

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

Susan Lynch on the death of her father, Brownie Williams.

Congratulations to ...

Marcus and Bethany Smith on the birth of their daughter, Amayah Rae Smith.

Reformation Conference and Celebration — Join us in celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation at a conference on Friday, October 27, and Saturday, October 28. Details and registration at <http://christcovenant.org/500>. Please see the insert about the conference and our Reformation Sunday events.

CCYM (Youth Ministry) Resumes — Link & EPIC Wednesday evening programming resumes August 30 from 7-9 p.m. Link is the small group discipleship for high schoolers and meets in the Youth Center (lower level of the CLC). EPIC is filled with activities just for middle schoolers and meets in the Aux Gym (A building). For more information on youth programming, go to <http://christcovenant.org/ministries/youth>.

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.

Titus 2 Registration Open — Titus 2 is a group mentoring ministry for women in the form of a book club, gathering for spiritual training as described in Titus 2:1-5. Books are strategically chosen in the area of character, doctrine, or practical living. See <http://christcovenant.org/womens-min> for the link to T2 with book details and registration.

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Discipleship Program — On Tuesdays in September from 6:30-8 p.m., men are invited to participate in a study on historical content. More information and registration is online at <http://christcovenant.org/mens-min>.

ProjectSHARE in September: Bright Blessings — Bright Blessings serves the greater Charlotte region with programs that bring joy, care, and hope to homeless and impoverished children. See <http://christcovenant.org/projectshare> for the list of items we're collecting for their birthday program. Please take items to the Information Desk in the main lobby of the worship center.

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).

RECONNECT — Join Tom Kersting and the Families Managing Media team on Thursday, August 31, at 7 p.m. at CPCC to explore the effects of screens on teens and give strategies to reduce conflict, balance screen use, and reconnect your family! Tickets and more information at reconnectevent.com.

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 – 8/20/17</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	3,122,189	3,168,500	(46,311)	(1.46%)
Faith Promise Budget	207,364	188,100	19,264	10.24%
<i>12/1/14 – 8/20/17</i>	<i>Gifts Received</i>	<i>3-Year Commitment</i>	<i>Fulfillment %</i>	
Our Heritage	3,464,448	3,500,000		98.98%

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For believers in Nigeria, attacked by both Boku Haram and Fulani herdsman who want to put the entire nation under sharia law and eradicate any Christian presence.

Our Presbytery: Sandhills Presbyterian, Southern Pines, and Rev. Kevin Skogen

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 27th • Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
Sunday 27th • Children's Ministry kick-off (9 a.m.)
Sunday 27th • Blessing the Children (6 p.m. worship service)
Sunday 27th • Youth family informational/welcome meeting (7:15 p.m.)
Monday 28th • Congregational Day of Prayer
Wednesday 30th • CCYM/youth resumes (7 p.m.)

Upcoming Events

September 3-4 • Senior class (youth) trip
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.)
September 7 • Trail Life open house (7 p.m.)
September 10 • Discovery Class begins (9 a.m.)

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT Trail Life

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. — 2 Peter 3:18*

We are pleased to be among the earliest participants in the fast-growing Trail Life USA national organization for boys and young men. Trail Life is a Christian outdoor adventure, character, and leadership program that emphasizes and teaches biblical moral values and requires all adult members to agree with, sign, and abide by the Trail Life USA Trinitarian Statement of Faith and the Statement of Values.

Trail Life is unapologetically Christian without being “churchy” or “religious” so all participants know they are welcome. The focus is truly on outdoor adventure, character, and leadership development. The assumptions of a Christian worldview are woven naturally throughout the entire program, demonstrating God's ownership of all creation. Designed to complement other church programs, Trail Life gives our youth an opportunity to exemplify and demonstrate Christian values in their relationships with others and their participation in the life of our church.

You, your sons, and their friends (grades K-12) are invited to join Trail Life Troop NC-0413 for an open house on September 7 or 14 at 7 p.m. in the Community Life Center (CLC). The troop meets in the CLC weekly on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. and each of these open houses will allow you and your sons to discover the many advantages to being a part of our active troop. To learn more before the open house, please email contact@traillifenc413.com or visit <http://TrailLifeNC413.com>. To get more information on Trail Life USA, go to <http://TrailLifeUSA.com>.

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.