

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ProjectSHARE — In April, our ProjectSHARE collection is for the Matthews HELP Center. See christcovenant.org/projectshare for more information and the list of items that we are collecting. Please drop off items on Sundays at the Info Desk.

Harry Reeder at RTS — Our founding pastor, Dr. Harry Reeder, will be at RTS Charlotte next week. On April 9, he will lead a seminar on church planting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then, on April 10, he will speak at their 10 a.m. chapel service. This is a 30 minute informal time of worship, so come as you are! After chapel (until 11:45 a.m.), you are also welcome to stop in the RTS bookstore/coffee shop to chat with Dr. Reeder. Details and RSVP information for the April 9 seminar is in our E-Courier.

HisAbilities Informational Gathering and Lunch — For anyone who wants to know more about our HisAbilities ministry (which serves and ministers to those affected by disability) or has been thinking about getting involved, please join us on Sunday, April 15, immediately after morning worship in the lower school cafeteria (Building C) for a barbecue lunch. This event is for members of the HisAbilities community and those who want to learn more about the ministry. Please RSVP to Kelsey Cawthorn at kcawthorn@christcovenant.org so that we can plan for you! See christcovenant.org/ministries/special-needs for more information about HisAbilities.

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 the weekend of April 20-22. For details and to register, see the news item on our homepage and news page (christcovenant.org/news). Register by April 9.

Youth Spring Retreat — Our middle school and high school youth will combine for their spring retreat the weekend of April 27-29 and go to Camp Thunderbird in Lake Wylie, SC, to join other youth groups in our presbytery for "What it means to have the Holy Spirit." The cost is \$135. Registration closes Sunday, April 15, at midnight.

Women's Summer Bible Study — This summer, 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. Registration is now open. Please see christcovenant.org/wbs for more details and to register for this class.

Vacation Bible School — Vacation Bible school at Christ Covenant Church is a mission 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). Please encourage your friends and neighbors to register their children for this transforming week. Information and registration will be at christcovenant.org/seek-the-city, so look for it soon!

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 – 3/25/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	1,217,790	1,163,500	54,290	4.7%
Faith Promise Budget	88,335	86,400	1,935	2.2%

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For believers and Christian workers in India where the level of persecution is still increasing. Pray that the government will rescind the anti-Christian policies that encourage the hostility of Hindu militants.

Our Presbytery: Cross Park Church, Charlotte, and Rev. Jordan Olshefski

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

(April 1-7)

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

*NO Sunday school or Discovery Class

Friday 6th | No Senior Adult monthly luncheon

Upcoming Events

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

Apr. 13 | Picnic outing for elementary families (6 p.m.)

Apr. 15 | Communion Sunday (10:45 a.m. worship)

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

Apr. 20-22 | Women's Beach Getaway

Apr. 27-29 | MS/HS spring retreat

May 20 | Seek the City training begins

May 29 | MS weekly summer Bible study begins (6:30 p.m.)

May 30 | HS weekly Summer Nights begin (7 p.m.)

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

Easter 2018

"Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him." — Mark 16:6



...no mere man going to his grave could say, "I have power to take my life again." The departure of life leaves the man necessarily powerless: he cannot restore himself to life. Behold the sacred body of Jesus, embalmed in spices and wrapped about with linen; it is laid within the sealed and guarded tomb; how can it come forth to life? Yet Jesus said, "I have power to take My life again"; and he proved it true! Strange power! That spirit of his, which had traveled through the underlands, and upwards to the eternal glory, had power to return, and to re-enter that holy thing which had been born of the virgin, and to revivify that flesh which could not see corruption. Behold the dead and buried One makes himself to live! Herein is a marvelous thing. He was master over death, even when death seemed to have mastered him: he entered the grave as a captive, but left it as a conqueror. He was compassed by the bonds of death, but he could not be holden of them; even in his cerements he came to life; from those wrappings he unbound himself; from the close-fastened tomb he stepped into liberty. If, in the extremity of his weakness, he had the power to rise out of the sepulcher, and come forth in newness of life, what can he not now accomplish?

From C.S. Spurgeon's sermon preached April 21, 1889 on "The Power of the Resurrection"