

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

David Henry on the death of his stepfather, David Covington

Congratulations to ...

Jackson and Lauren Edwards on the birth of their daughter,
Annabelle Claire Edwards

Artie and Kittery Van Sciver on the birth of their daughter,
Kate Irene Van Sciver

ProjectSHARE — In May, we are collecting new and very gently used books to use during our Matthews Elementary and Crestdale Middle School Seek the City camps. Books can be dropped off in the B-building or main lobby any Sunday in May, or the church office during the week. More information and the list of books are available at christcovenant.org/projectshare.

Vacation Bible School — Registration for vacation Bible school is open at christcovenant.org/seek-the-city. VBS at Christ Covenant Church is a mission of our Seek the City youth mission week, June 18-22. VBS is open to children ages 5-11.

Comfort for Mother's Day — For women who have lost babies, who are struggling with infertility, or who are post-abortive, Mother's Day is often a difficult day. A free copy of *Morning Will Come*, a collection of encouraging stories of people who have struggled with these issues is available for women who have experienced a loss. Please stop by the Caleb Ministries display in the main lobby for your copy. For more information, visit calebministries.org.

Class of 2018 — If you have a new (or soon-to-be) graduate in your family and would like his/her name included in the E-Courier beginning June 3, please email communications@christcovenant.org no later than Monday, May 28, and let us know the student's name, his or her school, degree information (if applicable), and future education plans or military service. On Sunday, June 10, we will recognize our graduates during morning worship.

Covenant Groups — New Christ Covenant Church Covenant Groups are being formed in the next few months, and we'd love for you to get involved! Contact Jennifer Dean (jdean@christcovenant.org) if you would like to join a Covenant Group. For information about small groups at Christ Covenant, including what our Covenant Groups are, see christcovenant.org/connect/small-groups.

Covenant Day Summer Camps — Children and youth, ages TK-12, are invited to participate in a variety of camp adventures this summer! Choose from athletic offerings, visual and performing arts, robotics, day camp, auto survival, personal finance, college admissions, and more! Information and registration: covenantday.org/summercamps.

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 – 5/6/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	1,940,646	1,760,500	180,146	10.2%
Faith Promise Budget	126,336	119,600	6,736	5.6%

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PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For God's grace in bringing religious freedom to the estimated 400,000 Christians in North Korea who now worship in secret. Pray for Kim Jong Un to end his persecution and open the border with South Korea.

Our Presbytery: Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church, Ellerbe, and Stated Supply
Pastor James Watson

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

(May 13-19)

Sunday 13th | Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
Wednesday 16th | CDS annual Booster Club golf tournament
Wednesday 16th | Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)
Friday 18th | Senior Adult men's lunch

Upcoming Events

May 20 | Seek the City training begins (9 a.m.)
May 20 | New Member Recognition Sunday (morning worship)
May 21 | Congregational Day of Prayer (7 a.m.)
May 23 | CDS baccalaureate (9 a.m.)
May 28 | Memorial Day holiday
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

Mother's Day 2018

"But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me." — Psalm 131:2

Happy Mother's Day to our great-grandmothers, grandmothers, mothers, mothers-to-be, guardians, and women who nurture those who are loved like children.

Our American holiday was proposed in the early 1900s by Anna Jarvis, a proud daughter who began the observance at her Methodist church in West Virginia as a way of honoring her late mother, who nursed wounded soldiers from both the North and the South during the Civil War. Ms. Jarvis believed her mother and women like her should be honored by their nation. Her work gained the support of the Sunday School Association and the attention of President Woodrow Wilson, who first designated the second Sunday in May as a national holiday in 1914. The celebration caught on so well that Ms. Jarvis tried to undo her work in later years, decrying the commercialization of the day.

She had the right idea. What moms treasure most on their holiday is not what gets bought, but the expressions of love any day: an unexpected hug, volunteering to help with dinner, folding a basket of laundry, saying thank you for a ride to practice.

The Bible says mothers are our teachers. They offer wisdom and "the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." Their greatest lesson for us is to reflect God's tender care. Mothers model God's willingness to quiet our souls, His desire to see us thrive, His provision of food for our souls, His comfort in loss, His patience as we grow. We are blessed.

Today, give thanks to our Creator God for godly mothers. And, take a minute to tell a mom you know how much she means to you.