

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to ...

Alejandro and Dawn Baeza on the arrival of their son, Luca Mateo

Seek the City (StC) Registration is Open — Our summer mission week for youth (June 17-22) is now open for registrations. For more information and to register, go to christcovenant.org/ministries/youth/seek-the-city.

Trail Life Barbecue Sale — Trail Life Troop NC-0413 is having its annual smoked BBQ sale. Ordering is open online through March 9 at bit.ly/TrailLifeBBQ. You can also order directly from one of the Trailmen. Pickup/delivery is March 23 and 24. Your support of this ministry of Christ Covenant Church is greatly appreciated.

Men's Intensive Discipleship Program — Our next study in our Men's Intensive Discipleship Program will be on Thursdays from February 22-March 22 at 7:00 PM. All men are invited to this five-week program, where we will study Jerry Bridges' classic book, *The Disciplines of Grace: God's Role and Our Role in the Pursuit of Holiness*. See our insert for more information.

Cooking for a Cause — The Women's Ministry invites all women to join this outreach event where we will be meeting in homes the week of February 27 to prepare casseroles for the Charlotte Rescue Mission. The cost is \$10, which covers the cost of the casserole ingredients. Registration is open at bit.ly/CCC-CFAC. More information is on the News page of the website and in today's bulletin insert.

Global Missions Conference — Our Missions Conference on Sunday, March 4, is an annual event where Christ Covenant dedicates time to engage our members in the advancement of the Kingdom of God. We will be highlighting some of our supported missionaries through their testimonies and discover ways we can be involved in the Great Commission. Sunday school communities will have the opportunity to hear from our missionaries. In both the morning and the evening services, Mack Stiles, the founding pastor of an international church in Northern Iraq, will be preaching. You won't want to miss this opportunity to be encouraged and challenged. More information is available at christcovenant.org/missions-conference.

RTS Lecture Series: Rosaria Butterfield — Reformed Theological Seminary has invited Rosaria Butterfield to speak on Tuesday, February 20, at 10 a.m., at Christ Covenant. This event is meant to equip the church as they address the culture in a relevant and gospel-centered manner. See our E-Courier (on our News webpage) for direct links to information and registration. Tickets are \$12.00 and advance registration is required.

Please pray for Senior Pastor Kevin DeYoung and his outside ministry commitments this spring:

- February 22-23 – PCA Women's Ministry Leadership Training (Atlanta, GA)
- March 8-10 – Ligonier National Conference (Orlando, FL)
- March 17-18 – Sovereign Grace PCA Missions Conference (Charlotte, NC)
- April 11-13 – Together for the Gospel (Louisville, KY)

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 2018.

<i>Inflow 1/1/18 – 2/4/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	447,445	475,500	(28,055)	(5.9%)
Faith Promise Budget	21,092	21,700	(608)	(2.8%)

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For the believers sharing Christ in the Olympic Village and venues this week and for new believers returning to countries where it is a crime to be a Christian. Pray for imprisoned Christians in North Korea.

Our Presbytery: Carolina Presbyterian Church, Locust, and Rev. David Yorán

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shows special and monthly events and start of weekly programs. See our website for our online calendar and the News page for the E-Courier and other announcements.

This Week

Sunday 11th | Morning & evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)

Wednesday 14th | WBS: Philippians monthly study (7 p.m.)

Friday 16th | Senior Adults men's monthly lunch (11:30 a.m.)

Upcoming Events

Feb 20 | Rosaria Butterfield lecture (10 a.m.)

Feb 22 | Men's Intensive Discipleship Program begins (7 p.m.)

Feb 27-Mar 2 | Cooking for a Cause

Mar 4 | Global Missions Sunday

Mar 5 | GriefShare begins (6:30 p.m.)

Mar 16 | CDS ContainIt Clay Shoot fundraiser

Mar 24 | Children's Easter Egg Hunt (10 a.m.)

Mar 25 | Palm Sunday

Mar 25 | Annual Spring Lunch (12:15 p.m.)

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

Counseling at Christ Covenant

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. — Psalm 73:24

If you have ever responded with a big smile and a cheery “fine” when the real answer to “How are you?” would have been more like “Don’t ask,” you can understand a little of the pain suffered by men and women and families who are trying to cope with a long period of “Don’t ask” days.

Believers are not immune to the challenges that can disrupt families, split couples, or leave individuals in emotional distress. Under the leadership of our senior associate pastor, Bernie Lawrence, the Pastoral Care ministry is a safe and honest space where hurting people can find biblical solutions to their most difficult problems. Our pastors consider it a privilege to counsel with members who are struggling in life, to assist them in understanding God's promises, purposes, and provision in such times as well as point them toward sources of assistance.

In addition to pastoral counseling, Pastoral Care includes premarital counseling for all couples being married at Christ Covenant and offers support groups for divorce recovery for both adults and children, grief support, and those struggling with sexual brokenness. These groups are regularly available through the year. Some are ongoing and some are limited-time studies.

To learn more about the Pastoral Care ministry at Christ Covenant Church, visit christcovenant.org/ministries/pastoral-care. To request an appointment with one of our counseling pastors, please contact Kim Westbrook at 704-708-6107 or kwestbrook@christcovenant.org.

Submit prayer requests by pew card, email to prayer@christcovenant.org, or call the church office, 704-847-3505. In a pastoral emergency, call 704-708-6101.