

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Our Seek the City Team: Thank you, Christ Covenant family, for the numerous ways that you invested your time, talents, and prayers for Seek the City 2017. Because of you, 643 volunteer slots were filled and many more committed to join with us in the work of prayer. We served multiple sites during the week and ministered to people of all ages in our community and our congregation. The statistics show the breadth of Seek the City, but we can't measure what God, as He wills, might effect in the hearts of the hundreds of people involved — students, camp participants, leaders, and volunteers. May Christ alone be praised!

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. We are collecting postage stamps (please put these in an envelope marked "stamps"), square cube tissues, hand sanitizer (squirt/pump bottles), and diaper wipes. Items can be dropped off at the Information Desk in the main lobby any Sunday in July. Look for more information on our website.

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. This Wednesday, July 19, the middle school youth will be going ice skating at Extreme Ice Center in Indian Trail. Contact Jan at jadams@christcovenant.org if you have questions. The high school ministry's next outing is Thursday, July 27.

18|22 Summer Project — College-aged young adults are invited to participate in the 18|22 Summer Project, which includes weekly activities and Sunday school throughout the summer. If you have questions, please contact Abby Minnick at abigail.minnick@campusoutreach.org or 201-669-9618. Stay connected on our Facebook page: facebook.com/1822generation.

The Dynamic Heart in Daily Life — RTS Charlotte invites you to an Equip Workshop featuring Dr. Jeremy Pierre. *The Dynamic Heart in Daily Life* will be on Monday, July 31, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Reformed Theological Seminary Chapel. For more information and to register, see <http://rts.edu/charlotte/equip>.

Reformation Conference and Celebration — 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Plans are underway for an amazing Reformation Conference and Celebration! Join Kevin DeYoung and RTS Charlotte President Mike Kruger for a weekend of events that will conclude with a concert by Keith and Kristyn Getty. Mark your calendar for October 27-29, a not-to-be-missed weekend!

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 – 7/9/17</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,522,091	2,652,500	(130,409)	(4.92%)
Faith Promise Budget	178,606	160,900	17,706	11.00%
<i>12/1/14 – 7/9/17</i>	<i>Gifts Received</i>	<i>3-Year Commitment</i>	<i>Fulfillment %</i>	
Our Heritage	3,398,634	3,500,000		97.10%

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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: Grace Community Church, Waxhaw, and Rev. Harrison Spittler

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

This Week

Sunday 16th • Morning worship (10:45 a.m.)
Sunday 16th • Kevin DeYoung's installation (6 p.m. worship)
Monday 17th • Yarn Lovers Ministry (7 p.m.)
Wednesday 19th • Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)
Wednesday 19th • MS ice skating outing (1 p.m.)

Upcoming Events

July 27 • HS girls/guys night out (6:30 p.m.)
July 22-29 • Youth/adult Mexico mission trip
August 1 • Pastors' Reading Club (7 p.m.)
August 7 • MS Water War
August 16 • Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

Beginning a New Chapter

But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise. — Psalm 79:13

Christ Covenant Church marks a historic milestone in our history as a congregation today. This is the first Sunday that Rev. Kevin DeYoung, the man God has called to be our next under shepherd, is installed as our senior pastor.

Today is a time to recount God's unchanging goodness to this congregation, one generation to another. We have been blessed in times of news-making growth and during times of uncertainty. We have been sustained in years of plenty and when we were challenged to minister well in lean years.

We have rejoiced together over triumphs and family celebrations. We have wept over losses and comforted one another in crises. Each of our experiences has been used by God to teach us how to trust Him. How we have been richly blessed!

One of our greatest blessings has been God's provision of men gifted as preachers. Week after week it has been our privilege to learn from the Scripture, taught by men who know they are sharing eternal truth. Imagine the weight of that responsibility.

We have a responsibility, too. As the congregation, the sheep of God's pasture, we are called to pray faithfully for Kevin DeYoung. He will need our prayers on days like today when the future seems limitless and on days when he has no idea how he will find his way through the challenges. Pray for him as he prepares to preach during the week and while he is in the pulpit.

Pray for him when he is investing time in his family. Pray for him as he seeks God's will for him as our senior pastor. As you pray, give thanks for God's work in the past and His unshakable promise for our future as we put our confidence in Him alone.

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.