



Covenant Youth of Alaska

Special Edition: Covenant Bible Camp Update



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Covenant Bible Camp 2017!

Our summer camp season has come to a close. We are so thankful for God's abundant grace and constant provision! Over the course of 6 weeks of camp we were blessed to see many returning faces and welcome many new members into our Bible Camp family. It was especially exciting to have a great crew of local Alaskan staff, including students from Alaska Christian College and University of Alaska Fairbanks, CYAK staff, and a number of volunteers from churches around the state. They worked joyfully and tirelessly, alongside our fantastic program directors and speakers, to share Jesus' eternal love with each camper. We were also blessed by a few mission teams from the road system and the Lower 48 that came to serve on staff as well! Another highlight of Bible Camp 2017 was seeing two students, brothers Carl and Nathaniel, take a step of faith to be baptized in the North River. These young men have grown up coming to Bible Camp and it's been so rich to witness the spiritual growth they've experienced over the past few summers.

We are beyond thankful for the investment our donors and volunteers have made to see lives changed through the weeks of Bible Camp. It is due to the generous financial gifts and ceaseless prayer of our ministry partners that we are able to share the love of Jesus with so many students from rural Alaska each year - Quyanaqvaal! Thank you very much!

- Kami and Brad Webster, Bible Camp Stewards

THEME:
LOVE GOD,
LOVE OTHERS

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30-31

BY THE NUMBERS

This summer, we saw **321 campers** from **29 villages** and communities in Alaska and the lower 48 at Bible Camp! **48 first time commitments to Jesus** were made by campers of all ages - praises be! We were blessed by **113 staff** serving over the course of our six week camp season. During that time, youth and adults alike experienced the unconditional love of Christ.



Bible Camp is a place filled with wonderful memories.

The pictures above capture just a few of the many wonderful times had at Bible Camp 2017! We're grateful for an incredible summer!

From Camper to Counselor

Fisher Dill is a high school senior from Unalakleet who has been attending Bible Camp for many years. This summer, he took the opportunity to serve as a Junior Counselor. Fisher shared, "At Covenant Bible Camp I was encouraged by seeing other people worship the Lord - seeing the contentment and joy on their faces while singing praise and honor to Him. This sparks inside me something that delivers a message that the environment of CBC is the right place to start, renew, or further my walk with Christ. **It is a safe place to be me and to feel accepted all the time because we are told to come as we are to Him. He forgives and heals broken hearts.**

*Flashlights are essential in darkness because they give light. But in Alaska, during Bible Camp season, you may not need a flashlight. Being a counselor, you have to become a vessel for the light. One that is ready to love on kids that have so much to see about the forgiveness that Jesus delivers. I am encouraged not only by the campers who have the desire to learn about God, but even the ones who may turn away. This is because of the experiences while walking with Christ that I have had and seen throughout my life. **I am ready and more than willing to show them who the Light is.***

Even when I am not feeling like I have the power and strength to show the campers what it is to be joyful in the Lord, I push out what ever I can because I know that a bit of love and encouragement to the kids could come back around and rejuvenate my hope tank. And this is one of the many ways God works in our lives."



JOIN WITH US

Covenant Bible Camp serves nearly 400 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.covenantbiblecamp.org to give.



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.

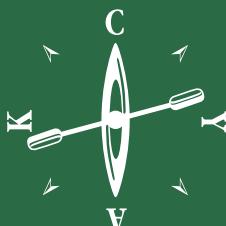
Praise: For all the amazing campers we were blessed to get to know.

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.



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A relational outreach, discipleship and leadership ministry for Alaska youth and young adults

A ministry of the Alaska Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church

BIBLE CAMP AND CYAK

Covenant Bible Camp is now a ministry of Covenant Youth of Alaska. Camp's mission and purpose remains the same, and we look forward to seeing the way God uses this partnership to bring kids to Him in the years to come. Learn more about the CYAK/CBC merger at cyak.org/cyak_cbc_merger.

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