

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officer Election — The Session has called for a congregational meeting today, Sunday, June 17, immediately after morning worship, for the purpose of voting on the election of elders and deacons who are returning from sabbatical. Pray for these men as they prepare to return to their active leadership roles. Their biographical information is in today's worship folder.

Seek the City (StC) Volunteers Still Needed — Seek the City is a week of ministry that begins TODAY and continues through Friday, June 22). We still need many volunteers from the congregation for it to run smoothly and for our youth to be able to minister to people on their worksites. As of Wednesday, June 13, we still need 23 food/serving volunteers (mainly casserole preparation), 18 worksite volunteers (mainly clean up crew), and 50 snack donations for the concession stand. Please consider helping out by going to christcovenant.org/seek-the-city and click on the links.

ProjectSHARE — Our June collection is for A21, an international nonprofit organization. In Charlotte, they assist survivors of human trafficking as they build their life on the premise of physical, mental, and emotional freedom. More information about A21 and the list of items we are collecting is available on our ProjectSHARE webpage, christcovenant.org/projectshare.

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) for more information about Covenant Groups or 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.

Youth Summer Programming — Middle school and high school youth have weekly Bible study meetings and fellowship, as well as special events and outings scheduled throughout the summer. Weekly programming includes the MS Bible Study (Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.) and HS Summer Nights (Wednesdays at 7 p.m.). For more information about these and other youth events this summer, please go to the youth page of our website (christcovenant.org/youth) and then click Middle School or High School in the right menu bar. *Note that there is no regular programming this week as our youth will be participating in Seek the City.

Covenant Day Summer Camps — Christ Covenant children and youth, ages TK-12, are invited to participate in 25+ summer camp adventures this June-August! Choose from a variety of athletic offerings, visual & performing arts, robotics, Camp Lion day camp, and skill-building camps like auto survival, personal finance, and college admissions. Led by a passionate team of faculty and staff, CDS summer camp leaders are committed to nurturing campers in the love of God and formation of Christian character. 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 – 6/10/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,403,972	2,241,000	162,972	7.3%
Faith Promise Budget	160,226	142,100	18,126	12.8%

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PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For Christians in the Philippines where growing militant attacks by Muslim rebels are on the increase. Last week two priests were murdered inside their churches.

Our Presbytery: South Charlotte Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dean Faulkner

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 (June 17-23)	Sunday 17 th Seek the City training (9 a.m.)
	Sunday 17 th Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
	Sunday 17 th Congregational Meeting (following morning worship)
	Sunday 17 th Seek the City begins (June 17-22)
	Monday 18 th Yarn Lovers Ministry (7 p.m.)
	Monday 18 th Vacation Bible school begins (9 a.m.) (June 18-22)
	Monday 18 th StC football camp begins (9 a.m.) (June 18-22)
	Wednesday 20 th Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)
	Saturday 23 rd Mission trip to Fairfield church plant (June 23-July 1)

Upcoming Events	Jun. 25 Congregational Day of Prayer
	Jul. 6 No Senior Adult lunch
	Jul. 21-28 Mexico mission project (youth and parents)

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

Father's Day 2018

"... like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God," — 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

No role in human experience compares to the challenge of fatherhood. Fathers are called to teach their families about God the Father through the whole of their lives – what they do, what they say, what they believe. Apart from God, no human father can succeed. But, with His strength they can love their families well. 17th Century puritan George Swinnock knew he could not be a good father without seeking God's grace. This is how he began his plea:

"I [pray] that the Word of Christ may dwell richly in my heart and house that my whole family may have their set meals every day of this spiritual food. How can I expect that children...who know not the God of their fathers, should serve Him with perfect hearts? (1 Ch 28:9). Alas! How often are their ignorant hearts (like dark cellars abounding in vermin) full of sin! O that I might so talk of the Word of God in my house, when I lie down and when I rise up, that it may be written upon the posts of my house and on my gates (Deu 6:7-8), that I may so often water the young plants in it that their first acquaintance may be acquaintance with God, and [that] from their childhood they may know the Holy Scriptures and be wise "unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Ti 3:15)...Though others labor to leave their children rich, let my endeavor be to leave mine [godly]. Lord, enable me so to teach them Thy trade in their youth that they may not depart from it when they are old (Pro 22:6), that their young years well led may be like the sweetness of a rose, whose fragrance remains in the dried leaves."