

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

Harvey Harrelson on the death of his mother Abbie Josey Harrelson.

Don Vander Ploeg on the death of his wife, Judy Mayo Vander Ploeg.

ProjectSHARE in August: Commonwealth High School — Commonwealth is a tuition-free public high school serving at-risk students ages 16-21 who need a non-traditional learning environment with flexible scheduling options. During August, we'll collect items the school can use to help give their students the foundation to succeed. See <http://christcovenant.org/projectshare> for a list of items we're collecting. Please take items to the Information Desk in the main lobby of the worship center.

Pastors' Reading Club — Our next discussion is this Tuesday, August 1, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Community Life Center chapel. Mark Davis, CDS head of school, will lead our discussion on 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! Please see today's insert for information about volunteering as well as an introduction to the Kingombe family.

Charlotte Eagles Soccer League Informational 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.

American Heritage Girls (AHG) — AHG is the premier national character development organization for young women, ages 5-18, that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement. Our motto is Faith, Service, Fun! We have an active troop, and your daughter will love it! Bring your daughter and join us for a New Family Informational Meeting to learn about our troop on Thursday, August 24, from 7-8 p.m. in the Community Life Center.

Men's Intensive Discipleship Program — On Tuesdays in September, from 6:30-8 p.m., men are invited to participate in a study on historical content, taken from *For a Continuing Church: The Roots of the Presbyterian Church in America* by Sean Michael Lucas. Registrants will **not** need to purchase the book. More information is at christcovenant.org/mens-min. Registration will open soon.

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 – 7/23/17</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,698,446	2,822,500	(124,054)	(4.40%)
Faith Promise Budget	189,714	170,100	19,614	11.53%
<i>12/1/14 – 7/23/17</i>	<i>Gifts Received</i>	<i>3-Year Commitment</i>	<i>Fulfillment %</i>	
Our Heritage	3,412,258	3,500,000		97.49%

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: Lake Tillery Church, Mount Gilead, and Rev. Chip McAulay

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

This Week Sunday 30th • Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
Tuesday 1st • Pastors' Reading Club (7 p.m.)
Saturday 5th • Habitat workday

Upcoming Events 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 Sunday
August 27 • CDS Convocation/Blessing the Children (6 p.m. worship)

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT Gideons International

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, — 2 Timothy 3:16

In 1899, Samuel E. Hill and John H. Nicholson, Christian businessmen who first met each other while travelling on business, founded the Gideons. These men were committed to find a way for Christian commercial travelers to get together for mutual recognition, personal evangelism, and united service for the Lord. The two men drew just one more businessman to their first meeting, but they persisted. By faith, they established the oldest organization of its kind, now with more than 270,000 members in 200 countries around the world.

All Christian business and professional men and their wives who are dedicated to telling people about Jesus are eligible to be Gideons. They share their faith personally as God provides openings. They provide Bibles and New Testaments wherever they are welcomed. While they are known worldwide for their work placing Bibles in hotel rooms, the Gideons also share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals, and medical offices.

Every six days, an average of one million Scriptures in 90 languages are distributed worldwide in nearly 200 countries. This totals more than two billion Bibles and New Testaments in circulation today. With the support of congregations like ours, the Gideons are able to give a New Testament or Bible to anyone who asks. To learn more about this volunteer-driven evangelistic ministry, visit <http://gideons.org> or contact Elder Jim Stoudenmier. Thank you for your partnership.

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.