

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

Billie Quesnel on the death of her sister, Dana Zimmerman

Wendy Klipp on the death of her brother, Michael Palmer

Deacons Special Offering — This month's special offering is a general mercy offering. This offering is designated to help our own members and others in our community who are in need.

Communicants Class — Beginning this month, our Communicants Class will be taking on a different format. If you have a son/daughter in the 5th-8th grade who desires to become a communing member of the church in this year's class, please contact Amy Wallace at awallace@christcovenant.org for more information and an application as soon as possible. We look forward to having your student join us!

Voter Registration — The deadline for voter registration for the November 6 election is **Friday, October 12**. If you have recently changed your local address, you can contact your county Board of Elections. Mecklenburg County Board of Elections (mecknc.gov or 704-263-3809) and Union County Board of Elections (unioncountync.gov or 704-336-2133). Early voting sites, a sample ballot for your precinct, etc., are also available at those websites. A flyer with additional information is available at the Information Desk in the main lobby.

October/November ProjectSHARE — We are collecting items for the Kenya Youth Camp team to take with them on the December mission trip. Through the end of November, we will be collecting items for the Kenya Youth Camp trip. For a list of items, please see christcovenant.org/projectshare. Items can be dropped off at the Information Desk in the main lobby any Sunday. Thank you for your support!

Men's Intensive Discipleship Program (MIDP) — Beginning Thursday, October 18, Brian Peterson will be leading the MIDP in a 4-week study of Presbyterianism, focusing on the practice of our Presbyterian identity. Classes will be in the CLC chapel. There is no fee for this study, but if you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jennifer Dean (jdean@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6104).

HisAbilities Cookout — The HisAbilities Ministry is sponsoring a family cookout on Saturday, October 27, from 4:30-7 p.m., in the lower level of the CLC (the Youth Center area). If you or a member of your family is affected by disability or special needs or if you serve (or would like to serve) as a caregiver, buddy, or teacher for someone with special needs, join us! All food provided! Please RSVP to Kelsey Cawthorn at kcawthorn@christcovenant.org by Saturday, October 20.

Movie Night Out — We will be attending the premiere of *Indivisible* on Friday evening, October 26, at Regal Stonecrest. *Indivisible* is the inspiring true story of an army chaplain who has returned from Iraq to face one more battle: saving his marriage. Tickets (\$7.50) are available in the main lobby after worship through October 21.

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 – 9/30/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	3,871,525	3,688,000	183,525	5.0%
Faith Promise Budget	261,383	219,500	41,883	19.1%

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For believers in Sri Lanka, especially pastors and Christian workers, who are targeted by Buddhist mobs, and for God's glory in steadfastness.

Our Presbytery: Lake Tillery Church, Mount Gilead, and Pastor Chip McAulay

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shows special and monthly events and start of weekly programs. See our website for our full calendar and the News webpage for the E-Courier and other announcements.

This Week
(Oct 7-13)

Sunday 7th | Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
Wednesday 10th | RTS Theological Reading Group (7 p.m.)
Friday 12th | Senior Adults Ladies Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)
Saturday 13th | D.I.Y. Day for women (8:30 a.m.)

Upcoming Events

Oct. 18 | Men's Intensive Discipleship Program begins (7 p.m.)
Oct. 26 | Movie night out - *Indivisible*
Oct. 27 | Ministry to Men breakfast at Stacks (7 a.m.)
Oct. 27 | HisAbilities family cookout (4:30 p.m.)
Oct. 28 | Reformation Sunday joint SBS (9 a.m.)

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

Serving Through the Kendal Ministry

"Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor."

— Proverbs 21:21

When natural disasters strike or there's a sudden emergency, needs are well publicized and people are quick to respond.

But there are those in our congregation who need our kindness and are reluctant to ask. The Kendal Ministry exists to come alongside those who need help and team them with members who want to put love into action.

Through the Kendal Ministry, we assist people with chronic illness or long-term disabilities, the elderly, the widowed, or those who are homebound. We want these brothers and sisters and their caregivers to know they are not alone or forgotten. Our goal is to systematically care for, encourage, and support them in prayer for as long as help is needed.

Any member of Christ Covenant Church who has a heart for the Lord can serve in the Kendal Ministry. It is a global ministry – crossing all congregational communities. Even interested children, eight years of age and older, accompanied by a parent can be helpers.

Working in care teams, volunteers may provide a variety of services, including: companionship, babysitting, homemaking and yard care, errands and shopping, prayer and spiritual support, emotional support and lovingkindness. Our team model requires a time commitment of only 2-3 hours per month for volunteers. After an initial 45-minute training session explaining the model and expectations of participants, teams are formed and paired with individuals or families needing help. Team members are asked to serve for a minimum of twelve consecutive months.

To request the assistance of the Kendal Ministry, contact Pastor Bruce Creswell at 704-708-6106. To learn more about becoming a volunteer, contact a member of the Ministry Leadership Team: Jackie Greene, Wendy Klipp, Margie Engle, Fran Englert, or Pastor Creswell.