

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

Brian Schoeck on the death of his mother, Donna Mae Schoeck

Congratulations to ...

Carlton and Jenna Whitman on the birth of their son, Noah Ishmael Whitman

Congregational Day of Prayer — Our next day of prayer is tomorrow, June 25. The Community Life Center chapel will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. where materials will be 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 contact Pastor Bruce Creswell at bcreswell@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6106. More information is at christcovenant.org/prayer.

Officer Election Results — All officers were elected by an overwhelming margin at the congregational meeting last Sunday, June 17. Congratulations to our returning sabbatical officers.

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.

Women's Fall Bible Studies — Our fall session of Bible studies for women will begin in September. Registration will open on July 8. There are weekly and once-a-month studies to choose from. For information about these small groups opportunities, please see <http://christcovenant.org/wbs>.

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.

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.

Vendors for DIY Day — We are looking for women who make handmade items to be vendors at our DIY day on Saturday, October 13. Please contact Andrea Johnson at michaeejohnson@msn.com for more information.

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 – 6/17/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,487,343	2,338,500	148,843	6.4%
Faith Promise Budget	166,445	146,900	19,545	13.3%

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For Christians who have been imprisoned in Iran's most infamous torture facility as punishment for faith. Pray for Nasser Navard Gol-Tapeh, serving a ten year sentence for holding a prayer meeting in his home.

Our Presbyterian: Sovereign Grace Presbyterian, Charlotte, and Rev. Bill Barclay

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 24-30)

Sunday 24th | Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)

Monday 25th | Congregational Day of Prayer (7 a.m. - 9 p.m.)

Tuesday 26th | NO middle school summer Bible study

Wednesday 27th | NO high school summer nights

Upcoming Events

Jul. 6 | No Senior Adult lunch

Jul. 21-28 | Mexico mission project (youth and parents)

Jul. 22, 29, Aug 5 | Elective SBS classes for adults

Jul. 29 | Gideon Sunday

Aug. 12 & 19 | NO SBS for any age (children through senior adults)

Aug. 26 | Blessing the Children (6 p.m.)

Aug. 29 | CCYM (weekly youth ministry) resumes

Sept. 9 | Fall Discovery Class begins

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

The PCA General Assembly's Historic Choice

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." — Galatians 3:28

On June 12, at the Presbyterian Church in America's 46th General Assembly, Dr. Irwyn Ince was unanimously elected as its moderator. Ince is a teaching elder in the Potomac Presbytery, the director of the GraceDC Network Institute for Cross-Cultural Mission (ICCM), and the first African-American to be elected as PCA moderator.

A second career seminarian, Ince studied for the ministry as a part-time student at RTS Washington, D.C. while working full-time as an engineer for Motorola. He became a pastor in 2006 and earned his DMin. in 2016.

In an article for the PCA's *byFaith* magazine, Ince talked about his grandmother, who in 1947 was one of millions of African-Americans who left the oppressive South to carve out lives with more freedom. Ince said, "Over the course of 60 years, millions of people — all God's image bearers, fed up with segregation, oppression, inequality, and an array of dehumanizing policies and attitudes — were induced to leave the southern states. When the PCA considered the [2015] personal resolution on confession and repentance for sins committed during the civil rights period, I could not help but connect our denomination's history to my family's story."

For Pastor Kevin Smith, who mentored Ince during his years as a seminary student and remains his close friend, this was a particularly proud moment. He said, "To see an African-American teaching elder as moderator is one of the great moments in our denomination. We still have a ways to go, but it says to the watching evangelical world that the PCA is not just talking kingdom diversity but pursuing it for the sake of the Great Commission."