

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Deacons' Mercy Offering** — This month's special offering is for the Metanoia Prison Ministry. Metanoia offers churches the opportunity to develop a discipleship and outreach ministry to prisoners through correspondence courses using curriculum that Metanoia provides. Please give as the Lord leads you.

**Wear Your Nametags!** — To help Pastor DeYoung and his family learn the names of members, as well as to help visitors recognize others, it would be most helpful if you wore your nametag. If you don't have one or lost yours, please request one at the Information Desk or email Mary Jo Culver at [mculver@christcovenant.org](mailto:mculver@christcovenant.org).

**ProjectSHARE in August: Commonwealth High School** — We're collecting items the school can use to help give their students the foundation to succeed. See [christcovenant.org/projectshare](http://christcovenant.org/projectshare) for more information about the school and a list of items we're collecting. Please take items to the Information Desk in the main lobby.

**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 our weekly E-Courier email or on our website (Ministries>Outreach & Missions page and click on Get Involved on the right) for information about volunteering.

**Interested in Serving in Children's Ministry?** — Have you heard of the things God is doing in Children's Ministry? Do you want to be a part of it? Please contact [teamcoordinators@christcovenant.org](mailto:teamcoordinators@christcovenant.org). We would love to have you on our team!

**Charlotte Eagles Soccer League Informational Meeting** — The Charlotte Eagles and Siskey YMCA are partnering with us this fall for players aged 5-17. Our families will receive a discounted price and ongoing discipleship training from the Charlotte Eagles throughout the season. For more information, plan to attend our informational meeting on Sunday, August 13, at 3 p.m. in the CLC chapel.

**Women's Bible Studies and Anchor Small Groups** — Registration is now open for these small group ministries. Please see [christcovenant.org/womens-min](http://christcovenant.org/womens-min) for more details and to register.

**Men's Intensive Discipleship Program** — On Tuesdays in September (5, 12, 19, 26), from 6:30-8 p.m., men are invited to participate in a study on historical content, taken from *For a Continuing Church: The Roots of the Presbyterian Church in America* by Sean Michael Lucas.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 and registration is online at [christcovenant.org/mens-min](http://christcovenant.org/mens-min).

**Interested in Membership?** — The next Discovery Class (our membership class) will begin on September 10 at 9 a.m. Please contact Mary Jo Culver to register ([mculver@christcovenant.org](mailto:mculver@christcovenant.org) or 704-814-1039).

**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 – 7/30/17</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	2,830,904	2,907,500	(76,996)	(2.63%)
Faith Promise Budget	193,551	174,600	18,951	10.85%
<i>12/1/14 – 7/30/17</i>	<i>Gifts Received</i>	<i>3-Year Commitment</i>	<i>Fulfillment %</i>	
Our Heritage	3,421,392	3,500,000	97.75%	

# 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:** Mount Carmel, Ellerbe & Leadership Team

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> • Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> • MS Water War (12 p.m.)

**Upcoming Events**

- August 13 • Stephen Chambers missionary luncheon (12 p.m.)
- 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
- August 27 • Blessing the Children (6 p.m. worship service)
- August 28 • Congregational Day of Prayer
- August 30 • CCYM/youth kick-off (7pm)
- September 4 • Labor Day – church offices closed
- September 5 • Men's Intensive Discipleship Program

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

### Meet Stephen Chambers, Missionary

*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. — Matthew 24:14*

Stephen Chambers is a part of our Christ Covenant family. He grew up in front of us, headed to college and accepted God's call to a career in missions. Stephen's first assignment as a full time international worker was in a restricted area of Southeast Asia where he taught English at a university. He completed that assignment earlier this summer.

Next Sunday, August 13, immediately after morning worship, you are invited to join Stephen for a light lunch in the Community Life Center, rooms 5/6. Come hear about God's work in parts of the world we call "restricted" and Stephen's experience over the last four years. Learn about the role he will take on now with Elic, an innovative organization that connects students and teachers throughout Asia and the Middle East.

If you would like to speak to Stephen before Sunday, please email Stephen. chambers@pinnacleteaching.com or call 704-609-7201. You can also request more information if you are not able to come to lunch next Sunday. Thank you for your prayer support over the last four years. Please continue to pray for Stephen as he moves to a new country and begins his new work.

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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.