



Covenant College

Sunday, October 14th is Covenant College Sunday, when we set apart a day to remember, celebrate and pray for the work of our denomination's liberal arts college. Covenant College is a great asset to our denomination, and it continues to grow and develop in a way that pursues excellence in education, while honoring the Lordship of Christ. Sara, my wife, is a product of Covenant College and has a deep love for that institution, and so I have asked her to write a few words about why Covenant is so important:

COVENANT COLLEGE was founded in 1955 as a liberal arts college with the purpose of teaching students to explore and express the preeminence of Jesus Christ in all things. The college, in the last 57 years, has strived to ground everything they say and do in Christ and His teachings.

Covenant was first located in Pasadena, CA but is now situated amidst 100 acres atop Lookout Mountain, GA. The College has over a thousand students hailing from 43 states and 20 different countries. The faculty consists of 62 professors who are enthusiastic about their academic fields and fully committed to Reformed Theology. According to Professor of Philosophy Bill Davis, "Covenant may be alone in having professors who can model both active engagement in their disciplines and an ongoing commitment to a detailed Reformed system of doctrine that stresses the inerrancy and authority of God's word."

Covenant Alumni serve in missions in over 40 countries. There are also Alumni making an impact for Christ in medicine, research, education, politics, academics, business, entertainment, fine arts, and numerous other fields. Graduates of Covenant College leave with a vision to redeem every aspect of the world and have spent 4 years being equipped to engage a waiting world with the hope and help that only the Gospel can offer.

I believe, however, the biggest and most important impact Covenant has on its students and Alumni is not teaching them to be doctors, lawyers, teachers, artists, etc. Rather, Covenant College prepares its students to impact their churches and homes for the Kingdom.

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The Dora Maclellan Brown Memorial Chapel and Fine Arts Building (Covenant College)

The white marble cross, standing nearly 70 feet high on the front of the building, represents the Christ-centered vision of the College.

October Calendar

- Sundays -

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
The Gospel in Life

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Exodus: God, our Savior

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Daniel: Faith in the Furnace

Children's Church, Nursery available

- Wednesdays -

6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting

- Tue 10/2, 16, 30
Women's Bible Study
(6:30 p.m., Dr. Diane Bowen's office)
- Wed 10/3, 24, 31
Women's Bible Study
(9:30 a.m., at GIPC; child care provided)
- Sun 10/7 Communion, AM
Guest Minister,
CH T. Brannon Bowman
- Tue 10/9 Book Group for Women
(6:30 p.m., Taylor home)
- Sat 10/13 Second Saturday Men's
Breakfast and Bible Study
(8:00 a.m., Wood home)
- Sun 10/14 Guest Minister,
Rev. Tommy Park,
RUF/UNF
- Tue 10/23 Stated Session Meeting

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Not every Alumnus is in a position to change laws, cure diseases, or compose beautiful music. But each Alumnus is able to bring the transformative power of the Gospel to their families and church. Covenant equips husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, Sunday School teachers, Elders, Deacons, etc.... to make Christ preeminent in all things.

THIS MONTH will you consider how you can support the work and mission of Covenant College either through prayer or financially? If you would like more information about the college or ways that you can pray for our denomination's college go to www.covenant.edu, or speak to me. ☪

Women's Bible Study

"Biblical Womanhood"

All women are invited to meet for Bible study and fellowship on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. at Dr. Diane Bowen's office, or on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. at the church. The Wednesday study also offers child care. Please refer to the Calendar on page one for meeting dates.

Men of GIPC

"Disciplines of a Godly Man"

The "Second Saturday" Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will be held on October 13th, 8:00 a.m. at the home of Bill and Nancy Wood. The current study is based on the book, "Disciplines of a Godly Man," by R. Kent Hughes. Books are available for purchase. See Clay Huddleston or Alexander Brown.

Book

The Book Group is open to all women who enjoy reading and discussing books. We'll meet on Tuesday, October 9th at Sue Taylor's home, beginning at 6:30 p.m., to discuss *A Lesson Before Dying*, by Ernest J. Gaines (non-fiction): "A wrenching story of death and identity in a small Cajun Louisiana community in the late 1940s."

"A young black man named Jefferson is a reluctant party in a shoot-out in a liquor store in which the three other men involved are all killed, including the white store owner. Jefferson, the only survivor, is accused of murder. At the trial, the essence of the defense is that the accused, a lowly form of existence lacking even a modicum of intelligence, is incapable of premeditated murder. But Jefferson is condemned to death.

Group

"Grant Wiggins, who left his small rural black community to go to university, has returned to the plantation school to teach children whose lives promise to be not much better than Jefferson's. But he wonders whether he has the will to take off north or west like so many before him who knew it was the only way to climb out of a centuries-old rut. He is grappling with his own situation when Jefferson's godmother and Grant's aunt persuade Grant to impart something of himself, of his learning and pride, to Jefferson before his death---to prove the lawyer wrong.

"*A Lesson Before Dying* tells the story of these two men, who through no choice of their own, come together and form a bond in the realization that sometimes simply choosing to resist the expected is an act of heroism. Ernest Gaines brings to the novel the same rich sense of place, the same deep understanding of the human psyche, and the same compassion for a people and their struggle that have informed his previous, widely praised novels."

—Sue Taylor, Book Group Chair

17th Annual World Missions Conference
November 9-11, 2012 at GIPC

Building and Grounds

The B&G Committee wishes to thank everyone who came out to help on the recent Work Day. The children's church room (future nursery) received a new coat of paint; and, much was accomplished in the way of maintenance, minor repairs, cleaning, and organizing throughout the building.

Improvements have been made to the lighting in the parking lot, and through the generous gift of a donor, arrangements have been made to replace the defective windows in the sanctuary.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we seek to be wise stewards of the resources God has blessed us with.

Finance Committee

Please pray for the committees of the church as they begin work on the 2013 budgeting process. We are thankful to the Lord for His faithful provision of funds for the various ministries of the church.

GIPC Monthly Update— Loan Balance

Loan Balance 1/1/12	\$840,102
Principal Paid YTD	\$ 23,771
Loan Balance	\$816,331
October Payment:	
Interest	\$ 2,579
Principal	\$ 2,672
Total Payment	\$ 5,251

Significant Sessional Actions

- The Session approved Sunday, October 14th as Covenant College Sunday.
- The next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2012.

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Missed a week? Sermons and bulletins are available online: gipc-pca.org

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 (Psalm 119:97)

Family Worship

Old Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>I Kings</i>	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		4,5	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		11	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		12	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		13	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		14	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		15	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		16	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		17	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		18	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		19	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		20	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		21	<input type="checkbox"/>
19		22	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	<i>II Kings</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
22		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
23		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		11,12	<input type="checkbox"/>
31		13	<input type="checkbox"/>

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1	<i>Ephesians</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<i>Philippians</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	<i>Colossians</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	<i>I Thessalonians</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
19		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	<i>II Thessalonians</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
22		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	<i>I Timothy</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	<i>II Timothy</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
31		3	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Private

Old Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Ezekiel</i>	34	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		35	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		36	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		37	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		38	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		39	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		40	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		41	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		42	<input type="checkbox"/>
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12		45	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		46	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		47	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		48	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	<i>Daniel</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
19		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
20		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
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24		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		11	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		12	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	<i>Hosea</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		3,4	<input type="checkbox"/>
31		5,6	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Psalms

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Psalms</i>	83,84	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		85	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		86	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		87,88	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		89	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		90	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		91	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		92,93	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		94	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		95,96	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		97,98	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		99-101	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		102	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		103	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		104	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		105	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		106	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		107	<input type="checkbox"/>
19		108,109	<input type="checkbox"/>
20		110,111	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		112,113	<input type="checkbox"/>
22		114,115	<input type="checkbox"/>
23		116	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		117,118	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		119:1-24	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		v. 25-48	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		v. 49-72	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		v. 73-96	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		v. 97-120	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		v. 121-144	<input type="checkbox"/>
31		v. 145-176	<input type="checkbox"/>

Week beginning SEPTEMBER 30

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades,
 but the word of our God will stand forever.

Week beginning OCTOBER 7

I Peter 4:18

Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian,
 let him not be ashamed,
 but let him glorify God in that name.

Week beginning OCTOBER 14

I Peter 5:6-8

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand
 of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you,
 casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares
 for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful.
 Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion,
 seeking someone to devour.

Week beginning OCTOBER 21

I Peter 5:9-10

Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds
 of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood
 throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little
 while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His
 eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm,
 strengthen, and establish you.

Week beginning OCTOBER 28

Numbers 23:19

God is not man, that He should lie,
 or a son of man, that He should change His mind.
 Has He said, and will He not do it?
 Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?