

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sympathy to ...

Scott Van Patter on the death of his mother, Annabel Van Patter.

Barbara Speck on the death of her mother, Jean Horn.

Congratulations to ...

John Robert and Mary Biggs on the birth of their son, Gilbert Keith Biggs.

Women's Bible Studies and The Anchor — Please register for these weekly women's opportunities by TONIGHT! Our studies begin this week! We have many great studies for you to choose from. For information and registration, see the links at <http://christcovenant.org/womens-min>. We look forward to having you join us!!

Titus 2 Registration Open — Titus 2 is a group mentoring ministry for women in the form of a book club. This is a place for women to get connected to other women in the church through a small group environment. Titus 2 meets once a month. See <http://christcovenant.org/womens-min> for the link to T2 with book choices and registration.

Women's Ministries Kickoff — Women are invited to a fall kickoff event on Thursday, September 14, at 7 p.m. in the Community Life Center. Details are available on our website calendar.

Habitat for Humanity — Join us as we assist in building a Habitat House for the Kingombe family in the Crestdale community in Matthews! Christ Covenant Church's next build day is Saturday, September 16 (6 volunteers needed). (Note: To work on a Habitat House you must be 18 or over.) To volunteer or get more information, contact Karen Chambers at 704-814-1061 or kchambers@christcovenant.org.

Justice Sunday — This year's Justice Sunday, September 17, will focus on prison ministry. Join us for a joint Sunday school in the CLC at 9 a.m. where we will hear from Mark Casson, a former prisoner and now executive director of Metanoia Prison Ministry, and a panel of individuals involved in jail and prison ministries. Please see today's insert for more information.

Community Heroes Celebration — You're invited to join Covenant Day School for our 18th Annual Community Heroes Celebration on Wednesday, September 20, at noon in the worship center. This is a special day to honor our first responders and military personnel. For more information, see <http://covenantday.org/heroes>.

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 our second open house: September 14 at 7 p.m. in the CLC. For more information, please visit <http://www.traillifenc413.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 – 9/3/17</i> | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Difference</i> | <i>% (-) or +</i> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Budget | 3,331,665 | 3,347,250 | (15,585) | (0.47%) |
| Faith Promise Budget | 220,660 | 198,900 | 21,760 | 10.94% |
| <i>12/1/14 – 9/3/17</i> | <i>Gifts Received</i> | <i>3-Year Commitment</i> | <i>Fulfillment %</i> | |
| Our Heritage | 3,504,331 | 3,500,000 | 100.12% | |

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PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For Saudi Arabia's Christian converts to be courageous in sharing their faith with family and friends, and for Muslim pilgrims to be open to the truth about Jesus.

Our Presbytery: Sovereign Grace Presbyterian, Charlotte, and Pastor Bill Barclay

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This calendar shows upcoming special events. See the online calendar for a more complete list of weekly events and details of upcoming church events and programs.

This Week

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

Sunday 10th • Discovery Class begins (9 a.m.)

Sunday 10th • 18|22 pizza lunch and fellowship (noon)

Sunday 10th • Timothy Project begins (5 p.m.)

Sunday 10th • Children's choirs resume (6:15 p.m.)

Monday 11th • GriefShare support group begins (7 p.m.)

Tuesday 12th • Men's Intensive Discipleship Program (6:30 p.m.)

Thursday 14th • Women's Ministries kick-off (6 p.m.)

Thursday 14th • American Heritage Girls kick-off (6:45 p.m.)

Thursday 14th • DivorceCare & DivorceCare for Kids begin (7 p.m.)

Thursday 14th • Trail Life open house (7 p.m.)

Friday 15th • Senior Adults kick-off dinner (5 p.m.)

Saturday 16th • Habitat workday

Upcoming Events

For upcoming events, please see our weekly E-Courier e-mail which is also posted on the News page of our website.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

The PCA and Disaster Relief

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. — Psalm 9:9

The "Global Hazards Weekly Bulletin" last week reported on wildfires in the Western US and Canada; floods in Texas, Louisiana, and Nepal; torrential rains in India; and tornadoes trailing Hurricane Harvey through six states, including North Carolina. In Sierra Leone, rescue teams helping with the aftermath of mudslides have recovered more than 1,000 bodies and believe another 600 will never be found. So many urgent needs. So many charity appeals. How can your gift really help?

The PCA's Mission to North America (MNA) Disaster Relief and Mission to the World (MTW) Global Disaster Response team are worth your consideration because of their biblical approach to assistance that benefits both body and soul.

Working closely with our local congregations in the US and Canada, and our missionaries and church planters around the world, PCA teams support our brothers and sisters who were there before the disaster struck and are committed to remain when others have gone. The goal is to first assess then equip our local leaders so they might minister to their neighbors in both recovery and rebuilding.

To learn more about MTW Disaster Response, visit mtw.org/disaster-response. To find out how you can volunteer through MNA for hurricane relief or give directly to support their work, go to pcamna.org/disaster-response. To be kept updated about future volunteer opportunities with the Christ Covenant Disaster Response Ministry, contact kchambers@christcovenant.org or Deacon Patrick Keaton.