

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reception for John Haines — We invite you to a special reception after morning worship today as we celebrate John Haines and his many years of ministry with us at Christ Covenant. Help us to send him off with well wishes as he follows a new path that God has led him to in Alabama. The reception will be in the courtyard area outside of the Community Life Center. **For those who need to pick up children**, please exit through the rear center doors of the worship center. For those who are going directly to the reception, exit through the rear north lobby doors or the rear south lobby doors.

Discovery/New Member Class — The current Discovery Class 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, please visit our Sunday school classes! The schedule of classes and meeting places is on our website (<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 and EPIC youth programming is Wednesdays 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. These groups gather for spiritual training, 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.

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.

CDS Speaker Symposium — Covenant Day's 2nd Annual Speaker Symposium is on Monday, October 2, in the Community Life Center. The keynote speaker is Paul J. Maurer, president of Montreat College. There will be a dinner session at 5:30 p.m. on "The Crisis of American Higher Education" (RSVP required) and an evening session at 7:00 p.m. on "The Power of Privilege: A Closer Look at Christian Stewardship." For more information and link to RSVP, see <http://covenantday.org>.

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

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 – 9/17/17</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	3,511,125	3,522,750	(11,625)	(0.33%)
Faith Promise Budget	226,890	209,700	17,190	8.20%
<i>12/1/14 – 9/17/17</i>	<i>Gifts Received</i>	<i>3-Year Commitment</i>	<i>Fulfillment %</i>	
Our Heritage	3,515,266	3,500,000	100.44%	

PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

The Persecuted Church: For Muslim converts at the Syrian border who are hungry to know more about their Savior. Pray for their faith to grow as their numbers grow and for their courage in telling their story.

Our Presbytery: Carolina Presbyterian Church, Locust, and Rev. David Yorán

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 24th • Morning and evening worship (10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
Sunday 24th • Reception for John Haines (after morning worship)
Monday 25th • Congregational Day of Prayer
Tuesday 26th • The Anchor begins (10 a.m.)
Wednesday 27th • Link Fun Night (7-9 p.m.)
Friday 29th-Saturday 30th • MS Lock In

Upcoming Events

October 2 • Covenant Day School Speaker Symposium
October 8 • Operation Christmas Child collection begins
October 14 • His Abilities cookout
October 21 • Habitat workday
October 27-28 • Reformation Conference
October 29 • Reformation Sunday
October 29 • Getty concert

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

The Gospel of Grace and Glory

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. — Romans 5:1-2

500 years ago, a bold Augustinian friar named Martin Luther posted a message in Latin for his superiors. Titled "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences," the message was quickly distributed throughout Europe.

What kind of message could have made such an impact? The one that changed human history — the incredible truth that God gives His children what they cannot earn, do not merit, and have no way to purchase: eternal life. Martin Luther and his fellow Reformers were evangelists. God used them to call His people to His Word and to Himself. They knocked down human barriers so that every believer could know the joy of salvation and share that joy with a world in desperate need.

We hope that you are planning to learn more about the roots of the Reformation and the great truths of reformed theology by joining us at our October Reformation Conference. This is a great opportunity to equip yourself for your role as a modern evangelist, a believer who knows what the Scripture teaches and why it matters.

Sponsored by Christ Covenant Church and Reformed Theological Seminary, our conference on October 27 and 28 is open to anyone. The cost is just \$25 per person or \$50 per household, and scholarships are available. For more details about the conference and to register, go to christcovenant.org/500.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29, we will have a joint Sunday school class led by Kevin DeYoung and morning worship led by Mike Kruger. Our day will conclude with the Gettys in concert. Come and worship!