

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Our Sympathy to ...

Kim Sylvia on the death of her father, Tracy Floyd.

**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. See <http://studentfamilies.com> and click on Students for more information on these weekly events and other special events planned throughout the summer.

**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](mailto:abigail.minnick@campusoutreach.org) or 201-669-9618. Stay connected on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/1822generation](https://facebook.com/1822generation).

**C.S. Lewis Is Coming to Charlotte** — The Fellowship for Performing Arts (FPA) production of *The Most Reluctant Convert* is coming to Charlotte July 14 and 15 at the Knight Theatre. Group discounts are available. Questions? Email [Bekah@fpatheatre.com](mailto:Bekah@fpatheatre.com) and/or Sarah@[fpatheatre.com](mailto:fpatheatre.com) or call 1-888-294-1733 (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m-6 p.m.). Details: <https://fpatheatre.com/tour/charlotte/#description>.

**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>.

**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 – 7/2/17</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,426,978	2,567,500	(140,522)	(5.47%)
Faith Promise Budget	176,023	156,300	19,723	11.21%
<i>12/1/14 – 7/2/17</i>	<i>Gifts Received</i>	<i>3-Year Commitment</i>	<i>Fulfillment %</i>	
Our Heritage	3,392,823	3,500,000	96.94%	

## A Note from Pastor Kevin DeYoung

This is the last note I will provide for the worship folder for some time. This is reason for rejoicing, because it means we will all be together next week! It feels like a long time coming from March to now, the middle of July. I can't wait to shake a thousand hands and get a few hundred hugs. To worship with you, and to have the privilege of opening God's Word before you, will be a privilege and a delight. See you next week!

# PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

**The Persecuted Church:** For Christians in Tanzania where the violent activities of Al-Shabaab are on the rise and Sharia law is gaining strength.

**Our Presbytery:** First Presbyterian Church, Ellerbe, and Pastor Stan Layton

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> • Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> • New ProjectSHARE collection begins  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> • Sanctuary Choir rehearsals resume (7 p.m.)  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> • HS Charlotte Knights outing (6:30 p.m.)  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> • MS laser tag outing (7 p.m.)

### Upcoming Events

July 16 • Kevin DeYoung installation  
July 17 • Yarn Lovers Ministry (7 p.m.)  
July 19 • Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)  
July 19 • MS ice skating outing (1 p.m.)  
July 27 • HS girls/guys night out (6:30 p.m.)

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

### Four Staycations with a Spiritual Story

*One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts. — Psalm 145:4*

One-day field trips are a great way to share the stories about God's care for His people in the past, and right now with everybody in the family. Here are some ideas to get you on your way:

**Mount Carmel Church in Ellerbe, NC** — Established in 1776, this PCA congregation has been served by more than 200 pastors, including the founding preacher who spent most of the Revolution as a prisoner of war. During the Civil War, Sherman's men spared the church on their march through the South. The original white wooden building and its original stove have been fully restored.

**Ben Long IV Frescoes** — Using the same techniques as Michelangelo, Ben Long has painted more than a dozen frescoes in his home state, most with a biblical theme. Follow the Blue Ridge trail to see nine of these paintings in six locations including "Return of the Prodigal" in the chapel at Montreat College.

**SIM USA** — Headquartered in southwest Charlotte, SIM USA has a mission presence on every continent, sending full-time workers to share the story of Christ as they provide life changing resources through economic development, health care, education and food production. Charlotte is a training center and resource center for communications, donor relations, and technical support.

**BGEA** — The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is an international tourist destination, but locals are welcome, too! Designed to involve the whole family, the center includes Billy Graham's childhood home, furnished as it was when Billy and his brother and sisters were growing up. The museum has talking cows, videos of some of Graham's most famous campaigns around the world, memorabilia, a book and gift store, ice cream treats, and news about future BGEA and Samaritan's Purse projects.

Have we missed a family favorite? Send your suggestions to [communications@christcovenant.org](mailto:communications@christcovenant.org) and we'll include them in the E-Courier soon.