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Blessing of the Backpacks | All Worship Services - Students (preschoolers to adults) are invited to bring their backpacks, lunch boxes, briefcases, and/or technology to worship, where we will offer a special blessing for a year full of learning, growth, challenge, and success.

Starting Point Class | 9:30 - 10:30 am | Parlor - Gathering for anyone who wants to start or restart their faith journey. Come hear what's happening at Christ Church, ask questions, and discover areas of interest that will connect you to your spiritual home. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/starting-point.

Sunday Funday | Church Circle & Lawn - Join us for our final Sunday Funday of the summer, following the 10:30 am services. We'll enjoy a buffet lunch with live music. Sunset Slush will be onsite selling delicious Italian ice. Details & volunteer signup: christchurchcharlotte.org/sunday-fundays.

Nametags are an expression of hospitality! We encourage parishioners to wear them when on campus. If you do not have a permanent nametag (magnetic or clip-on; adults only please), contact Ainslie Wall at 704-333-0378 or walla@christchurchcharlotte.org.

The GoodNews Shop will be closed July and August to give the shop a summer refresh. Wishing everyone a wonderful, relaxing and joy-filled summer. See you this fall!

OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

Fall Parish Day - Sunday, September 7 | 10 am - 1 pm | All Saints' Hall & Lawn - Kick off the program year with a festive Eucharist, buffet lunch by Chef Andrea, live bluegrass music, and fun activities for the kids! Details & volunteer signup link: christchurchcharlotte.org/fall-parish-day.

Regular Worship Schedule Resumes Sunday, September 14 - Join us in the Church, All Saints' Hall, or Online at 8:45 & 11:15 am. The 5 pm service will continue as well. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/this-sunday.

Intergenerational Handbell Ensemble - Wednesdays Weekly beginning September 10 | 7 - 8 pm | Choir Room - Adults and children 5th grade and up are invited to ring handbells together in this new ensemble. No experience necessary. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/handbells.

Faith Forum: Sounding Hope - Sunday, September 21 | 10 - 10:50 am | All Saints' Hall - Theologian and musician Jeremy Begbie reflects on how our creativity, faith, and imagination can sustain us through challenge and change, helping us persevere with hope that rings true.

Faith Forum: What is Wellbeing? - Sunday, September 28 | 10 - 10:50 am | All Saints' Hall - Join us for a conversation about the mission and vision behind The Center for Wellbeing & Care, the resources it offers, and how wellbeing is deeply tied to faith, community, and the quiet power of perseverance.

Volunteers Enrich Our Worship Experience - We are so grateful for our worship volunteers, and we need you! Commitments range from occasional to monthly to weekly. To serve on the altar guild or as an usher, greeter, chalice bearer, lector, or acolyte, visit christchurchcharlotte.org/find-your-place or contact Emily Skinner at skinnere@christchurchcharlotte.org.

ADULT LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP

Women's Mahjong - Tuesdays Weekly beginning September 9 | 10 am - 1 pm | St. Francis A & B - Women of all ages and stages (beginner to expert) play mahjong. Optional lunch (\$8) served at noon. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/womens-mahjong.

Poetry Circle - Wednesday, September 10 | 6 - 7 pm | Green Room - If you enjoy poetry and good conversation, The Reverend Allen Pruitt and Stuart Bonner invite you to this monthly discussion on favorite poems and poets. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/poetry-circle.

Women's Evening Bible Study (WEBS): Revisiting Children's Bible Stories as Adults - Wednesdays Weekly | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | St. Francis C - Beginning September 10, all women are invited to explore children's Bible stories from an adult perspective. Come whenever you can. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/webs.

Christ Church Women's Bible Study (CCWBS): Women of the Bible - Thursdays Weekly | 10 - 11 am | Blue Room - Beginning September 11, all women are invited for our fall Bible study exploring the women of the Bible. 30-minute lecture, followed by small group discussions. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/ccwbs.

Men's Ministry Kickoff Event - Sunday, September 14 | 4 - 5:30 pm | All Saints' Hall - Join us for cold drinks, hot wings, and Panther's football and learn about this year's Men's Ministry plans. Most importantly, catch up with old friends and meet new ones! Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/mens-kickoff.

New Member Orientation: Belonging and Beyond - Wednesday, September 17 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | M207 - If you have recently joined Christ Church or are considering becoming a member, we invite you to this class. This session is currently at capacity, but there are upcoming sessions on October 15 & November 23. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/belonging-and-beyond.

New Member Orientation II: Exploring Next Steps - Sunday, September 21 | 10 - 10:50 am | M206 - Optional follow-up session to help you navigate and explore the many ways to engage in your spiritual home. All are welcome. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/exploring-next-steps.

Women's Friendship Feast - Tuesday, September 23 | 6 - 8:30 pm | All Saints' Hall - Come for dinner and a celebration of friendship. Guest speaker Blake Blankenbecler (who grew up at Christ Church) is a Friendship Educator and Licensed Trauma Therapist. Blake offers insights into navigating pivotal and foundational relationships. Register as an individual or a table of 8 (\$30 per person) by September 3 at christchurchcharlotte.org/friendship-feast.

Wonderfully Made - Three-session workshop to identify and explore our God-given gifts. This series will be offered three times this fall:

- Fridays, September 26 - October 10 | 9:30 - 11:30 am | M207
- Wednesdays, October 1 - 15 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | M205
- Wednesdays, November 5 - 19 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | M205

Details & registration (\$10): christchurchcharlotte.org/wonderfully-made.

Men's Mt. LeConte Hike & Retreat - October 29 - 31 | LeConte Lodge, Sevierville, TN - Make a pilgrimage, find new friends, and enjoy the beauty of nature with men from Christ Church. We will hike to the top of Mt. LeConte to get a new perspective and create meaningful bonds with each other. Led by Stuart Garner and The Reverend Allen Pruitt. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/mt-leconte-hike.

Day Trip to Old Salem - Wednesday, November 19 | 10:30 am - 6:30 pm | Winston-Salem, NC - Travel by charter bus with friends to explore history, architecture, and hands-on exhibits that bring the Moravian community's story to life. Tour and have lunch at your own pace. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/old-salem.

SPIRITUAL WELLBEING & CARE

Sacred Stitches: Knitting/Crocheting - Tuesdays Weekly beginning September 9 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | M206 - Stitchers gather for the spiritual practice of yarn arts and fellowship. This class is best suited for participants who already know how to knit or crochet. No signup — just drop in and stay as long as you like. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/sacred-stitches-tuesday.

Sacred Stitches: Knitting/Crocheting - Wednesdays Weekly beginning September 10 | 6 - 7:30 pm | M206 - Stitchers of all levels gather as experienced stitchers teach the basics and help others enhance their skills. Patterns and practice yarn are supplied; needles/hooks available to purchase at cost or bring your own. All ages; no registration required; come when you can. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/sacred-stitches-learn.

Parenting and the Empty Nest - Wednesdays September 17 & October 15 | 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm | Green Room - Insight, tools, and support for parents (single or partners) navigating the transition to an empty nest. Includes dinner together (\$12) followed by guided discussion and reflection, led by Alex Bacon, LCSW. Registration (no charge) is required. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/empty-nest.

Mindful Mondays - Mondays Weekly | 9 - 10 am | Zoom - Start your week off right with guided mindfulness practices and fellowship in this online wellness offering. Contact Elizabeth Angerson at anger-sone@christchurchcharlotte.org for the invitation link.

Simple Presence - Mondays Weekly | 11 - 11:30 am | Contemplation Room All are welcome to join us for a soul-soothing time of centering prayer and other contemplative practices.

Breast Cancer Support Group - For women who have experienced or are currently experiencing breast cancer, their loved ones, and caregivers. Whether you need support or can offer it based on your past experience, we want to connect with you to offer fellowship, resources, encouragement, and/or pastoral care. Contact Elizabeth Angerson at angesone@christchurchcharlotte.org.

OUTREACH & MISSION

Rama Road Curriculum Night - Tuesday, September 16 | 5:30–7:30 pm | Rama Road Elementary School - Christ Church provides a pasta dinner for school staff before their fall Curriculum Night. We need volunteers to serve the teachers or drop off salad, cookies, brownies, or bottled water. It's a great way to connect with local educators, students, and families. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/curriculum-night.

<p><i>Summer Worship Schedule</i></p> <p>Every Sunday through August 31 8:30 am,* 10:30 am* & 5 pm - Holy Eucharist - Church</p> <p>2nd & 4th Sundays, August 10 & 24 10:30 am - Contemporary/Discovery Blended Worship*</p> <p>Sunday, September 7 (Fall Parish Day) 10 am - Festive Eucharist - All Saints' Hall 5 pm - Holy Eucharist - Church</p> <p>Sunday, September 14 Regular worship schedule resumes (8:45 am, 11:15 am & 5 pm)</p> <p><small>* service will be livestreamed</small></p>	<p><i>Giving</i></p> <p>Make a Pledge If you have not made a pledge for 2026 and would like to do so, please use this QR code (christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge).</p> <p>Make a Gift To make a gift to Christ Church, including a payment on your pledge, visit christchurchcharlotte.org/ give or use this QR code.</p>
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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Registration is Open for Children & Youth Music Programming - Children age 4 - Grade 8 are invited to participate! There will be a Choir Kickoff Day filled with music and games on Saturday, September 6 for singers in Grades 1 - 8. Weekly rehearsals for all age groups will begin on Wednesday, September 10: Music Club (Age 4 & K) meets 5 - 5:30 pm. St Nicolas Choir (Grades 1 & 2), St. Cecilia Choir (Grades 3 & 4), and Christ Church Choristers (Grades 5 - 8) meet 5:30 - 6:30 pm, with an optional music and liturgy class at 5 pm for singers in Grades 3 - 8. All are welcome, including new singers! To register, visit christchurchcharlotte.org/music.

Children's Sunday School Resumes - Sunday, September 14 | 10 - 10:50 am - Our Sunday School program encourages children ages 3 through 5th grade to explore their faith in exciting ways. To see your child's classroom assignment visit christchurchcharlotte.org/children/#sunday-school.

Middle School Sunday School Resumes - Sunday, September 14 | 10 - 10:50 am | St. Francis C - All 6th - 8th graders are invited to Sunday School! Each week, we'll dive into a different Bible story, exploring how it connects to our lives today. Come for the conversation, stay for the donuts!

High School Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Sundays beginning September 14 | 10 - 10:50 am | M213 - All high schoolers are invited for Bible study. Come for good conversation, meaningful questions, and a chance to dig deeper into scripture together. No prep needed—just show up!

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) - Sunday, September 14 | 6 - 7 pm | St. Francis A & B - All middle school students are invited for games, community, and meaningful connections. Come hang out, have fun, and grow in faith together.

Youth Council - First Sundays Monthly, September - May | 6 - 7:30 pm | St. Francis C - High school students (grades 9 -12) are invited to apply. Take on leadership roles to plan events, share ideas, and make a difference in our community. Details & application: christchurchcharlotte.org/youth-council.

Youth Council Retreat - October 3 - 5 | Glory Ridge - Our high school retreat to Glory Ridge is a chance to step away from the noise, soak in the beauty of creation, and grow in faith alongside friends. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/glory-ridge-retreat.

Children and Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed - We need volunteers for the 2025 - 2026 program year. If you feel led to serve in this way, contact Laquita Lindsay at lindsayl@christchurchcharlotte.org (Children) or Savannah Jane Williams at williamsS@christchurchcharlotte.org (Middle & High School).

Youth Pilgrimage (June 2026) Registration Now Open - 10th & 11th graders are invited on a pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in Spain. Space is limited; register now to secure your spot. Details & registration (deadline October 1): christchurchcharlotte.org/events/youth-spain-pilgrimage.

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