

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

Mark Davis on the death of his father, Donald Howard Davis, Jr.

Congratulations to ...

Charles and Mirabel Carroll on the birth of their daughter, Heidi Ngwen Carroll

Summer Bible School Electives — Next week, we will start something different for our adult Sunday Bible School time: three weeks of special elective studies led by our own pastors as well as guest pastors and leaders. Please see the insert for the list and descriptions of the studies, as well as where they will meet. This information is also available on our website. We hope that you will find a study of interest to you!

Theological Reading Group — In partnership with the RTS Paideia Center for Theological Discipleship, Christ Covenant will be hosting a theological reading group this fall and spring. Do you desire a rich theological diet so you can develop maturity in Christ? Do you want to read Christian classics but don't know where to start? Would you like to grow with people who share your love for theology and learn from those who have gone before you? If so, go to <http://paideiacenter.com> and sign up at the (very) bottom of the webpage to be notified when registration opens. The first group will meet September 12, October 10, and November 15 at 7 p.m. in room WC-105. Blair Smith will lead a discussion of Gregory of Nazianzus's *Theological Orations*, which were influential behind the trinitarian theology of the Nicene Creed we recite in worship.

Women's Fall Bible Studies: Registration is Open — Our fall session of Bible studies for women will begin in September. There are weekly and once-a-month studies to choose from. For information and to register for any of our women's small group opportunities, including new Mercy Ministries, see christcovenant.org/wbs.

ProjectSHARE — During the summer months of July and August, ProjectSHARE will be collecting general school supplies to share with our school partners. We appreciate any and all donated school supplies. Suggested items are available on our ProjectSHARE webpage, christcovenant.org/projectshare. Please bring these items to the Information Desk in the worship center any Sunday in July or August.

Informational Homeschool Meeting — The Covenant Homeschoolers (consisting of Christ Covenant homeschooling moms) are hosting an informational meeting on Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m. Our group meets several times a year for encouragement, fellowship, and prayer. This meeting is for new homeschooling moms or those interested in homeschooling to come learn and to ask questions from a panel of homeschooling moms. For questions or meeting location, please contact Anita Hudson at hudsonaf@yahoo.com or 704-661-3930 (text or call).

RTS Students Need Housing — RTS is searching for people who may have an above-garage apartment (or a separate rental property) they may want to rent to a seminary student. If you are interested in renting out to an RTS student, please contact Katy McIlvaine at 704-688-4206 or kmcilvaine@rts.edu.

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 – 7/8/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,730,924	2,611,000	119,924	4.6%
Faith Promise Budget	182,764	160,900	21,864	13.6%

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For Christian refugees who are returning to their homes to rely on Christ as they rebuild.

Our Presbytery: Carolina Presbyterian Church, Locust, and Rev. David Yorán

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

(July 15-21)

Sunday 15th | Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)

Monday 16th | Yarn Lovers Ministry (7 p.m.)

Wednesday 18th | Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)

Thursday 19th | HS outing to trampoline park (2:30 p.m.)

Friday 20th | Senior Adult men's lunch (11:30 a.m.)

Saturday 21st | Youth and adults leave for Mexico mission project

Upcoming Events

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 | Children's Ministry kick-off (9 a.m. SS hour)

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

Aug. 29 | CCYM (Wednesday youth ministry programming resumes)

Sept. 9 | Fall Discovery Class begins

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

You Can Assist in Disaster Response

"And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful." — Titus 3:14

You may have been affected this week by the news from Japan on the worst flooding in more than a generation or the warning that a new season of hurricanes may set back Puerto Rico's recovery from last year's devastation. Natural disasters like these and man-made disasters like refugee crises are hard to fathom. We want to do something --- but don't know what really helps.

Our PCA Mission to the World Disaster Response initiative is expanding its ministries of God's mercy wherever it is called to help. More trained volunteers are needed. MTW will host a certification program October 8-13 near Pittsburgh. **Global Disaster Response Training** offers a half-classroom/half-field experience. Every experience is realistic — from arrival through the final exercise — an extensive scenario putting lessons into practice. Volunteers are trained to work safely and effectively in unstable and dangerous environments and to serve those suffering from shock, pain, trauma, illness, and dislocation.

If God is nudging you to learn more about this opportunity, please check out MTW.org, talk with Pastor Mike Miller or a member of the Missions and Outreach team, or email response@mtw.org.

Submit prayer requests by pew card, email to prayer@christcovenant.org, or call the church office, 704-847-3505. In a pastoral emergency, call 704-708-6101.