

Covenant Harvest Church Newsletter

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CHC Vision

To influence people through our teachings and lifestyle, to a real relational way of life with God and His people that goes beyond a weekly meeting.

New Pavilion and the Administration of God

As most of you may have noticed we have a new Pavilion going up on our grounds. Far from just wanting to build another building because we needed to spend money, there is a deeper spiritual reason.

Paul talks to Timothy about something that has relevance to the Pavilion. *1Ti 1:3-4 NASB ...instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, (4) nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than **furthering the administration of God** which is by faith.*

The things God does in the earth among men usually require some sort of administra-

tion. The term "**administration**" in Timothy means "how it works, how it is organized in order to work."

When it comes to the things of God administration is usually the practical way in which heavenly truths and ideas are walked out in the earth.

One of the things we know that is an important truth that is to exist among the church is fellowship. The early church walked in it daily Acts 2:38-42. It is an important part of our growth and development which will help us be more effective in our mission in the earth. Here is where the Pavilion comes



into focus. It will be an outdoor gathering venue that will help promote fellowship and interaction among the saints with picnics and outdoor worship activities. We also hope it becomes a place of hospitality in the future. Plans include an outdoor fire pit as well.

We wish to thank Tim West and Jeff who came down from Manakato to help with the project. Also a big thank you to all of our local guys who turned out in numbers to help on the project!



Mark your calendars for Operation Car Care

Saturday July 18th, 2009

Rom 12:4-6 MSG *In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. (5) The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, (6) **let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be.***



Covenant Harvest Church Presents...

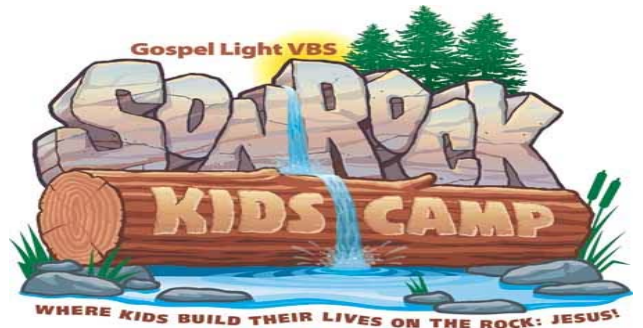


We are very excited to host our 2nd Annual VBS program this year. Last year was a great experience for us because we had never tackled a VBS curriculum before. Chris and Paula Harrison did a fabulous job heading it up and we are privileged enough to have them lead us this year too. Everyone in-

involved had a blast interacting and teaching the kids. After doing it last summer, there was no doubt that this was something to do again and again.

This year's Vacation Bible School is called: Son Rock Kids Camp... "Where Kids Build Their Lives On the Rock- Jesus." The camping theme this year goes over five key points during the week. The points are 1)Accepted by Jesus, 2)Protected by Jesus, 3)Saved by Jesus, 4)Forgiven by Jesus, and 5)Living for Jesus. We will talk about trials and triumphs in Peter's life as he walked with Jesus and how we can learn from Peter while we walk with Jesus today.

VBS Runs this year June 1st-5th and goes from 6:30-8:30pm. We will have four age groups split up from Kindergarten through Sixth grade. **Pre-registration will be available at the front desk during the next two Sundays—May 24th and May 31st.** The last night of VBS will be a family night with a campfire, smores, and more.



Don't miss a great VBS with crafts, stories, games, skits and more! We look forward to having a great time!

Legacy and prayer over our graduates



Recently we had a time of corporate prayer over the graduates from CHC. These included High School as well as College graduates. It was a tremendous Spiritual and family time. There were many rich prophetic words of encouragement as well as many precious prayers. I have been around many moves of the Spirit over the last 32 years but there is something very special when you have people who are joined/walking together pursuing the will of God.

God is and always was a divine family. When we touch the real nature of family we touch the heart of God. *Eph 3:14-15 NASB For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, (15) from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.*

Legacy (multi generations connected together transferring the things of God from one generation to the next) takes us to a deeper level of Spirituality which was greatly evident in the prayer time over the graduates. Thanks again to all who participated and I know you were all blessed to be a part of it.



Summer in God's Word

6:30—8:00PM

Tuesday May 19th

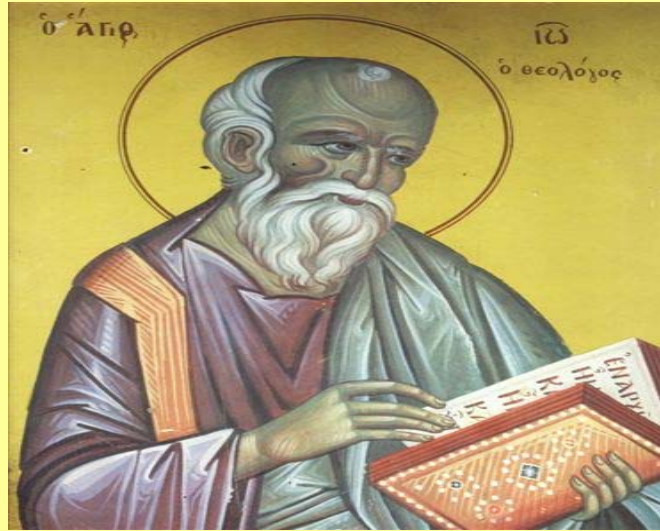
Tuesday June 11th

Monday June 29th

Tuesday July 7th

Tuesday July 21th

Tuesday July 28th



Areas of Study

Eschatology (study of end times)

Book of Romans (the Jew Gentile question)

A Meeting, Building, or a Body

When Jesus said, “I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it” what image of the church was in His mind? How we understand and answer that question has everything to do with how we serve God in building His church. Did He have in His mind a two or three times a week gathering of His people where they sit in a building, sing songs, and listen to someone teach a message? Did He have in his mind a beautiful building with stained glass windows or a beautiful steeple? Or, did He have in mind a body of people that He joined together in a relational way of life that is centered on accomplishing His will in the earth? I believe that if you read the Bible you see clearly that Jesus had the third view in mind.

The design of Jesus for His church is much more than an anointed meeting or a beautiful building. His design is a Spirit filled body of people joined together in a way of life that is centered around accomplishing His will on the earth. Throughout his writings Paul used the analogy of a human body to describe God’s design for the church Eph 3:3-6, 4:12-16, 1 Cor 10:17, 12:12-1, Col 1:18; 2:18-19. In this analogy he is showing us the nature of the church. Your human body does not function only two or three times a week at a meeting or at a certain building. You body functions all the time. The same is true for the church.

When you look at the early church in the book of Acts you see two aspects of their life together that helped facilitate this “body of Christ” life. Scripture records that they met together on a daily basis in the temple and from house to house. And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house Acts 2:46. This twofold structure of Corporate Meetings and House to House meetings helped facilitate their life together as the body of Christ. The same holds true today.

For a church to truly function as the body of Christ it must work in a large-

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group/small group pattern. The larger group meetings give a corporate continuity while the small group meetings provide a more intimate setting where people can know and be known. There are many purposes for the smaller home meetings. Here are a few.

- 1. The help facilitate a sense of family and community** which is our common life together.
- 2. Provide an environment for socializing and helping facilitate building relationships.**
- 3. They help provide a setting where God’s word is worked out in our lives.**
- 4. They help create a relaxed, natural atmosphere, which brings out participation in edification (the one another’s) and exercising Spiritual gifts for the growth of all.**
- 5. They help facilitate pastoral care of the sheep.** They are points of contact to see how people are doing so we can help care for them.
- 6. They are helpful in the harvest.** They provide a less threatening atmosphere to bring unchurched people around so they get a taste of Kingdom life.
- 7. They can be helpful in administering serving one another.**

It has been estimated that 44% of the letters of the New Testament are about how we should get along with one another. This contrasts with about 4% on spiritual gifts. This emphasis is particularly clear when we look at the number of times the words “one another” occur, particularly in Paul’s letters. The Greek word “allelon” occurs 59 times as a specific command.

love one another (John 13:35 - this command comes 16 times) **be devoted to one another** (Romans 12:10) **honor one another above yourselves** (Romans 12:10) **live in harmony with one another** (Romans 12:16) **build up one another** (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11) **be likeminded towards one another** (Romans 15:5) **accept one another** (Romans 15:7) **admonish one another** (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16) **care for one another** (1 Corinthians 12:25) **serve one another** (Galatians 5:13) **bear one another’s burdens** (Galatians 6:2) **forgive one another** (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13) **be patient with one another** (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13) **be kind and compassionate to one another** (Ephesians 4:32) **speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs** (Ephesians 5:19) **submit to one another** (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5) **consider others better than yourselves** (Philippians 2:3) **look to the interests of one another** (Philippians 2:4) **bear with one another** (Colossians 3:13) **teach one another** (Colossians 3:16) **comfort one another** (1 Thessalonians 4:18) **encourage one another** (Hebrews 3:13) **stir up one another to love and good works** (Hebrews 10:24) **show hospitality to one another** (1 Peter 4:9) **employ the gifts that God has given us for the benefit of one another** (1 Peter 4:10) **clothe yourselves with humility towards one another** (1 Peter 5:5) **pray for one another** (James 5:16) **confess our faults to one another** (James 5:16).

As we review these direct commands of body life we quickly see that they are impossible to accomplish in a corporate meeting only. This is why we need the large group/small group structure to facilitate the kind of life Jesus desires. At Covenant Harvest Church we have several Home Groups that meet on Wednesdays and Friday nights. If you are not involved in a Home Group you are missing a primary opportunity to live in and express the kind of body life Jesus desires to build among His church. Get involved!