight on the death of her mother, Marsha Bourn.

Deacons' Mercy Offering — This month's special offering is the PCA Women's Love Offering which directly benefits the young women of Covenant College through the support of a new position in the Covenant Chapel Department. The department is hiring a chapel associate for discipleship, whose primary focus will include ministering to the young women on Covenant's campus.

Surviving the Holidays — For those who are grieving a loved one's death during this season, we are hosting a GriefShare seminar, "Surviving the Holidays," this Tuesday, November 7, at 7 p.m. in the worship center, room 211. To register, contact Mary Jo Culver at mculver@christcovenant.org.

Men's Intensive Discipleship Program — We will go back to the basics and consider the significance of our Presbyterian identity, including implications for our discipleship that many of us have not previously considered. All men are welcome. We will meet weekly in the CLC chapel beginning this Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

AHG Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser — On Thursday, November 9, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Community Life Center, the American Heritage Girls (AHG) at Christ Covenant will have a spaghetti dinner and silent auction to raise funds to help ship Operation Christmas Child boxes overseas and to support the girls in an overnight trip to the zoo. Please order your meal at <http://bit.ly/AHG-spaghetti>.

Thanksgiving Feast — This year's Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Sunday, November 12, following morning worship. See the insert for more details. **Recipes are also available online on our News page (<https://christcovenant.org/news>).*

Help Build a Habitat House! — Join us as we assist in building a Habitat House for the Kingombe family in the Crestdale community in Matthews! Our final Christ Covenant Church build day is November 18. No construction background is necessary, but builders must be at least 17 years old. We also need to provide 25 bag lunches for the site volunteers. Children are welcome to help prepare these meals!

CDS Scholarship — Covenant Day School is accepting applications for its Roper Scholarship, which covers up to 80% of a student's annual tuition. This scholarship is available only to Christ Covenant Church member families considering enrolling a new student for the 2018-2019 school year, who would also qualify for financial assistance. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is January 15, 2018. Please contact the CDS Admissions office at 704-847-2385 for more information or to pick up an application. The application can also be downloaded at christcovenant.org/news.

Watching Our Budget — Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all of the ministries of Christ Covenant. Please continue to pray for God's provision in 2017. As a reminder, the Our Heritage pledge fulfillment period goes through December 2017.

<i>Inflow 1/1/17 – 10/29/17</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	4,036,923	4,060,500	(23,577)	(0.58%)
Faith Promise Budget	249,119	239,700	9,419	3.93%
<i>12/1/14 – 10/29/17</i>	<i>Gifts Received</i>	<i>3-Year Commitment</i>	<i>Fulfillment %</i>	
Our Heritage	3,539,053	3,500,000	101.12%	

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For the 375,000 believers in Nepal where the government has just enacted a law making it illegal to share the gospel or engage in any form of evangelism. Pray for the safety of missionaries in the country.

Our Presbytery: Cross Park Church, Charlotte, and Rev. Jeff Hardy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shows special and monthly events and start of weekly programs. See our website for more church events/programs and the E-Courier (e-newsletter) for this week's events.

This Week

Sunday 5th | Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.)
Tuesday 7th | GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays (7 p.m.)
Wednesday 8th | Monthly women's Bible study: Philippians (7 p.m.)
Thursday 9th | AHG spaghetti fundraiser (5:30 p.m.)
Thursday 9th | Men's Intensive Discipleship Program (6:30 p.m.)
Friday 10th | Senior Adult ladies luncheon (11:30 a.m.)
Saturday 11th | Monthly women's Bible study: Philippians (9:30 a.m.)

Upcoming Events

Nov. 12 | Thanksgiving Feast luncheon (note: joint SBS that day)
Nov. 15 | Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)
Nov. 17 | Annual CDS Holiday Market (7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
Nov. 17 | Senior Adult men's lunch (11:30 a.m.)
Nov. 18 | Habitat build day

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

Christ Covenant's Thanksgiving Feast

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. — Colossians 2:6-7

Your worship folder today includes a flyer with the details about one of Christ Covenant's best gatherings of each year, our Thanksgiving Feast. Please make sure you read it!

If you are among our welcomed guests or new members, you may well be wondering what possesses a church to plan an event that happens almost two weeks before the "real day" and involves so many people. The answer is simple. This feast is not about the food, but the filling up on time together, on sitting around tables and sharing the many, many ways God has provided for us since we last sat down together.

This is family time. A time when everyone who God has brought into our fellowship is enfolded. It's our time to praise God for His faithfulness in growing our church. It's a day to see our youth in action as helpers – and recognize young men and women who might have been in the nursery when you were serving in the Children's Ministry. It's a time to hug new babies and old friends who you see in passing most Sundays, but haven't had a chance to talk to. It is a time to remember a year of God's providential work in and through Christ Covenant Church.

Come and feast on God's goodness with us next Sunday. Bring your gifts of food for the Matthews HELP Center. Bring the pan of food that's your part of our common meal and fill up on the joy of shared stories about God's incredible kindness in every circumstance.