

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery/New Member Class — The current Discovery Class, which started last Sunday, is very large so we are unable to accept any more registrations. To register for the next class, which begins in January, please contact Mary Jo Culver at mculver@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1039. In the meantime, we invite you to visit any of our Sunday school classes. You can find the schedule of classes and meeting places on our Sunday Bible school webpage (<https://christcovenant.org/connect/sunday-bible-school>) or at the Information Desk in the main lobby. We are excited to get to know you and welcome you into our church family!

CCYM (Youth Ministry) — Link & EPIC Wednesday evening programming has resumed. We meet weekly 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, filled with activities just for middle schoolers, meets in the auxiliary gym (A building). For more information on youth programming, go to <http://christcovenant.org/ministries/youth>.

Titus 2 Registration Open — Titus 2 is a group mentoring ministry for women in the form of a book club. These groups gather for spiritual training as described in Titus 2:1-5. Such training is accomplished through the study of a strategically chosen book 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.

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

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. Their birthday program brings a message of joy and positive recognition to these children, whose special day may otherwise go unnoticed. See christcovenant.org/projectshare for the list of items we're collecting. Please take items to the Information Desk in the main lobby of the worship center.

Women's Bible Study: Elijah — Please join us for a four-week women's Bible study on the book of Elijah, which will be held on Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning October 5. Link to details and registration: <http://christcovenant.org/womens-min>.

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>.

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. As a reminder, the Our Heritage pledge fulfillment period goes through December 2017.

<i>Inflow 1/1/17 – 9/10/17</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	3,427,489	3,435,000	(7,511)	(0.22%)
Faith Promise Budget	223,879	204,300	19,579	9.58%
<i>12/1/14 – 9/10/17</i>	<i>Gifts Received</i>	<i>3-Year Commitment</i>	<i>Fulfillment %</i>	
Our Heritage	3,508,397	3,500,000	100.24%	

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PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For believers in Venezuela. The disintegrating economy has pushed a desperate government to attack Christians accused of causing civil unrest. Pray for a return of freedom and courage to stand for Christ.

Our Presbytery: Uptown Church, Charlotte, and Rev. Dr. Tom Hawkes

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shows special and monthly events and start of weekly programs. See our website for more church events/programs and the E-Courier (e-newsletter) for this week's events.

This Week

Sunday 17th • Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)

Sunday 17th • Justice Sunday

Monday 18th • Yarn Lovers Ministry (7 p.m.)

Tuesday 19th • The Anchor kickoff dinner (6 p.m.)

Wednesday 20th • Yarn Lovers Ministry (10 a.m.)

Wednesday 20th • Appreciating the Beauty of Covenantal Truth
and Covenant Community (women's study, 10 a.m.)

Wednesday 20th • Community Heroes Celebration (noon)

Upcoming Events

September 24 • Reception for John Haines (noon)

September 25 • Congregational Day of Prayer

September 26 • The Anchor begins

October 6-7 • MS Lock In

October 21 • Habitat workday

October 27-28 • Reformation Conference

October 29 • Children's Reformation Celebration

October 29 • Getty concert

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

Celebrating Our Community Heroes

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' — Acts 20:35

You are invited to our 18th Annual Community Heroes Celebration, which will be held this Wednesday, September 20, at noon in our sanctuary. Hosted by Covenant Day School and open to the entire community, this very special event honors the men and women throughout our region who currently serve and protect as members of law enforcement, first responders, and military personnel and those who have served.

These Heroes have chosen careers that God uses to care for us every day whether we are aware of them or not. But in an emergency, a disaster, or an attack their dedication to the welfare of others demands our gratitude. As we have seen in the news this month, there is nothing our Heroes will not attempt in their efforts to help those at risk.

It is our privilege to take the time to encourage these genuine heroes with our presence on Wednesday, to pray for them, shake their hands and say "thank you!" Bring a neighbor or some coworkers to join the celebration. To learn more about the Community Heroes event, visit <http://covenantday.org/heroes>.

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.