

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

Gene-Ann Underwood on the death of her mother, Anne K. Pearson

Donna Sutton on the death of her mother, Lorene Rhodes

Faithful Conference — Don't miss our first annual Faithful Conference on September 21-22! The 2018 theme is "Our Unchanging Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever," with general sessions led by keynote speaker Al Mohler. Check out faithfulconference.org for much more information and to register.

MinistrySafe Seminar — Christ Covenant Church is bringing in experts for an important seminar about sexual abuse awareness and skillful screening training on Saturday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information and to register, go to christcovenant.org/ministrysafe and see this week's Highlight on the back.

Blessing of the Children — Next Sunday evening, August 26, our worship will include a time for our families, and all those who count children among their closest loved ones, to ask God to guide and bless each child as they take on the new academic school year. We hope you will join us.

HisAbilities Speaker Series — HisAbilities will host the first of a three-part speaker series on Saturday, September 15, from 9:30-11:15 a.m. The series will address topics relevant to navigating life with disabilities. Please register by September 5 (include childcare needs, if applicable) to Kelsey Cawthorn at kcawthorn@christcovenant.org. There is no cost to attend.

American Heritage Girls (AHG) Open House — AHG Troop 0800 invites all girls ages 5-18 to an open house on Thursday, August 23, 7-8 p.m., in CLC 1 & 2. Please see christcovenant.org/ministries/children/ministry-partners for details about our troop.

Trail Life USA — Are you looking for a Christian alternative to Scouts? Do you want adventure, character development and leadership opportunities for your son? Do you want to spend time with like-minded families? Our church sponsors Trail Life Troop NC-0413 for boys, grades K-12. The troop meets in the CLC weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. We are having open houses on September 6 and 13 starting at 6:30 p.m. in CLC rooms 5 and 6 for those considering joining our troop. For more information, please email contact@traillifenc413.com or visit traillifenc413.com.

Women's Ministries Fall Kickoff Event — On Thursday, September 13, at 7 p.m. Join us as we hear from a panel of women in each life stage sharing about the multi-generational influence in their lives. We will be roasting marshmallows around the tables to create s'mores. Come and enjoy those tasty treats as well as other snacks around our "campfires." All women welcome! Invite a friend! No reservation needed.

Missions Conference — For our 2019 Missions Conference, we are inviting artists in our congregation to contribute to our lobby displays. If you are interested, please contact Kelsey Cawthorn at kcawthorn@christcovenant.org 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 – 8/12/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	3,153,456	3,048,500	104,956	3.4%
Faith Promise Budget	233,662	183,500	50,162	27.3%

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For Christians in Rwanda where government authorities have closed more than 8,000 churches using new laws that enable them to declare the church buildings unfit for use. Home churches have also been forbidden.

Our Presbytery: Cross Covenant Chinese Church, Charlotte, and Pastor Allen Chen

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
(Aug 19-25)

Sunday 19th | NO SBS for any age (children through adults)
Sunday 19th | Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
Tuesday 21st | Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)
Wednesday 22nd | Yarn Lovers Ministry - *note new date* (7 p.m.)
Wednesday 22nd | Sanctuary Choir fellowship/welcome event (6 p.m.)
Thursday 23rd | AHG open house for new families (7 p.m.)

Upcoming Events

Aug. 26 | Children's Ministry kick-off (9 a.m. SS hour)
Aug. 26 | Blessing the Children (6 p.m.)
Aug. 26 | CCYM parent information meeting (7:30 p.m.)
Aug. 29 | CCYM Wednesday youth ministry resumes (7 p.m.)
Aug. 29 | Sanctuary Choir resumes (7 p.m.)
Sept. 6 | Trail Life open house (6:30 p.m.)
Sept. 9 | Fall Discovery Class begins (9 a.m.)
Sept. 12 | RTS Theological Reading Group (7 p.m.)
Sept. 13 | Women's Ministries kickoff event (7 p.m.)

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

Our MinistrySafe Seminar is for You, Too!

"In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." — Psalm 4:8

On Saturday, September 29, we will host a seminar that is so important that we have extended invitations to all the churches in our Presbytery and area churches that we often work with in community-wide ministries. We want to make sure that all the adults in our own congregation know that this seminar holds real value for you, no matter what your current career or volunteer role might be. If you are a parent or a grandparent, or interact with youth or children in any setting, you need to know how you can be an advocate for their protection against predators.

The MinistrySafe seminar will provide both an accurate description of the need for a comprehensive program to reduce the potential for harm and an effective method of establishing and maintaining a screening process that identifies people or practices that could put youth or children at risk. Crime statistics and news reports demonstrate that the belief that "it can't happen here" is dangerously flawed. Instead, being knowledgeable and following wise guidelines can help to establish a healthy environment for vulnerable young people.

The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee is just \$10 per person, which includes lunch. Registration and information are at christcovenant.org/ministrysafe. Please invite anyone who works with children or youth (coaches, club leaders, teachers, volunteers, parents, youth workers, etc.). Together, we can help reduce the risk of harm for those who are depending on us to keep them as safe as we can.