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View's purpose is to:

- Encourage alumni, parents, and friends to keep Christ preeminent in all areas of their lives
- Give alumni, parents, and friends—our most important ambassadors—stories and information about the College, its students, alumni, faculty, and staff
- Provide alumni with an ongoing connection to the Covenant community
- Give God's people news about Covenant that will encourage them to praise, thank, and petition our Heavenly Father.

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IN ALL THINGS CHRIST PREEMINENT



The Scots and Lady Scots varsity basketball teams both ended the season with winning records, earning berths in the conference regional tournament. Follow Scots athletics at facebook.com/CovenantScots and twitter.com/CovenantScots.

CovenantNews

Covenant Among *Washington Monthly's* Top 50 Baccalaureate Colleges

Washington Monthly has ranked Covenant the 48th best baccalaureate college in the nation in its 2012 list. This list, unlike most others of its kind, seeks to measure the good each college does. The three factors considered were social mobility, research production, and commitment to service.

"The more expensive college becomes, the more students are encouraged to see higher education as a mere return on investment," write the *Washington Monthly* editors. "The students in our best colleges are taught by example and design to look beyond themselves and give back."

"While we don't put a lot of emphasis on external rankings, which tend to be focused more on inputs rather than educational outputs, we're particularly flattered by our *Washington Monthly* ranking because the methodology of this ranking places significant weight on service by an institution's graduates," says President Derek Halvorson.

"We seek to shape men and women who will serve faithfully in the church and the world, family and community, business and professions. This ranking is a nice affirmation that we're enjoying some success in that effort."

EDGE Business Magazine Features Impact of Covenant Alumni in Chattanooga

In its January 2013 issue, *EDGE Business Magazine* explored the profound impact that so many Covenant College alumni are having in Chattanooga.



"Covenant College is graduating some of the most innovative small business thinkers in the region. Together they are helping the Scenic City get outside the box," the article states.

"If you study the places now considered city hot spots, places

where storefronts and restaurants are serving and tourists are flocking, you are likely to find a Covenant grad.”

The article, entitled “Where Ideas Are Made,” is available at covenant.edu/edge and begins on page 52 of the magazine.

Jackson Hall Student Art Gallery

The hallway of Jackson Hall is now a gallery, displaying paintings, sculptures, photography, and other art created by students.



“Our art students love to have people see their work,” says Prof. Jeff Morton, who notes that the art gallery in the library is used mostly for professional exhibits. Eventually, he would like to see this student gallery formalized, with customized lighting and presentation, but for now “the intent is just to have a space where students can share their newest pieces.”

The gallery is open to the public, and the art on display changes throughout the year.

“Ethics and Online Communities” Panel Discussion

Covenant’s Technology Club hosted a panel discussion on ethics and online communities, featuring Prof. Bill Davis, President Halvorson, and Prof. Jeff Humphries.

“Everybody on this campus interacts in some way with Facebook, Twitter, Skype . . . you name it,” says John Holland ’13, president and founder of the club. “And our question is, how does a Christian do that differently?”

The Technology Club has hosted several activities recently, including the building of a computer. Visit covenant.edu/techclubscotscast to hear John talk about the Technology Club.

New Student Clubs

Students have formed six new clubs this year: climbing, disc golf, fencing, hockey, triathlons, and zumba.

“Covenant students have so many diverse interests and gifts, and new clubs are a great way for them to use their unique interests to benefit others,” said Susanna Griffith ’13, student body president.



onCourse

Dissection

Faculty:

Profs. Tim Morris, Richard Nelson, Mike Rulon, and Jerry Wenger

Method:

Students go beyond looking at photographs to learn about anatomy. They dissect animals and examine organs and skeletons of various species. These exercises demonstrate the wide variety of animal anatomy and are used as analogs to understanding the anatomy of humans.

For Example:

Depending on the course, students may dissect freshwater clams, starfish, or fetal pigs, as well as several kinds of flowers and fruits. In more advanced courses, students dissect cats, as well as studying preserved sheep brains and hearts and the human skeleton. Some dissect sea squirt, lamprey, large aquatic salamanders, and sharks, as well as studying skeletons of shark, bony fish, salamander, turtle, alligator, pigeon, and cat. Other specimens include earthworms, sandworms, squid, grasshoppers, spiders, and sea urchins.

Says Dr. Wenger:

“In education it is always better to do more than see and hear, but to also be an active participator. Dissection helps engage the learner of an animal’s anatomy. A second reason is to actually feel the organism and also realize that every animal is slightly different than another. Computer dissection, unless very sophisticated, will be the same each time, which is not reality. We stress to students not to rely on pictures in their laboratory manuals. They are only to be guides and to use the dissection directions and find major markers like certain organs in their specimen to guide their dissection. As our students have gone out into various medical or physical therapy schools, they often remark that the dissection experience has put them in a good position to work on their cadavers in their anatomy courses.”

Method Used In:

General Biology, Comparative Chordate Anatomy, Biology of Invertebrates, Human Anatomy and Physiology, and Physiological Psychology

ScotsCast:

Listen to students discuss their experience at covenant.edu/dissectionsotscast

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Percentile in which Covenant freshmen scored on a test of general education competencies

100

Percentile in which Covenant juniors scored on a test of general education competencies

81

Musicians in the Christmas concert

210

Scholarship Weekend participants

79

Percentage of students who report that Covenant was their first-choice college

45

Current students from Maryland

66

Current students from Florida

17

Current students from Washington

6

New student clubs

250

Educators Conference attendees



“They are also a great way to build friendships, learn new skills, and develop leadership abilities.”

Prof. Scott Quatro coaches and plays for the hockey club, which is now a part of the local league Hockey Chattanooga. “The single biggest excitement is these guys that go to Covenant having the opportunity to play a sport they love, and they didn’t have that opportunity before,” said Prof. Quatro.



Educators Conference

Covenant’s 2013 Educators Conference, hosted by the Education Department, featured guest speaker Dr. Ellen Lowrie Black and was attended by 250 guests.

“Our annual Educators Conference is designed to bring educators in our region to campus to engage in meaningful learning and discussion around specific educational issues,” said Prof. Jim Drexler.

This year’s conference focused on common core standards, with lectures by Dr. Black, a panel discussion, Q&A sessions, and an emphasis on practical application for educators in public, private, and Christian schools.

Following the conference, school administrators met and interviewed Covenant’s junior and senior education students as well as students in the M.A.T. program at the annual Career Summit.



Conducted by visiting professors David Long and Lok Kim, the College's Christmas concert featured music by the Madrigal Singers and Renaissance Consort, brass ensemble, orchestra, Covenant Chorale, and visiting music professor Dr. Rosella Ewing. Watch highlights at covenant.edu/2012Christmasconcert.

Physics Students & Faculty Present Research

Prof. Phill Broussard, Emily Davis '14, and Tim Ahrenholz '14 delivered presentations at the annual conference of the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society, held in Tallahassee, FL, in November 2012.

"Each of us presented various aspects of our thin films research from this summer," says Emily, who notes that the conference included presentations from undergraduates, graduate students, and doctoral candidates, as well as some well-known physicists. "We had good data to present, and were able to answer a lot of questions.

"Personally, I really enjoyed the experience," she says. "I got to meet several physicists and students from the field of condensed matter, which is the category that thin films fall into. The experience opened my eyes to how widespread the field is, and it also confirmed how invaluable our summer research was, as I realized how much I was able to

understand because of what I learned this summer."

Hear more about this collaborative research at covenant.edu/physicsscotscast.

Students Hold Conservation Week

The Campus Stewardship Committee led a weeklong effort this February to promote environmental stewardship. Activities included an energy-saving competition between residence halls, a food-saving program, and an effort to encourage more recycling.

"We live on a beautiful mountain; we receive electricity at the flip of a switch; we receive wholesome food every day," said Matthew Bristley '13, a member of the committee. "These are just some of the blessings that God has given the Covenant community, and we hope that Conservation Week helps remind people to use these resources wisely, conserving as much as possible in order to take care of God's creation."

"As college students we don't have a lot of money, so it's sometimes hard for us

to think of ways that we can steward our resources," said April Kent '13, committee co-chair. "That's what CSC is all about. It's about finding ways to steward what God's given us right now."

Listen to students on the CSC discuss conservation at covenant.edu/conservationscotscast.

Certified Professional Résumé Writer Available to Students and Alumni

Covenant's Center for Calling & Career (CCC) has a certified professional résumé writer on staff to help Covenant students and alumni better communicate what they can offer potential employers.

Since the CCC's inception in 2009, Leda Goodman has helped students with more than 1,000 résumé packages. Her certification by the Professional Association of Résumé Writers & Career Coaches only adds to the caliber of resources available to students and alumni in the CCC.

"Leda has always helped our students and alumni present their best professional



selves,” says Anthony Tucker, director of the CCC. “This certification adds external validation that lends credibility and assures those she assists that the advice is relevant and current. We are excited about the opportunity this affords both students and alumni.”

Learn more about the services offered by the Center for Calling & Career at covenant.edu/career.

Alumnus Wins National Entomological Competition

Tommy McElrath '10 and a team of fellow University of Georgia graduate students took first place in the 2012 Linnaean Games, a national question-and-answer competition hosted by the Entomological Society of America. The games included teams from eight colleges, divided at first into four branches: eastern, southeastern, southwestern, and pacific. Tommy's team won the southeastern branch in March 2012 and went on to win the national meeting later that fall.

Tommy, who is working towards his Ph.D. in entomology with a focus on systematics

Top Ten in 2012

ScotsCasts covenant.edu/scotscast	Chapel Messages covenant.edu/itunes	Videos covenant.edu/youtube
1. Seed Project Winners – One Year Later by Anthony Tucker '99 & Miller Wellborn with Drew Belz '10 & Isaiah Smallman '11	1. New Age, New Learning, New Authority: The Intellectuals Arise by Dr. Eric Miller	1. Flash Mob in the Great Hall
2. What We Learned at Covenant by Jon Casselberry '12 & Peter McCrory '12	2. On Earth as It Is In Heaven: The Church as Royal Theater by Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer	2. A Greeting from Dr. J. Derek Halvorson '93, President-Elect
3. The Bagpipe by Adrienne McCrory '12	3. Hope & Healing: Part I by Dr. Justin Holcomb	3. Mountain Affair 2012 Winning Performance
4. Homeschoolers and Covenant by Ruth Gibson '13 & Brian Simons '13	4. That's What Friends Are For by Tracy Thrasher Thoenes	4. Merry Christmas from Covenant College
5. Being Involved in Church While in College by Mary Grace Stocker '14 & Rebekah Taft '14	5. Thy Will Be Done: The Drama of Christian Doctrine by Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer	5. Announcing Covenant College's Sixth President
6. Mountain Affair by Garrison Dale '14	6. John 20:11-18 by Prof. Sarah Huffines	6. Morning, Noon, & Night: A Covenant Alumni Series Part I
7. Faith and Language by Prof. Nola Stephens	7. The Day Is at Hand: Pursuing Our Callings Today by Dr. Niel Nielson	7. Time-Lapse Video of a Day at Covenant
8. Studying Business and Accounting at Covenant by Kit Meyer '12	8. Hope & Healing: Part II by Dr. Justin Holcomb	8. Move-In Day
9. Past, Present & Future by George '72 & Sheryl Cross Farquhar '72	9. The Gift of a Coin, a King, and a Kingdom by Dr. Kelly Kapic	9. Covenant College Night at the Chattanooga Lookouts
10. Homecoming and Covenant's First Alumnus President by Tim Mahla '07	10. The Supremacy of Love by Rev. Anthony Carter	10. Mountain Affair

ScotsCast
covenant.edu/scotscast



“I find that it’s easy for us to separate the commercials and the ways women are portrayed from the game itself.”

Prof. Matt Vos '90
The Super Bowl as a Theology of Women



“More than anything, I’ve constantly been re-learning to be dependent on the Lord.”

Shelby Knapke '13
Growing at Covenant



“It’s...about being aware of community needs and...being intentional with the gifts that God has given you and using them for the betterment of that community.”

Neil Clement '13
Wilberforce and the Academic Community



An examination of terrorism, government, media, and the love of a married couple in crisis, *Two Rooms* was performed by students under the direction of Prof. Camille Hallstrom. See photos at covenant.edu/tworooms.

and classifications of the Coleoptera beetle, majored in biology at Covenant.

"I really love most insects," he says. "99 percent of insects are either neutral or beneficial, and then that one percent or less than one percent annoys us or plagues us to no end, causing all sorts of problems."

Covenant Hosts Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

After a five-year absence, the undergraduate philosophy conference returned in the fall

of 2012. Undergraduates from Covenant and other institutions presented papers on a variety of topics, including philosophies of religion, public affairs, and ethics.

"The goal of the event was to give undergraduates the opportunity to publicly present their work to peers and professors, an opportunity that usually only graduate students and professionals have," said Grady Dickinson '13, president of Covenant's philosophy club. "Our

history department has set a great example in forging relationships with other schools that allow an undergraduate philosophy conference to be held every year. So, another goal for this undergraduate philosophy conference is that it will lay the kind of strong groundwork that will allow the event to take place more regularly."

Dr. James Peters of Sewanee delivered the plenary address, entitled "The Metaphysics of Love."

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"God the Father takes injustice and violence against His image very seriously."

Karen Angela Ellis
*Liberty & Justice for All:
Theological Reflections on
the Dream*



"The idolatry of the family is one of the most acceptable sins in conservative churches."

Rev. Kevin DeYoung
*Marriage, Family &
Community Conference*



"The Holy Spirit chooses to use even conflict to bring about His purposes for His church."

Rev. Irwyn Ince
The Rhythm of Conflict

InFocus

Legend has it that British soldiers used pages from the Christopher Saur II German-language Bible for cartridge paper, or "gun wad," during the Battle of Germantown.

A copy of this edition, printed in 1776, has been donated to the special collection of Covenant's Anna E. Kresge Memorial Library by Mark Caldwell.

The donation also included an Isaac Collins Bible and an Isaiah Thomas Bible (pictured).

The Collins Bible was printed in 1791 and excluded the standard dedication to King James, which Collins deemed "wholly unnecessary for the purposes of edification."

The copy of the Isaiah Thomas Bible, printed in 1791 in Worcester, contains an extensive birth and death record for the Hayes family of Massachusetts, and includes the dedication to King James, despite being published after the Revolutionary War.

"Material artifacts like these help connect our students to numerous aspects of history, from the development of bookmaking technology to the various stages of Bible printing in America," says John Holberg, Covenant's research instruction and special collections librarian.

The Bibles are currently on display in the library.

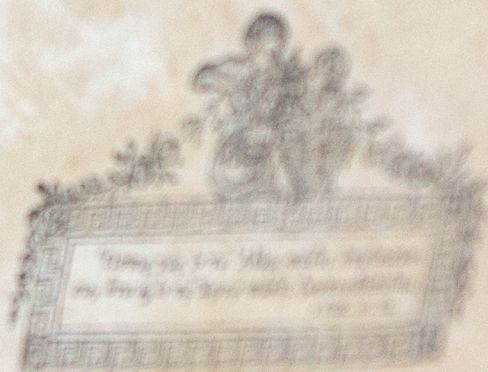


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CampusCollage

1-2 Jazz Ensemble Concert

Directed by Stephen Humphries, the jazz ensemble performed works by Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, and others.

3-4 Mountaintop Mingle

Students networked with community leaders in fields such as business, art, medicine, government, engineering, and law.

5-6 Marriage, Family, & Community Conference

After delivering the 2011 commencement address, Rev. Kevin DeYoung returned to speak on the role of the local church.

7-9 Mountaintop Madness

The basketball season opened with this annual night of scrimmages and dunk, three-point, and costume contests.

10-11 Culture Fest

Ethnic, linguistic, and cultural performances were followed by a feast of international flavors.

12-13 Academic Lecture Series

Dr. J. Kameron Carter spoke on Quentin Tarantino's filmography and questions of race and Christianity.

14-15 Theatre: *As You Like It*

Students acted in five performances of this Shakespearean comedy under the direction of Prof. Deborah Kirby.

16-17 Parents Weekend

Many parents traveled to campus for a weekend of quality time with their children and with fellow parents.

18 Exam Cram

Harry Potter was the theme for this late-night study break on the first night of exams.

19-20 '80s Skate Night

This tradition continues even among the current generation of students born in the '90s.

21-22 Chamber Orchestra Concert

Lok Kim conducted the chamber orchestra, and Dr. Rosella Ewing and David Tahere sang three arias.

23-24 LifeKit

Local alumni and other professionals spoke with undergrads on topics such as personal finance and healthcare.

25-27 Senior Art Exhibit

Senior art majors showcased their work in the campus art gallery in the fall, as a preview of their spring SIP exhibit.

See more at covenant.edu/facebook

IT'S NOT COMMUNITY

by Rev. Aaron Messner

THERE'S A LOT OF TALK IN THE CHURCH TODAY ABOUT GROWTH, and often when we have that conversation, we're talking about numeric growth. When the Scriptures talk about growth, though, they're not talking about numeric growth, although by all means the Scriptures get excited about people coming to faith in Christ. They're talking about a spiritual growth.

What does that growth look like? The ultimate end of Christian growth is to be conformed into the likeness of Christ, which is just another way of saying holiness. There's really no other holy pattern that we are striving after or being conformed into other than the holiness of Jesus Christ himself. That is the ultimate end of every believer. That's pretty exciting, because God says he's going to do that in all of his people.

Romans 8 makes this very clear when it says God has started this process. He's called, he's elected, and ultimately he's going to do everything he needs to so that we're all conformed into the likeness of Jesus. So that's what God's up to.

What I'd like to ask is, how do we participate in that? Are there practices that we can and should be engaging in to participate in what God's doing to conform us into the likeness of Christ?

It's a question I often ask on this campus.

Sometimes when I'm interviewing people for a job in student development, I like to ask, "At the most basic level, how do people grow spiritually?"

I get some good answers, but probably the most common answer is that community is how people grow. Sometimes that even comes from Covenant grads, and that's something we talk a lot about here. But I want to say very clearly that community is not the fundamental answer to the question.

Community in and of itself accomplishes nothing related to spiritual growth. You know

necessarily makes us more like Jesus.

What kind of community, then, will make its members more like Jesus? What are the practices that that community has to cultivate and develop in order to actually grow together? I want to suggest to you that the Reformed tradition has used a little phrase that captures the core disciplines that are at the heart of the growth of all Christians. Maybe this is a new phrase for you, in which case I want to introduce it to you. If it's a very familiar phrase to you, I want to remind you of it and continue to commend it to you, and it's this: the ordinary means of grace.

The Reformed tradition has said these are the foundational ways that Christians grow. These are the practices that you must give yourself to in order to grow as a Christian. The ordinary means of grace consist of three things. This is going to really shock you. The ordinary means of grace are the Word, prayer, and the sacraments.

It's important to understand that these are presented to you as means of grace. We need to understand that what the Bible says is that our salvation, from first to last, is all a work of grace. In that same Romans 8 passage, it starts with God choosing us and electing us before the foundation of the world, and it starts with him glorifying his people. From first to last it's all God's work, so then Ephesians 2 can say that it's by grace you have been saved through faith, and

“A lot of times we start to think we’re saved by grace but we grow through our work. The Bible says no.”

the number one reason that westerners say they convert to Islam? Community. To experience the global community of Islam. And there's a lot to say that that community is real. Part of the parlance of our culture now is the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual community, and that is a very strong community.

Community in and of itself only ratifies and strengthens whatever the group wants to be about. There's nothing about community that

this is not of yourselves. It's the work of God, so that no one can boast.

Now this is important because what we are going to talk about here are things that we do, practices that we should cultivate, but what we need to understand is that these are practices of grace. It's important because I think a lot of times we implicitly start to think we're saved by grace, we become Christians as a result of God's grace—to use more technical language, we are justified, forgiven, declared righteous as a result of grace—but a lot of us, functionally, believe that we grow—become sanctified—through our

than he turned out to be.” I don't think that's going to happen. I think we'll get there and say, “We said it was you from first to last, but we had no idea of the marvelous character of your grace.” As we give ourselves to these practices, we have to keep that in mind.

The second thing I want to emphasize in this phrase is that these are the ordinary means of grace. They're ordinary. Try packing out a stadium with this cool conference theme: Christians need to read their Bible more and pray. We're like, “Come on, man. You got something better for me than that, right?

an angel, or something amazing. You've got to blow their minds.” Here's the response: “If they will not listen to the Word, they will not listen even if someone should rise from the dead.” Of course someone has risen from the dead, and people still don't listen.

We need to be a people who say, “Give me the ordinary Word. Give me the privilege of speaking with God in prayer.” The Bible says that not only should we not need the extraordinary, but this is actually better than the extraordinary.

The apostle Peter says in 2 Peter 1 that he was on the mount of transfiguration and saw Jesus

“Try packing out a stadium with this cool conference theme: Christians need to read their Bible more and pray.”

work, our discipline. “Thanks, God, for bringing me to this place of salvation, and now I've got to take it from here.”

The Bible says no. Even when the Bible calls us to work (as Paul does in Philippians 2:13, when he says “work out your salvation with fear and trembling”), it comes right alongside to say even that work is because God is at work in you both to will and to do for his good pleasure. That's important to remember when we talk about spiritual disciplines, so that we can experience and celebrate and learn more about God's grace.

That's what prompted the great hymn writer John Newton to say, “'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.” I assure you this, when we get to heaven and come up to God and say, “We give you praise and honor and glory. It all goes to you, for you have saved us from first to last,” God will not interrupt and say, “Whoa, you're giving me way too much credit. I couldn't have done it without you. We kind of met in the middle, remember? I got things started, but you brought it home, man.”

Just as an aside, if that does happen, I will come to all my Armenian brothers and sisters and say, “My bad. I just thought God was greater

Something more amazing, something more sophisticated. I mean, we're, like, in college now.”

No, that's it. Can God do unbelievably extraordinary things? He most certainly can. The Bible is full of miracles, and sometimes those miracles accomplish great good. Paul is on the road to Damascus and he sees a vision of the risen Christ that blinds everyone around him and completely changes his life. That's extraordinary.

God is not limited to the ordinary, but the Scriptures are very clear that we are not to live a spiritual life that pursues the extraordinary, depends on the extraordinary, and in some ways even demands the extraordinary. One passage that makes this so clear is in Luke 16, of Lazarus the poor man and the rich man who ignores Lazarus, and then the rich man dies and he's in hell, in torment, and he cries out, “Father Abraham, send someone from the dead to visit my brothers so that they will not have this same fate!” What's the reply? “They have the Word. They have the law of Moses. Tell them to look to the Word, and they will find what they need to find.” The rich man answers, “That's not going to work. That's not good enough. You need to send

transform in his heavenly glory. That's pretty cool. Who wouldn't say, “That would help my walk. That would help if I could see the transformed, glorious, risen Christ.” But then Peter says something shocking. He says that you have something even more certain: the prophetic Word, which you will do well to pay attention to.

We need to be a people who live in these ordinary disciplines, because these are the means by which God showers his grace upon his people.

Jesus quotes Deuteronomy and says, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” For Jesus, the Bible is his life. It's his food. It's what causes him to be nourished, and to live, and to grow. If that's true for Jesus, the living Word, who depended on the written Word for the sustaining of his spiritual life, how much more is it true for us?

We could look at the countless verses in the Psalms that say, “Your Word is a light unto my feet. It illuminates my path. It's because of your Word that I know where to go.” Just take the time to read through Psalm 19 and see the power of God's Word to make his people holy. That's not just because there's content that we

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get; it's because the Word itself is inspired by the Spirit of God. It is living and active, the author of Hebrews tell us. Isaiah writes in Isaiah 55 that the Word, when it goes forth, because of its dynamism and its spiritual power, never returns void, but always accomplishes all that the Lord has set out for it to do.

If we know that this is what God wants for us: conformity to Christ, and we know that God's Word, in its spiritual dynamism, always accomplishes his purposes in his people, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to say we should be giving ourselves to that Word. Hopefully what you'll learn at Covenant is better interpretive skill, so that you can increasingly recognize how any passage of the Bible ultimately finds its glory and fulfillment in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that you can read any passage and be nourished by the gospel. It's a beautiful thing.

I want to tell you: there is no other way for you to grow into a mature Christian than to be a person of the Word. You say, “Well, I want to have communion with Jesus.” You can't commune with Jesus apart from actually having Jesus speak his Word to you. You can't have too much Bible in your life, so practically cultivate Bible disciplines. Read it on your own. Read it in groups. Come to chapel, because the primary activity of chapel is the reading and preaching of the Word. Find a church, and when you go to a church the first question you should ask is: does this church preach the Word? More important than whether you like the music, more important than whether you think the aesthetics of the building are cool, is this: does this church preach the Word?

The second thing: pray. Paul adjures Christians to pray without ceasing. If you look at the life of Christ, he did it. He prayed to the Father. Throughout his day he's in conversation.

He goes and carves out huge blocks of time to pray by himself. There's no substitute for prayer.

How do you have communion with someone? They talk to you, you talk to them. I just want to offer you one word of encouragement on your prayer life. Pray alone, pray in community, but here's one that you may not think of: I encourage you to pray the Scriptures. Sit down and pray with the Bible in your lap. Read a particular passage and then pray in light of that passage. Ask yourself, “What in this passage prompts me to praise God? What in this passage calls me to repentance and convicts me of sin? What in this passage makes me thank God? What in this passage makes me say, ‘I need that, God. Would you give that to me?’”

A lot of times we don't pray with the Bible and we pray the same things over and over. I don't know about you, but if I'm alone for ten minutes, my mind is gone. It's wandering. I need focus. Have you ever tried to have a conversation with someone who's not there? It's challenging. But to actually have a conversation where God is speaking to you and you're responding to him based on that word—it's the single most helpful discipline that I've learned in the last ten years. Pray about your sick grandmother, pray about your test that's coming up, but talk to the Lord, and let his conversation with you shape your conversation with him.

Then, finally, the sacraments: baptism and the Lord's supper. Why are these important? Because, as our Reformed confessions say (using the language of Scripture), the sacraments are signs and seals of God's promises to us. They remind us of the truth of the gospel. They say, “Remember, Jesus died. His blood has washed you clean. His Spirit has regenerated you. Take this bread and remember that he died for you, for your sin, and his blood was shed for you so

that you might have eternal life.”

The sacraments call us back to the gospel. They re-center us on the gospel, and spiritually, something happens when we commune with God's people and celebrate. Christ is spiritually present with us, and he seals these truths to our hearts.

You may notice that we never celebrate the sacraments here on Covenant's campus. So how do you do that? You get involved in the local church. For these four years, and for the rest of your life, remember you can't grow into full maturity without participation in the life of the church. So, brothers and sisters, may these simple truths, these simple practices, these old paths, be a delight to you.

One final thing: I don't do these things all the time. As an ordained minister, there are times I go weeks without cracking open my Bible. I go through seasons of utterly anemic prayer life. There are times when I'm battling dozing off while I'm in church, waiting for the bread and the cup to come. That's wrong. It's sinful to neglect the Lord's grace in such a way, but you know what the answer is? To return to those things because it's there that I actually find the gospel preached to me. I don't just find the Word saying, “Do better next time, punk.” I find the Word and prayer with my Savior and the sacraments to remind me that I'm a sinner and that God gives grace to sinners. He saves sinners. He loves me.

We don't do these so we'll be super moral Christians. We do these because there's no other way for us to live in light of God's grace than to receive his Word, to give ourselves to prayer, and to celebrate the sacraments. May it be so for each one of us. 🙏

Rev. Messner served as chaplain of Covenant College from 2007 to December 2012. He accepted a call to serve as senior minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and began his role there in January 2013. This article is adapted from a sermon he delivered in chapel at Covenant at the beginning of the fall 2012 semester.



We Asked. Alumni Answered.

In 2012, we asked our alumni to take a survey about their experience at Covenant and about their life post-graduation. We asked dozens of questions, hoping to learn something about Covenant's strengths and weaknesses. We asked 5,852 alumni, and 1,389 answered.

The College's Office of Institutional Research has crunched the numbers, rounded here to the nearest percentage point, so that we can learn more about the Scots and about Covenant.

The following pages highlight some of the findings of the survey, and more complete results are available at covenant.edu/alumnisurvey. We are continuing to dig deeper into these results as we look to address weaknesses and build upon strengths.

We invite you to read these results, learn, pray for, celebrate, and work to further strengthen Covenant College.

96% remain committed to the Christian faith.

95% are active members or regular attenders of a local church.



90%

say their local church is their first charitable giving priority



61%

are affiliated with a PCA church



90%

generally adhere to the Reformed tradition



45%

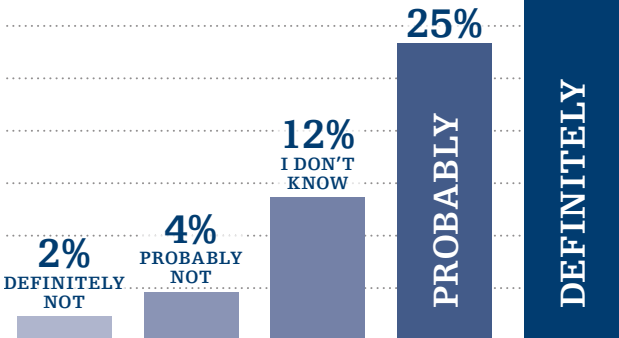
serve in a church leadership role

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I have remained committed to the Christian faith since my time at Covenant.	83%	12%	2%	1%	2%	1%
At Covenant, I was involved in a community of believers who encouraged me in my faith.	63%	29%	4%	3%	1%	0%
I generally adhere to the Reformed tradition as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith.	65%	25%	5%	2%	2%	1%

82%

would choose Covenant again.

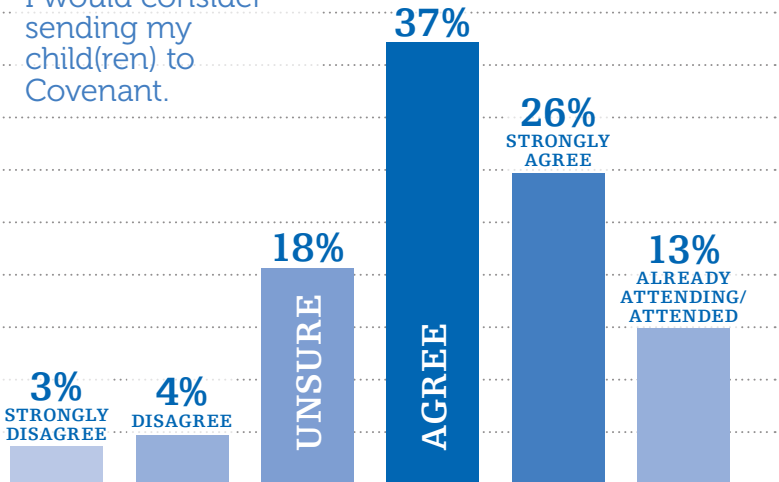
Would you choose to go to Covenant again?



76%

would consider sending their children to Covenant.

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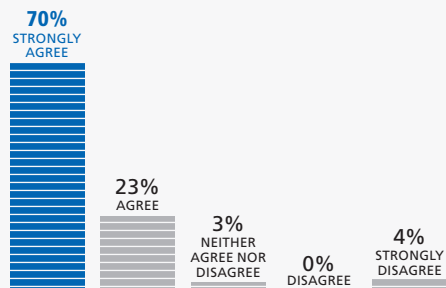


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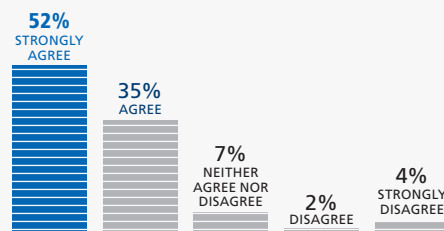
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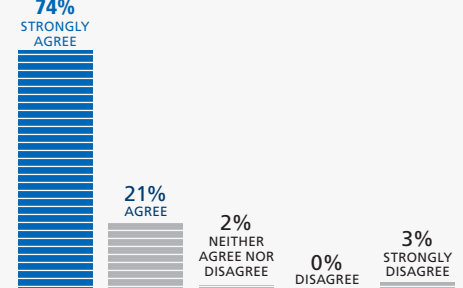
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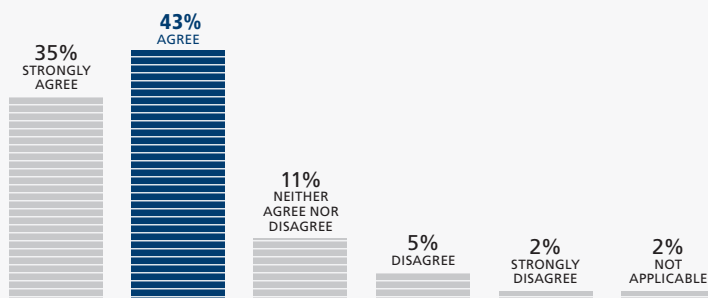
Covenant's faculty challenged me to look at issues from multiple perspectives.



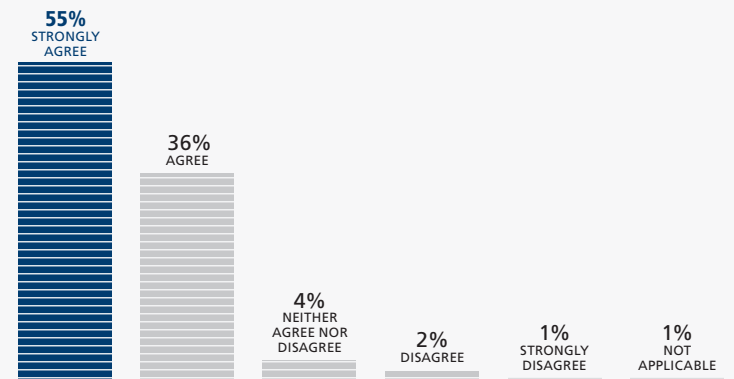
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I found the core curriculum to be valuable.



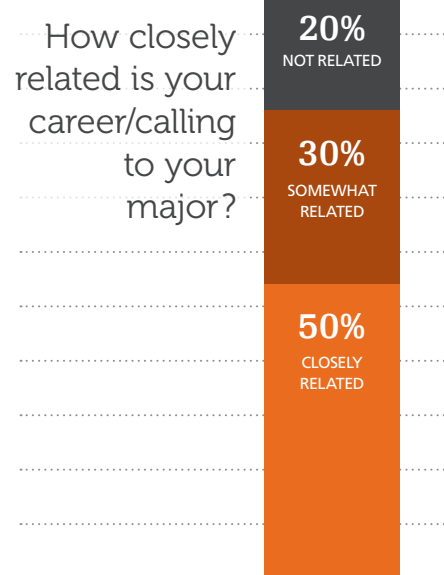
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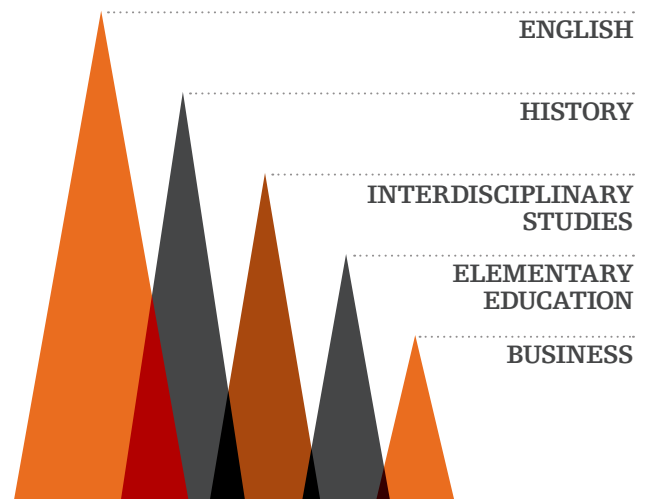
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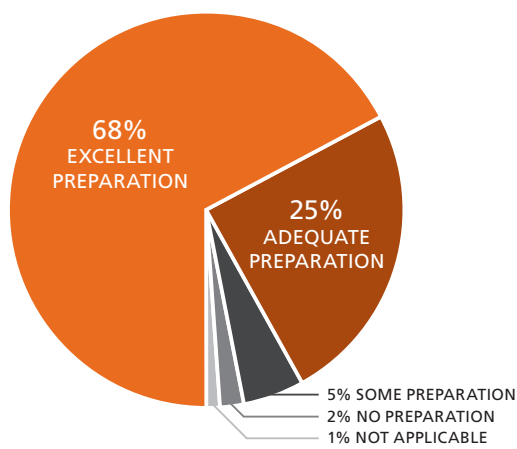
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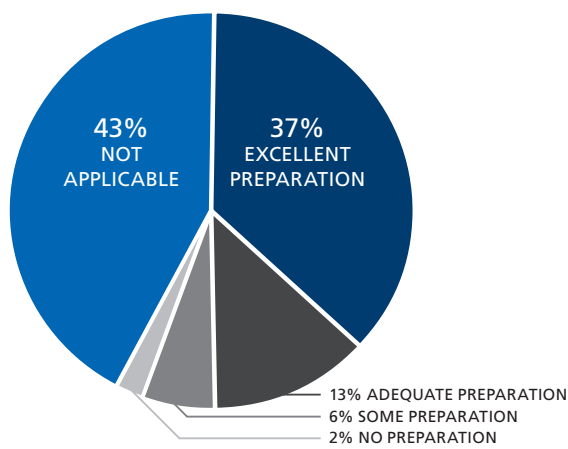
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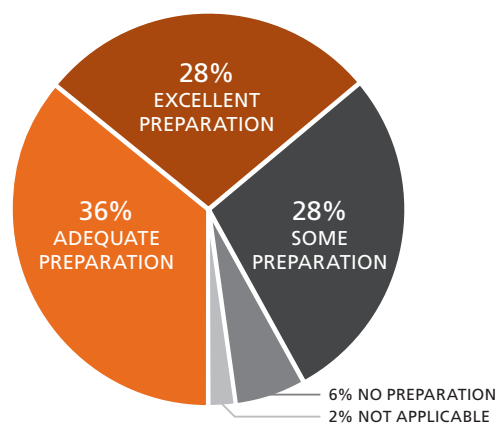
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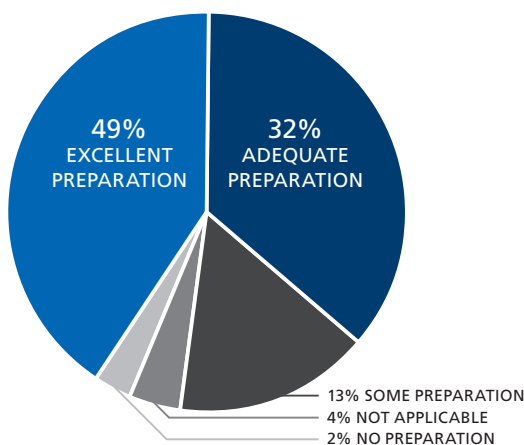
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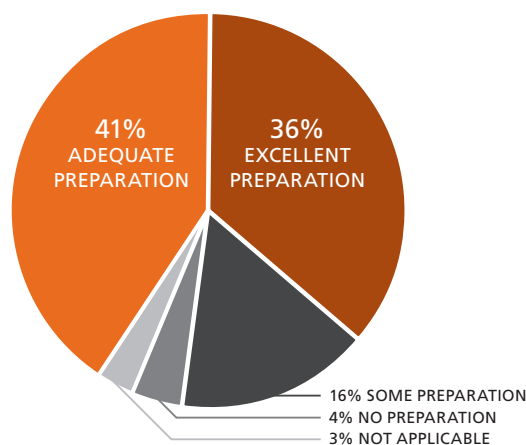
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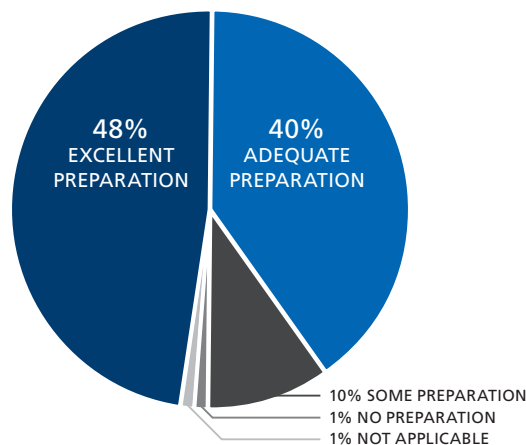
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ministry & service
in my local church



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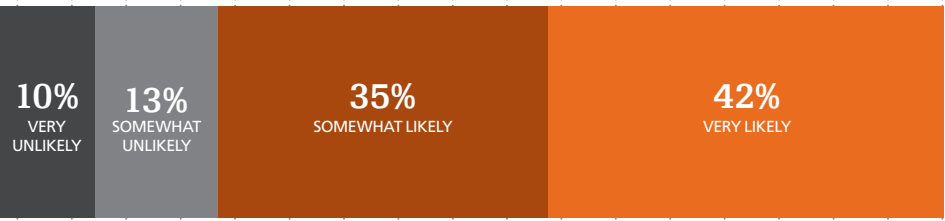


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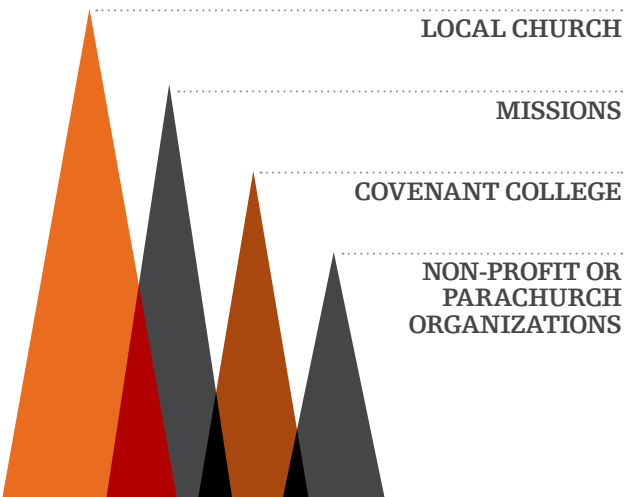
How have you donated to Covenant in the past?



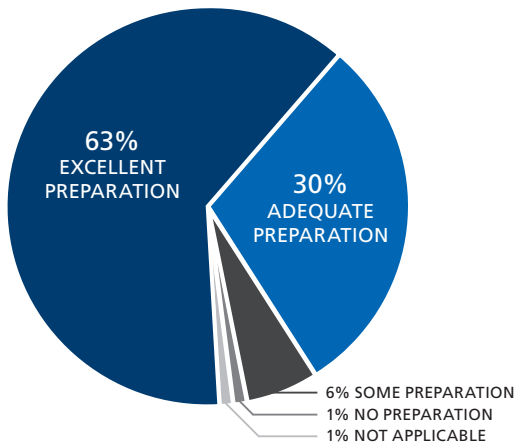
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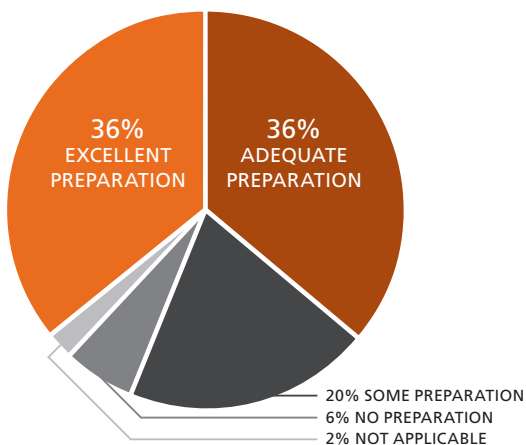
Top charitable giving priorities



We Asked. Alumni Answered.

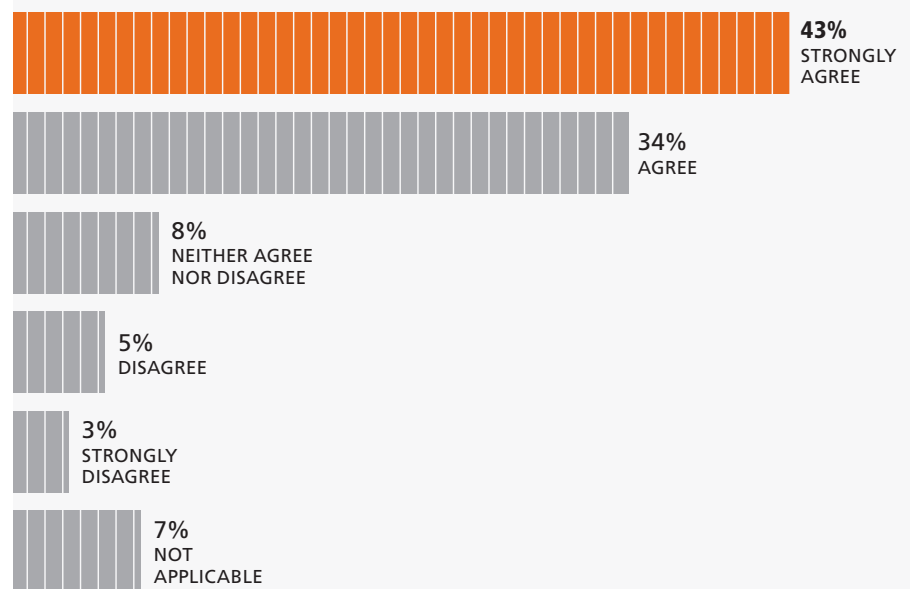


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the workplace

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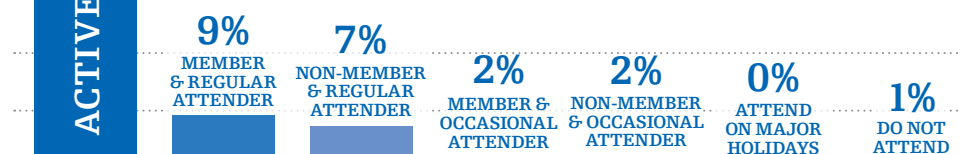


90%
say that their local
church is their first
charitable giving
priority

80%

ACTIVE MEMBER

**How often do you
attend church?**



"Covenant is a place where artistry, whimsy, and even some level of weirdness are celebrated. I love that."

"I learned that we should ask the hard questions because God can handle them."

"Wasn't always happy, but looking back, it defined my worldview as well as work ethic."

"Probably not a day goes by without a memory, a friend, a prayer."

"the most formative period of my life"

"Covenant built on the foundation that my parents had laid for me."

"learning to live 'all for Jesus'"

"Covenant is not the right place for everyone, but it was the perfect place for me."

"a network of like-minded friends to navigate the world with."

"Covenant provided an entry into the world of ideas in an atmosphere where I could approach those ideas through the lens of faith."

"It has been the most stirring experience of my life."

"Those four years gave me the tools that I use now and will use the rest of my life to love Jesus and love His world."

"empowerment toward creating a Kingdom."

"Absolutely, hands down, I would do it again."

"I chose Covenant because . . . I would have been lost without it."

"Even with the high cost, which I am still paying off, it was a worthy investment."

"I wish I could go back."

"Cost is a great concern as I think about sending my own kids someday."

"Perspective on the relationship between the church and the world."

We Asked.
**Alumni
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professor, an impression, something God taught us...."

"Although she was a non-believer, [my employer] was
in love with Covenant College grads b/c she loved the
way they think and the way they treat other people."

"a set of connections and mentors
to help me begin my career"

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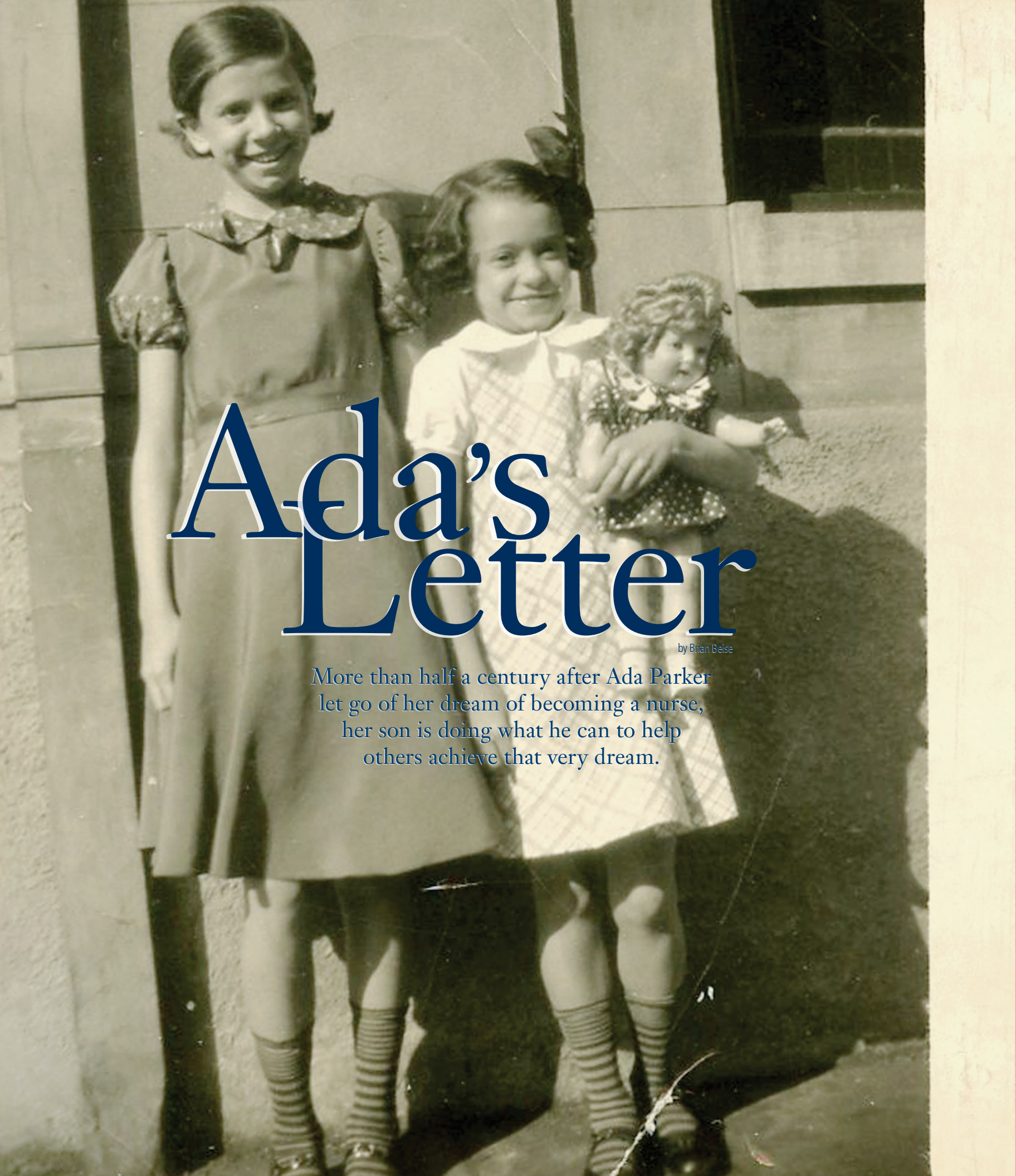
"It taught me the rhythm
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"Being taught to think,
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"Learned to love the
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"My time at Covenant has encouraged and equipped me to live in the grey
areas of a Kingdom that is 'already and not yet' with humility and boldness."



Ada's Letter

by Brian Beise

More than half a century after Ada Parker
let go of her dream of becoming a nurse,
her son is doing what he can to help
others achieve that very dream.

ADA PARKER GREW UP DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION, ABANDONED BY HER PARENTS AND RAISED BY HER ELDEST SISTER. When it came time to choose a career, Ada only had one path on her mind. She wanted to be a nurse.

By then World War II was on, and nursing schools were offering the education essentially free of charge. Should she be accepted, Ada would only have to pay for a few essentials, such as stockings and a textbook. When she brought up the idea, though, the family informed her that it was time she helped pay the bills. That meant getting a job right away, so Ada found a secretarial position and worked in the field for the rest of her life. She married, raised two sons, and sent them both to college.

Seventy years later, Ada passed away. Her son, Timothy Parker '86, was going through Ada's things and found a yellowed letter tucked away in her high school yearbook. The letter was from the head sister at the Mercy School of Nursing in Baltimore, discussing Ada's acceptance into the program.

"That kind of broke my heart," says Tim, "that she really wanted to go but couldn't, just because of financial needs." Growing up, Tim always knew about his mother's interest in nursing, but never understood it had been her life's dream. "It was more than a little girl saying, 'I want to be a ballerina,' or a little boy saying, 'I want to be a fireman.' It was consistent. She never let on that she'd gotten that far in the process."

For many years, Ada was administrative assistant to the director of nursing at Shepherd Pratt Hospital. Moreover, her niece, Susan DePrine Hansen '80, became a nurse, and Tim himself is a physician's assistant. Ada was never far from the profession she loved. Tim remembers the day of Susan's graduation from nursing school. "Even though I was only in sixth grade, I still remember seeing my mother's excitement," he says.

"I think she would've been a nursery nurse," says Tim. "In church she always made sure the nursery was well taken care of, doing the laundry and what not. In fact, we declined having flowers at her funeral so money could be put toward the church nursery."

Thinking back on his mother's life and all she did to put him through school, Tim was inspired to pass that blessing on to others. "After prayer, it just seemed very fitting that money would be set aside for students who want to go to nursing school but may not have the means to do so." Tim arranged a gift to Covenant, in memory of his mother, aimed at helping pre-nursing students in financial need.

Nursing requires a servant's heart, and through her son's gift to Covenant, Ada's service and sacrifice will be remembered. She put her nursing dream away for the sake of others. Through this gift, Tim hopes students like young Ada will not have to do the same. 🙏



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We sat down with several students to hear their thoughts on the role of the local church.



Student Roundtable on the **Local Church**

On Childhood and Church

KEVIN | I didn't really grow up in a strong, theological church that embodied the calling that God gave us in Scripture, so coming to Covenant and seeing how Christ and culture work together, and how as Christians we're called to be in the world and all the implications of that has really been a new world to me. Getting involved

When I came to the States, I transitioned from that atmosphere to attending a mega-church; it was definitely a shock. Yet it was interesting to me to see the different ways in which people worship.

It always strikes me how people, when they're committed to their faith, seek out the local church, whether it's got 70 members or 22,000. There's something about the gospel that's infectious, that brings people

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and not just going to church every Sunday has been encouraging and convicting and a struggle to actually embody that.

MEGAN | My parents were missionaries, so my dad was gone about a third of the year working with house churches in China during an extremely restrictive time.

together. While it can sometimes get obscured in the bright lights, amplifiers and flashy clothes of our culture, at the heart of it, the gospel is what draws people together in the local church.

We're all broken people, and we are journeying together towards Christ.



Megan Sergeant '14
Community Development
Dadeville, AL



James Cunningham '14
English
Cookeville, TN



Sometimes we get it wrong, but we learn to love as Christ loves us by experiencing and partaking in His love for His church. It's been an interesting journey for me, to see so many sides of the American church.

JAMES | It's so funny, the contrast with what Megan said, but basically through my middle school years up to high school I wasn't going to church. A close family friend invited me to go back to church to be involved in the youth group my freshman year of high school. I thought, *oh, they have a lot of things to offer me so I'll go*, but it didn't really click—the importance of this community—until I was actually in college.

CHRIS | I am one of eight sons, and when the seventh had cancer, my mom wanted to be with him at the hospital, and my dad had to provide for the family, so we went

to different houses to play video games or whatever. Different church families basically watched us, and cooked meals, and so on. That's something that stands in contrast to the world. I've experienced a family that is united by the blood of Christ, not by genetic blood. I saw the importance of what people are depriving themselves of by not being in the church, not being a part of the body.

ESTHER | My dad was a pastor, and it was a really small community, like 300 people in our town, so there were not a lot of churches around. Then when I came to Covenant it was really overwhelming to see that there were literally hundreds of churches I could choose to go to. I spent a little bit of time visiting different churches, and I went to North Shore Fellowship a couple of times, but I wasn't immediately drawn to it. It took

taking the time to invest in the church to see the qualities that it had.

I think that sometimes you expect to find this church that's perfect for you right off the bat, sometimes the way we are with relationships. It wasn't that way for me, but once I got to know people and was intentional about investing in the church and getting to know the pastors, it was encouraging and such a blessing to me.

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—Esther Ellis '13

On the Church Body

MEGAN | I go to a Guatemalan immigrant church at the base of the mountain, and it's definitely been a growing experience for me. I've been able to start an ESL program with the church, and it's been incredible to see that not only am I pouring out into their lives, but they're pouring out into mine, even as I serve them. It's been eye-opening for me to



Esther Ellis '13
Applied Music
Mount Vision, NY



Chris Seo '14
Economics
Escondido, CA



Kevin Hughes '15
Biblical & Theological Studies
Kennesaw, GA

recognize that this is what the body of Christ should look like: all of us coming together and using what we have to build one another up—not only spiritually, but mentally and emotionally. It's really beautiful to see the community of God working in that way.

JAMES | I think that before I came to Covenant, I saw the church relationship as one thing or another; either the church needed me, or I needed the church. But as

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I've been at Covenant I've realized that, like Megan said, it's both. You're a crucial part of the church, pouring into those around you, but also they're very much pouring into you. So working in church youth group, students are able to pour into you, encourage you and bless your life beyond what you can comprehend.

“Really committing to a church and not just hopping church to church is important.”
—James Cunningham '14

ESTHER | Here at school, I'm around people who are in the same stage of life as I am. Then, when I'm in church and I'm serving, I am around people from all stages, and it can only be beneficial to be surrounded by people that are different from me, but with whom I have this one common bond that is uniting us in Jesus.

KEVIN | I would say the local church, from a biblical perspective, is to be in the world but not of the world, being the body of Christ, reaching out and influencing the culture around it. Taking that step outside of your comfort zone, you really get to experience Christ in a new way. I think part of that is being involved in a local church, a good, biblical, gospel-centered community, where you are making disciples and being the body of Christ to the world.

CHRIS | Working off that, it's the primary means of God's redemptive plan and the unfolding of it, so it's infinitely important,

in that sense. The church is what God has specifically chosen to bring forth His kingdom and His people. When Chaplain Messner was here he talked about that all the time. In the classroom you're praying and you can take Bible classes and you have Christian community but the church service is an in-depth spiritual feast for your soul—the preaching of the Word, the sacraments, and prayers.

On Church Membership

JAMES | As I've been involved in the church I'm in now, it's been really cool to see that things really do take time, especially with humans, fallen people. There really does take an investment there to build a relationship and feel a sense of community. As I get older I want to keep that in mind. It's so important to be invested and really firmly planted with those people there. Really committing to a church and not just hopping church to church is important.



KEVIN | New City will be the first church that I actually join and actually get involved with, so it's just going to be about offering myself and opening up, and I'm expecting that to be so different from where I grew up.

MEGAN | I've been a member at my church for about a year now, and to me being a member is about commitment. You are agreeing to keep yourself accountable to a body of believers. As I've learned in the past year, there's a lot of power in that.

I've learned much about what it means to be part of a body of believers. You not only have a responsibility to learn what your spiritual gifts are and use those for service within the church, but you must also allow yourself to be served. That can be hard sometimes. You have to humble yourself and allow others to come around you when you need them to. But that is how the body of Christ works; that is where the beauty lies.

CHRIS | When I was looking for a local

wrestle with for the first time experientially while in college, and it's a good thing to wrestle with that.

At the end of the day it really comes down to this: are you going to be committed to Christ's bride, the church? How that manifests itself, as Megan said, looks like being served by the church and also serving. If the church is part of what's eternal and lasting, then I think it should be of some importance in our lives, because everything

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—Chris Seo '14

I've witnessed a lot of church discipline since becoming a member. The pastor's really honest with the congregation about it, publicly announcing when a member is being disciplined and mentioning them by name in prayer. When people are brought back into the church, they come to the front and everyone welcomes them back. It is quite powerful to see.

church I took the criteria of looking at the church's mission, and seeing if it preaches the Word and the gospel faithfully. It really does come down to a sense of commitment, because you will find flaws in the church. You can find things to complain about, but we live in a broken, sinful world, and any church you go to is going to have a set of problems. I think that's something I had to

else is fading away. What does that say about what we care about if the church is not a part of our time?

I want to be a part of what God has specifically ordained to be His means of bringing His kingdom. Getting to know the body and sharing life with the body has been a tremendous blessing. It is a gift from God. 

COVENANT MOMS IN PRAYER

“Just being able to pray with other moms and to see how the Lord works in so many ways has provided great strength.” – Kelly Stevens

by Brian Beise



WHEN KELLY STEVENS BROUGHT HER SON TO SUMMER PRE-ORIENTATION AT COVENANT, SHE WAS EXCITED, but also worried about this new season of parenting. “I knew that I was going to need the fellowship of other moms that had already experienced their child leaving home for the first time,” said Kelly.

On the way home, Kelly began to pray. “I thought, we need parents praying together on a monthly basis, and this could be formed by getting families together before the students leave for the fall semester.” Two days later, Mary Hoover Roberts ’84, another Covenant mom, stopped by Kelly’s house, and Kelly told her about her idea.

“Mary then told me that she had been praying for someone to lead a Covenant moms in prayer group with her. I told her, ‘Well, here is your partner.’” They gathered the contact information of interested moms, and the Covenant College Charlotte Area Moms in Prayer group was created.

The group has met monthly for two years. Lisa Boozer, Covenant’s volunteer coordinator, makes sure that they have a current list of faculty and staff, provides prayer requests from the College, and reminds the group of special events that need prayer.

“We seek to focus on prayer,” says Mary. “That is why we only have social time at two scheduled meetings. While we often stay after

and visit, we seek to keep the prayer time protected.”

In the wake of her children leaving home, Kelly believes this group provided crucial support. “Just being able to pray with other moms and to see how the Lord works in so many ways has provided great strength,” she says. “I looked around at my fellow moms in our last meeting and was overwhelmed with thanksgiving to the Lord at his love and provision for us, his people.” 🙏

Hear two mothers discuss prayer at covenant.edu/momsinprayer. Anyone interested in joining or forming a Covenant prayer group is invited to contact Lisa Boozer at 706.419.1668 or lisa.boozer@covenant.edu.

“The Puritans were surprisingly adept in the pastoral care of people with depression.”

Depression & The Puritans

HOW SHOULD A CHRISTIAN VIEW DEPRESSION?

There are a variety of perspectives, ranging from believing it to be sin to acknowledging it as a biological illness. How have Christians viewed depression in the past? The Puritans were surprisingly adept in the pastoral care of people with depression. Books like *A Christian Directory* by Richard Baxter, *Trouble of Mind and the Disease of Melancholy* by Timothy Rogers, and *A Lifting Up of the Downcast* by William Bridge testify to the importance of pastoral care for those so afflicted. Puritans recognized that such distress could originate from multiple sources. One was the disease of melancholy. Melancholy was acknowledged as genuine disease, very much like what we would describe as major depressive disorder. Richard Baxter understood that those afflicted with the disease of melancholy were “impaired in both brain and imagination and their reason is partly overthrown.” Similarly, Puritan Timothy Rogers advises, “look upon those who are under this woeful disease of melancholy with great pity and compassion . . . for they, alas, are wounded in both soul and body.”

The criteria for a diagnosis of major depression are strongly indicative of biological components. Symptoms include a depressed mood most days, sleep difficulties, psychomotor agitation or retardation, fatigue, feelings of worthlessness or guilt, diminished ability to concentrate, indecisiveness, recurrent thoughts of death and self-harm, and a loss of pleasure in once-pleasurable activities. Many of these symptoms suggest irregularities with brain chemicals that may resolve when medications that regulate these chemicals are introduced.



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In some ways, depression is like diabetes. Both have psychological and behavioral components that can exacerbate the illnesses. Both may even be precipitated by specific behaviors. Persistent substance abuse or a pattern of pessimistic thinking may lead to depression, just as persistent overeating and inactivity may lead to type II diabetes. Psalm 32:3-4 reminds us of the connection between sin and physical distress: “For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.”

Research evidence demonstrates that medication and some forms of psychotherapy can effectively resolve depression. The Puritans’ remedies included meditation on the promises of pardon for sin in the Gospel, avoiding morbid and excessive preoccupation with sin and focusing instead on Christ, who rescues us from sin, and spending time in the company of “judicious, compassionate, and experienced Christians.” As a disease, depression can fully resolve or result in suicide. By acknowledging that depression has multiple facets and addressing each with the appropriate remedy, the Christian may rejoice in God’s provision of hope through so many channels. 🙏

Rightly Ordered Loves

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE THIS COLUMN IN *VIEW*, and I regard it as a tremendous privilege to do so. Life in the several months since I assumed the presidency of Covenant College has been filled with little blessings like this, which I do not take for granted.

Many times in the past year people have asked me how I like my new job. Almost always, my first response is, "I love it." It's wonderful to work among the faculty, staff, and students of Covenant, and it's a delight to connect with the many alumni, parents, pastors, and friends who support the work of the College. It's also a rich blessing to return to a place and a community that I love for the manner in which it shaped my life.

St. Augustine held study to be an act of love. (The Latin verb *studeo* literally means, "to be zealous for, dedicate oneself to, strive after.") He pointed out that right Christian living can be summed up under Jesus' injunction in Matthew 22:37-39: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On this basis, Augustine asserted that learning was an act of loving God with one's mind, and that teaching was an act of loving one's neighbor.

There is another respect in which Augustine is helpful when thinking about what we do at Covenant. Augustine taught that human beings are defined by our loves. As a consequence, education cannot be a purely cognitive activity. Rather, it is an activity that involves the shaping of our affections, or our loves, by means of the formation of habits of mind and heart and body. He writes in his treatise *Teaching Christianity* that we must be capable of objective evaluation, so that we can love things "in the right order."

At Covenant, we desire that our students would love their Triune God. We desire that they would love His truth, and would delight in discovering it in whatever field of study and endeavor He calls them to. And we desire that through their study at the College and their life in this community, their loves would be rightly ordered—that they would be passionate and zealous for those things that their Heavenly Father cherishes, and that those rightly ordered loves would be made manifest in their lives.

This is energizing work, and it's important for our witness and work as the body of Christ in the world. Know that we are grateful for your interest in (and perhaps even *love* for) this work, and we ask for your continued support as we pursue this calling that we love so much. 🙏

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