

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

Jason Shannon on the death of his father, Jack Wayne Shannon.

Karen Chambers and Cailey Sween on the death of their brother and father, John Sween.

ProjectSHARE July Collection: Joni and Friends — We are collecting items to help the Charlotte office of Joni and Friends, who is working together with local churches and organizations, forming outreach programs throughout the community, and ministering hope and the message of Christ to those who face the daily challenges of life with a disability. More info at <http://christcovenant.org/projectshare>.

Youth Summer Events — Our youth ministry offers weekly programming for rising 6th through graduating 12th graders throughout the summer. Our MS Tuesday Bible studies are 6:30-8:30 p.m. and HS Summer Wednesday Nights are 7-9 p.m. High schoolers - check your emails for the updated Girls/Guys Nights Out events! The middle school ministry's next event is Monday, August 7 (Water War). Contact Jan at jadams@christcovenant.org if you have questions.

Pastors' Reading Club — Our next Reading Club discussion will be held Tuesday, August 1, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Community Life Center chapel and will be led by Mark Davis, CDS head of school. We will be discussing the book *Good Faith: Being a Christian When Society Thinks You're Irrelevant and Extreme* by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons.

Habitat for Humanity — Join us as we assist in building a Habitat House for the Kingombe family in the Crestdale community in Matthews! Christ Covenant Church will help build on Saturdays: August 5 (8 volunteers needed), September 16 (6 volunteers needed), and October 21 (3 volunteers needed). (Note: To work on a Habitat House you must be 18 or over.) On August 5 and October 21 we need to provide 25 bag lunches for the site volunteers. Children are welcome to help prepare these meals! See "This Week's Highlight" for more information.

Charlotte Eagles Soccer League Info Meeting — We are excited to announce that the Charlotte Eagles will be assisting our church in the formation and registration of SOAR soccer teams into the Siskey YMCA league this fall. Through this partnership, our families will receive a discounted price and ongoing discipleship training from the Charlotte Eagles throughout their season. This league is available for players aged 5-17. If you are interested in learning more, please contact ccarson@charlotteeagles.com and plan to attend our informational meeting on Sunday, August 13, at 3 p.m. in the CLC chapel.

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 2017.

<i>Inflow 1/1/17 – 7/16/17</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,625,283	2,737,500	(112,217)	(4.10%)
Faith Promise Budget	182,910	165,500	17,410	10.52%
<i>12/1/14 – 7/16/17</i>	<i>Gifts Received</i>	<i>3-Year Commitment</i>	<i>Fulfillment %</i>	
Our Heritage	3,404,394	3,500,000		97.27%

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PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For God's hand in the upcoming elections in Kenya, for the safety of honest candidates, for the restraint of evil, and for gospel opportunities.

Our Presbytery: Hope Community Church, Charlotte, and Rev. Mark Upton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See the online calendar or E-Courier for a more complete list, including regular weekly events and and more details of upcoming church events and programs.

This Week Sunday 23rd • Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
Thursday 27th • HS girls' night out - "Cake Wars" (7 p.m.)
July 22-29 • Youth/adult Mexico mission trip

Upcoming Events August 1 • Pastors' Reading Club (7 p.m.)
August 5 • Habitat workday
August 7 • MS Water War
August 13 • Charlotte Eagles Soccer League info meeting (3 p.m.)
August 16 • Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)
August 16 • Set Free series Breaking the Silence (7 p.m.)
August 21 • Yarn Lovers Ministry (7 p.m.)
August 24 • American Heritage Girls informational meeting (7 p.m.)
August 27 • Children's Ministry kick-off

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

Helping with Habitat

For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. — Hebrews 3:4

Our deacons have chosen Habitat for Humanity as one of our community outreach ministries for this year. We will be part of a four-church build with Thrivent Financial for Hardis Kingombe, his wife Kisenda Miezi, and their three young children. Hardis and Kisenda are natives of Kinshasa, DRC. They fled their country to come to the U.S. in 2011 to escape the brutal conditions and provide a future for their family. Hardis was an attorney in Kinshasa. He works as an Uber driver here.

The family applied to the Matthews Habitat project so that they might have an affordable home of their own in a safer place. Following the rigorous application process, Hardis and Kisenda were approved to become homeowners. Their contribution toward the construction cost of the house includes considerable sweat equity as build volunteers. They have welcomed that opportunity and look forward to becoming members of the Matthews community.

The churches working with us as builders are our neighbors at Matthews Methodist, Cross & Crown Lutheran, and Sardis Presbyterian. The dates we will serve are expected to be Saturdays, August 5, September 16 and October 21.

Next week, we will have an insert in our worship folder with more details on work site opportunities as well as helping to make sandwiches for site teams. To volunteer now or get more information this week, please contact Karen Chambers in Outreach and Missions at 704-814-1061 or kchambers@christcovenant.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.