

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to ...

Scott and Alex DeBoer on the birth of their son, Ronan Elliott DeBoer.

Reformation Conference and Celebration — 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and we are celebrating in a big way! On Friday, October 27, and Saturday, October 28, we will host a conference featuring messages on the five solas and breakout sessions. The conference ticket price is \$25 and registration will be available online this week (see the Reformation news item on our website's homepage for details). We'll follow the conference with Reformation Sunday events including a joint Sunday school led by Kevin DeYoung, our morning service with Mike Kruger preaching, and a free evening concert by the Gettys (first come first seated).

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. We would love to have you on our team!

Women's Opportunities — Registration is open for women's Bible studies and small groups. See <http://christcovenant.org/womens-min> for links to details and registration.

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 New Family Informational Meeting will be Thursday, August 24, from 7-8 p.m. in the Community Life Center, Room 2.

Trail Life USA — Are you looking for a Christian outdoor adventure, character, and leadership program for your son? Our church sponsors Trail Life Troop NC-0413 for boys, grades K-12. Join us for one of our open houses: September 7 and 14 at 7 p.m. in the CLC. For more information, please visit <http://www.traillifenc413.com>.

Interested in Membership? — If you are interested in joining Christ Covenant Church, please consider signing up for the next Discovery Class (our membership class for 9th grade to adults), which will begin on September 10 at 9 a.m. Contact Mary Jo Culver to register (mculver@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1039).

Equip Workshop — The counseling department at RTS Charlotte invites you to a workshop. "Vibrant Marriage: How the Gospel Makes Your Marriage Thrive" will be held September 15, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., and Saturday, September 16, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at Reformed Theological Seminary. Register by September 11 at rts.edu/charlotte/equip.

Appreciating the Beauty of Covenantal Truth and Covenant Community — Women are invited to participate in this 6-week class in September, January, or June, taught by Sarah Ivill. This a class to better equip women to understand, articulate, and apply covenant theology. See <http://christcovenant.org/womens-min> and click on Women's Bible Studies for details and registration.

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 – 8/13/17</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	3,044,785	3,077,500	(32,715)	(1.06%)
Faith Promise Budget	203,185	183,600	19,535	10.64%
<i>12/1/14 – 8/13/17</i>	<i>Gifts Received</i>	<i>3-Year Commitment</i>	<i>Fulfillment %</i>	
Our Heritage	3,460,375	3,500,000	98.87%	

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For Christians in Pakistan where the Muslim majority routinely harasses and persecutes the Christian minority with violent, sanctioned attacks and arrests for breaking laws against evangelizing and blasphemy.

Our Presbytery: Providence Presbyterian, Fayetteville, and Rev. Andrew Webb

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 20th • Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)

Monday 21st • Yarn Lovers Ministry (7 p.m.)

Wednesday 23rd • Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)

Thursday 24th • American Heritage Girls informational mtg. (7 p.m.)

Upcoming Events

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 resumes (7 p.m.)

September 4 • Labor Day – church offices closed

September 5 • Men's Intensive Discipleship Program (6:30 p.m.)

September 6 • CDS Convocation (10 a.m.)

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

Blessing the Children

*For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off,
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. — Acts 2:39*

Next Sunday evening, our worship will include our traditional time for our families, and all those who count children among their closest loved ones, to ask God to guide and bless each child as they take on the challenge of learning for the 2017-2018 school year.

Please fill out a Blessing the Children prayer card (included in this worship folder) with the name(s) of the children whom you would like our pastors and elders to remember in prayer during this new school year, along with any specific prayer requests for them and bring it with you to worship next week. As always, each of your prayer requests will be handled with respect and confidentiality.

During the service, you will be invited to gather with your children for a brief time of prayer with an elder. All the Blessing the Children prayer cards that we receive will be distributed to the members of the Session. Individual elders or pastors will be committed to regular prayer during the entire school year for the children whose cards they receive. It is their privilege to pray for God's blessing on our church family in this way.

Your prayers are needed, too. Pray for the opening of school in public, independent, charter, Christian, cottage-based, computer-based, and home-based settings. Remember both students and parents and all those who are called to serve as educators in classrooms and as administrators. Their influence on the lives of students cannot be overstated.

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.