

Covenant Youth of Alaska

Special Edition: Covenant Bible Camp Update



2018

Covenant Bible Camp 2018!

Bible Camp creates a safe space for youth to ask deep and thoughtful questions. During our Trailblazers Camp, a fifth grader asked, "Why doesn't Jesus heal the lame and the blind today like he did a long time ago?" I know many adults who have wrestled with this same question. Jesus engages the topic more than once in the Gospels. (Luke 4, Matthew 13) Jesus points to a correspondence between human faith and God doing miracles, and also a point of mystery that God sometimes chooses to heal or not for reasons we can't understand. This again requires trust in God's goodness and wisdom even when it involves our suffering here.

Jesus went up into heaven with his physical body 40 days after he rose from the dead. But through the Holy Spirit, Christ lives through the body of believers as his hands and feet here and now. Acts 17:28 says, "In Him we live and move and have our being." Believers are the Church, Christ's body on earth (1 Corinthians 12). God leads and guides believers living by faith to experience the healing and transformation that only Christ can bring.

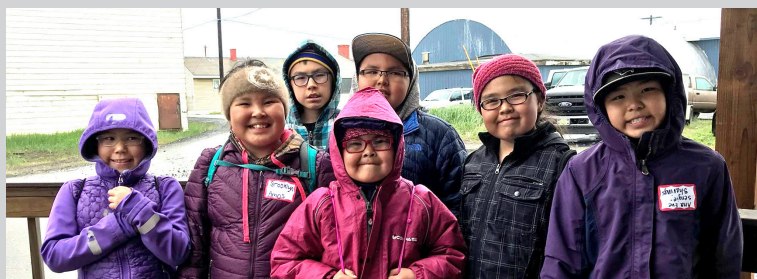
God answered many prayers at Bible Camp in June 2018. Kids were welcomed into the family of God for the first time and many experienced healing and a God ordained measure of deliverance from sin and sorrow.

THEME:

LIVE IN HIS LOVE AND FULLNESS!

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

John 15:9-11



How many more days until Bible Camp 2019?

Camp is a special place for staff and campers alike. Kids talk about and prepare for camp throughout the whole year! Please lift up all the campers in your prayers in all seasons.

In May enough volunteers signed up for June to get Bible Camp started, but more staff were needed to make the season a success. God provided the right people just in time through the body of Christ. During staff training, the North River overran its banks and flowed through most of the property. Confined to an island in the center of the property, the staff formed a tightly knit bond in close quarters. As we prayed, the waters receded just in time for the first campers to arrive. This summer, youth requested \$10,000 more in scholarship assistance than ever before. The scholarship fund wasn't even close to big enough to help everyone. God provided some timely help through believers who made it possible for many of these kids to hear and experience the good news of Jesus Christ. Through many answered prayers, we were reminded again that God is active in this world doing Kingdom work, and God is faithful.

TATIANA SHARES



Tatiana Chanar served as an assistant program director for four weeks this summer at Bible Camp. She shared the following when asked about her desire to serve and her experience at camp this summer:

I choose to serve because it was at Bible Camp when I saw a glimpse of God's loving and selfless nature through other people's servant hearts. It was so captivating. I choose to serve because I've been served.

My highlight from this summer is meeting and serving with people from different cultural backgrounds, ages, senses of humor, and ways of communication. It was beautiful to become one with these diverse people under one God while maintaining and celebrating our diversity.

GRATEFUL!

This summer, we saw **314 campers from 31 villages and communities in Alaska and the lower 48** at Bible Camp! Every year, we are humbled to see the way the Lord works in the lives of each kid that comes to camp. Camp wouldn't be possible without all of those who choose to serve at camp each summer. ***We were blessed by over 120 staff serving over the course of our six week camp season.*** All praises to God!

BIBLE CAMP PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

Praise: For another wonderful year of ministry at Covenant Bible Camp!

Praise: For all those who support the ministry of Bible Camp year round.

Praise: For all the amazing campers we were blessed to get to know.

Prayer Request: Pray for campers as they are now home. Many are in less-supportive environments at home than they are at camp.

Prayer Request: Pray for Camp leadership as they reflect on the season.

Prayer Request: Pray for continued support of the ministry.

THANK YOU for joining with us in prayer for all that is a part of camp.

JOIN WITH US

Covenant Bible Camp serves over 300 youth from Western Alaska each summer, mostly from Norton Sound, YK Delta and the NANA regions. Most campers have to fly to Unalakleet to attend camp. Even with discounted airfare, the cost is still high. ***Our registration fee is less than what it costs to run the camp because if we did not, few campers would be able to afford to come.*** Many communities we serve have high rates of unemployment and some families struggle to pay for their children to attend camp. We want to see as many kids in rural Alaska attend camp as possible! Campers often say their week at camp was the best one all year. ***Would you consider helping make camp a reality for more kids by giving to Bible Camp?***

Visit www.cyak.org to give.

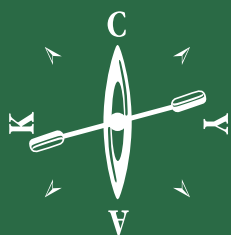


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