

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

Gary Burton on the death of his father and our member, Sherrill Burton

Gaylene Scheide on the death of her mother, Marlene Zimmerman

Introducing Our New MS Director — We are excited to announce our new director of middle school ministries: David Chambers. David grew up at Christ Covenant Church and graduated from Liberty with a BS in psychology/Christian counseling. He was the director of youth and children's ministry at Jackson Park Ministries before he left Charlotte in 2014 to work as youth director at First Presbyterian PCA in Summerville, GA. In 2016, he moved to Douglasville, GA, to teach high school Bible at Harvester Christian Academy. David is married to Brittany, and they are looking forward to raising a family in his hometown of Charlotte. He will start his ministry here on May 14.

Welcome Cross Covenant Chinese Church! — This Christ Covenant-supported church plant will begin worshipping today in our Community Life Center chapel at 10:45 a.m. See <https://crossccc.org> for more information.

Women's Beach Getaway — The Women's Ministry is hosting a weekend at the Ocean Crest Motel in Oak Island for a few days of rest, refreshment, and fellowship! For more information and to register, see the news item on our website's homepage or news page (christcovenant.org/news). The deadline to register is April 9.

Vacation Bible School — Vacation Bible school at Christ Covenant Church is part of our Seek the City youth mission week, June 18-22. Registration will open on May 1. VBS is free and open to children ages 5-11 (Note: Children must be 5 on or before June 18, 2018, to be able to participate). Information and registration will be at christcovenant.org/seek-the-city, so look for it soon!

ProjectSHARE — In March, our ProjectSHARE collection is for Changed Choices. See christcovenant.org/projectshare for more information and the list of items that we are collecting. Our April collection will be for Matthews HELP Center.

Youth Spring Retreat — On April 27-29, the middle school and high school youth will combine for their spring retreat and head to Camp Thunderbird in Lake Wylie, SC, for a youth retreat of our presbytery. The topic of the retreat is "What it means to have the Holy Spirit." Total cost is \$135. You won't want to miss it!!! Registration closes Sunday, April 15, at midnight.

Women's Summer Bible Study — The Women's Ministry is offering a six-week study on "God's Covenant with Noah" led by Carolyn Carpenter. The class begins on June 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. and costs \$5. Please see christcovenant.org/wbs for more details and to register for this class.

Please pray for Senior Pastor Kevin DeYoung and his outside ministry commitments this spring. **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 – 3/18/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	1,097,722	1,063,500	34,222	3.2%
Faith Promise Budget	79,103	76,200	2,903	3.8%

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For believers in Vietnam where God is at work in young churches and the gospel is spreading in spite of resistance.

Our Presbytery: Cross Creek Presbyterian, Fayetteville, and Pastor Josh Owen

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 25th | Palm Sunday

Sunday 25th | Morning & evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)

Sunday 25th | Annual Spring Lunch (after morning worship)

March 26th-30th | Holy Week

Thursday 29th | Maundy Thursday worship with Communion (7 p.m.)

Friday 30th | Senior Adults' brunch at Stacks (10 a.m.)

Friday 30th | Good Friday worship service (12 p.m.)

Upcoming Events

Apr. 1 | Easter Sunday (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. worship)

*NO Sunday school or Discovery Class

Apr. 8 | Nathan Clark George installation service (6 p.m.)

Apr. 15 | HisAbilities informational gathering & lunch (12:15 p.m.)

Apr. 15 | Lord's Supper for April

Apr. 27-29 | MS/HS spring retreat

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

HisAbilities Informational Gathering & Lunch

"The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,"

— 1 Corinthians 12:21-22

At Christ Covenant Church, we believe that every person bears the sacred dignity of being made in the image of God and that those individuals and families who have been affected by disability are indispensable to the life and ministry of the church, having an integral role to play and unique gifts to share.

HisAbilities is our ministry seeking to serve and minister to those affected by disability and support them as they find their place to minister as well. We praise God for the recent growth and new open doors for ministry He has provided and for the committed team of ministry volunteers and creative leaders who help to make it all happen. This is an exciting time to be involved with HisAbilities! In fact, there are so many opportunities for fruitful ministry we would love to have a greater capacity to pursue.

If you are not familiar with HisAbilities or perhaps have been thinking about getting involved and want to learn more, please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 15, immediately after morning worship in the lower school cafeteria (Building C), when we'll have a barbecue for members of the HisAbilities community and anyone who wants to learn more about the ministry. Please RSVP to Kelsey Cawthorn at kcawthorn@christcovenant.org so that we can plan for you!

To learn more about HisAbilities, please go to our website (Ministries > Special Needs) or contact Pastor Dave Baxter at dbaxter@christcovenant.org.