

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

Joe Massengill on the death of his brother, Junior Massengill

Deacons' Special Offering — The special offering this month is for HisAbilities, a ministry of Christ Covenant Church that seeks to serve individual members and families with special needs including cognitive and physical disabilities. The ministry purpose is to come alongside covenant families with advocacy, resources and support with the goal of ensuring that Sunday worship services, classes, and church-wide activities are accessible to all members, regardless of disabilities. See christcovenant.org/ministries/special-needs for more information about HisAbilities.

Congregational Day of Prayer — This month's Day of Prayer is on Monday, April 23. You are welcome to come to the Community Life Center chapel anytime between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. where materials are available to help guide your prayer time. If a member or family seeks anointing or prayer with the elders, please come to the room nearest the CLC chapel between 6-7 p.m. or call Pastor Lawrence at 704-708-6110. More information is at christcovenant.org/prayer.

ProjectSHARE — In April, our ProjectSHARE collection is for the Matthews HELP Center. See our Highlight on the back of this sheet or go to christcovenant.org/projectshare for more information and the list of items that we are collecting. Please drop off items at the Information Desk any Sunday in April. Our May ProjectSHARE will be a book collection for Seek the City. The book list is available on the ProjectSHARE webpage if you want to get a head start!

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 **tonight at midnight!**

Pastors' Yard Day — We like to show our appreciation and support of our pastors by hosting a pastors' yard day. So, on Saturday, May 12, volunteers from the congregation will gather in small groups at each pastor's home to help them get their yards ready for the summer by trimming bushes, spreading mulch, pressure washing, planting flowers, and other small outdoor jobs. We'll begin at 9 a.m. and usually finish by 1 p.m. (Many helping hands are needed. The more we have the faster it goes!) To sign up, contact Mary Jo Culver at mculver@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1039.

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.

Yarn Needed — Yarn is always needed to help with our Yarn Lovers Ministry projects. If you would like to donate yarn (any kind except wool), please bring the yarn to the Information Desk on Sundays or to Mary Jo Culver during the week.

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 – 4/8/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	1,507,974	1,365,500	142,474	10.4%
Faith Promise Budget	105,061	98,800	6,261	6.3%

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For believers worshipping in congregations that have not been authorized by the Chinese government who are now subject to increased regulations and arrests.

Our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Ellerbe, and Pastor Stan Layton

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 15-21)

Sunday 15th | Communion Sunday (10:45 a.m. worship)
Sunday 15th | Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
Sunday 15th | HisAbilities informational gathering & lunch (12:15 p.m.)
Monday 16th | Yarn Lovers Ministry (7 p.m.)
Wednesday 18th | Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)
Friday 20th | Senior Adults men's lunch (11:30 a.m.)
Apr. 20-22 | Women's Beach Getaway

Upcoming Events

Apr. 23 | Congregational Day of Prayer (7 a.m.)
Apr. 24 | The Anchor End of Year Dessert (7 p.m.)
Apr. 27-29 | MS/HS Spring Retreat
May 12 | Pastors' Yard Day (9 a.m.)
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

Cross Covenant Chinese Church

「神愛世人，甚至將他的獨生子賜給他們，叫一切信他的，不至滅亡，反得永生。」

約翰福音 3:16

We are privileged to welcome a very special mission church plant to our campus. Cross Covenant Chinese Church is a new effort, now meeting for Sunday school at 9 a.m. in the high school commons and for worship at 10:45 a.m. in the CLC chapel. In addition, small groups meet on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon and 7-9 p.m. with an emphasis on outreach and evangelism. Under the leadership of Rev. Allen Chen, a graduate of RTS Charlotte who interned at Cross Park PCA. Cross Covenant wants to grow by building relationships with non-believers and sharing the unique claims of Christ.

According to the latest statistics, 12% of our area's 70,000 neighbors of Asian heritage are Chinese. This represents a significant and growing opportunity for Cross Covenant's outreach now and for the future. You can be a part of this growth with your prayers. Please pray for God to prepare the hearts of the men and women who respond to invitations to a small group and for many to come to Christ. Pray, too, for the connection of Chinese believers and Chinese congregations so they might encourage one another in ministry.

If you know a neighbor or coworker who may be interested in learning more about Cross Covenant, please contact Pastor Chen at 765-276-7743 or yinxinchengyi@gmail.com.