

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

American Heritage Girls Pound Cake Sale — AHG is partnering with Trail Life to bring you pound cake. The sale is open now through March 15. Find an AHG member or order online at bit.ly/AHG-poundcakes. You can pick up your cake along with your BBQ on March 23 or 24. This sale helps our troop girls offset the cost of summer camp, pays for national AHG programming fees, and it's a delicious way to keep these rich programs and experiences in the lives of our girls and young women.

Men's Intensive Discipleship Program — Our next study in our Men's Intensive Discipleship Program will be on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning this week — February 22 — and go through March 22. 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 the insert for details.

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 in the news section on our website's homepage and on the News webpage.

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.

Conquer Series for Men — Men are invited to join the Set Free team for the Conquer Series for Men: The Battle Plan for Purity. This is a 6-session series for men who are ready to fight for purity or to walk alongside their brothers in this battle. The class begins Monday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. See today's insert for more information including class dates.

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 – 2/11/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	524,576	570,500	(45,924)	(8.0%)
Faith Promise Budget	23,207	26,400	(3,193)	(12.1%)

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For believers in the growing underground church in Iran where those who secretly gather to worship in homes and other places risk imprisonment by their government.

Our Presbytery: Christ Central Church, Charlotte, and Rev. Howard Brown

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 18th | Morning & evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
Monday 19th | Yarn Lovers Ministry evening group (7 p.m.)
Wednesday 21st | Yarn Lovers Ministry morning group (10 a.m.)
Thursday 22nd | Men's Intensive Discipleship Program begins (7 p.m.)

Upcoming Events

Feb 27-Mar 2 | Cooking for a Cause
Mar 4 | Global Missions Sunday
Mar 5 | GriefShare begins (6:30 p.m.)
Mar 16 | CDS Containlt 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.)
Mar 26-30 | Holy Week - no evening meetings

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT Faith Promise and Our Missions Ministries

*For they gave according to their means, as I can testify,
and beyond their means, of their own accord, — 2 Corinthians 8:3*

Christ Covenant's plan to support its missionaries, Christian ministry workers, and church planters has its roots in the beginnings of our church. Our young congregation was strongly committed to sharing the gospel around the world and our enthusiasm for sharing in the vision of those whose mission stories we heard typically outstripped what the church budget had allotted. We wanted to support the work of missions without affecting our other ministries. Our solution was Faith Promise.

Faith Promise giving supported (and continues to support) our missionaries as God provided money to our church through families who promised with confidence in God's provision, without knowing how the promise might be met.

This commitment is a source of multiple blessings: the recipients, the donors, and everyone who hears the testimony of how God may have provided the funds to fulfill the promise. God's provision has been on display in piggy banks full of the coins earned helping out mom and dad around the house to the gifts made possible because of unexpected raises or bonuses, even sales that freed up money that had been put aside for an expected purchase. God has demonstrated His ability to provide what has been promised in beautiful ways, year after year.

If you've never been a part of Faith Promise, we invite you to join in this year. Every dollar you give goes to the support of our cooperating missionaries and ministry workers, blessing them, and blessing you in the process!

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.