

In this last quarter there has been so much change in my family. Elijah has now started TK at Kairos where both my mom and my dad work. Parker has now started pre-school at PEP and Joel keeps moving up in classrooms and is now a little chatty boy. Just this last week I was shaving and a little squeaky voice asked me, "what you doing?" I was shocked and looked around because I didn't recognize the voice, but it was Joel! He has grown up so much and things are rapidly changing all around us. I used to think, "once we just get past \_\_\_\_\_" then things will slow down or stop changing, but that has not proved true at all. Life is always changing. Things will never be the same as they once were. And really, there is no going back to relive the past. My hope used to be in the fact that things will become "stable" or "consistent," but now I am seeing that life will change, God will now, and I need to choose to worship Him and be obedient to him through all change. My prayer for our families is that we will choose to worship God today, in the middle of any change, because He never changes. He will always love us! He will always have time for us! Seek Him today and let him be the source of consistency in our ever-changing lives.

We are now rapidly approaching our Mexico Mission trip! In a little less than a month we will be in Mexico building a house for a family in need! My prayer for us is that we will build this house with so much love for Christ in our hearts that anyone looking in would be able to see Christ in all of our actions. Please keep our team in your prayers as we are getting ready for this trip. Our financial needs have been met for this trip, and any extra funds that come in will be used to bless the family that we are building for. Please continue to be generous with your prayers and with your finances so that we can have an amazing impact during this trip. We will be leaving on Monday, April 17th at 3AM if anyone would like to come and send us off in prayer. Our specific prayer requests would be for unity for the team, safety on this trip, and that we would be empowered and bold to share the Gospel.

We are now entering the Hume Lake time of the year! This is such an amazing time for all of our students to connect with each other and to connect with God! There are always great financial needs for this trip, but our church and Hume Lake are generous givers. So, please, if you want to go to camp, but finances are an issue, let us know! We want to send as many kids to camp that we are able to! God does something amazing when we surrender that time to him! This year's theme is called "Forsaken." We will be looking at the life of King Saul from the Old Testament. My prayer is that as students go to camp that they will see God's holiness and how He wants for us to live lives that are worthy of His call in our life. God wants greatness for our lives, but we keep settling for less. If your student wants to register for camp, please get the deposit in as soon as possible to reserve their spot.

Attached is a list of all the events, important information, and the purpose behind the events. Important information is in bold and the purpose of the events will be italicized.

Thank you so much for fully supporting me and my family. We covet your prayers and know that God has blessed us with a great church family!

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Please Note: We are doing advanced registration for each event. This simply means that if your student is planning on attending an event I would like to know via email or text message so that we can plan for drivers. Also, we only allow “approved” drivers to take students on trips. If you would like to be a chaperone or to drive for us, please fill out the required paperwork in the office. Finally, I would like to have students pay for the events prior to the day of. This shows commitment and it encourages them to stick with the plans that they have already made.

### **Mexico Meetings**

**Date:** March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th, 16th.

**Time:** 12:30pm-2:00pm Lunch is provided

**Cost:** There is no cost to attend the mandatory meetings, but you do have to be active in your fundraising to make sure that all costs of the trips are covered. Meetings are in the youth office.

*Purpose: This trip requires more than just one week of work. We will have mandatory meetings leading up to the trip. This is essential as we need to be prepared physically, mentally, and spiritually. Each week we will have lunch, pray for our trip, learn how to build a house, and do preparation for our VBS. I cannot stress enough that we all have to show up to each mandatory meeting so that we can prove that we are fit to do God’s work on this trip. (2 Timothy 2:15)*

### **See A Need**

**Date:** April 8th

**Time:** Meet at the church by 8:00am and we will work until 5:00pm.

**Cost:** No cost for this trip. Just your time.

*Purpose: Acts 1:8 tells us that we are to be Christ’s witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and then to the ends of the earth. This verse tells me that we are supposed to be Christ to the places closest to us. My prayer is that we would be world changers, but before we change the world, we have to be willing to love on our own community. Join us as we make an impact on our city through acts of service.*

### **Mexico Mission Trip**

**Dates:** April 17th-23rd

**Time:** We leave the church at 4:00am!

**Cost:** We have fundraised for this trip. Our God is amazing and has provided hugely for this trip! The cost per trip is \$600 per person.

*Purpose: The Great Commission in Matthew 28 tells us that we are to go and make disciples in all nations. This trip gives us the opportunity to live out that verse by going to a different country to provide hope. We want to be ambassadors for Christ, and we see that when Christ was doing ministry he provided for peoples’ physical needs while providing for their greater need - Hope and forgiveness of sins. We will be doing the same on our one week trip to Mexico. We will be teaming up with Amor ministries to build a house for a family in need while sharing the hope of the Gospel. Also, this year we will be putting on a VBS for the kids in Mexico. Please keep our team in prayer. We have worked well as a team, and my prayer is that our participation and planning that we have worked towards thus far would continue into Mexico and that we would come back with our hearts softened.*

### **Move Up Sunday**

**Date:** May 21st

**Time:** All Day.

**Cost:** No cost.

*Purpose: On this Sunday we will be acknowledging and honoring our graduates during our main service. Fifth grade students will move into the student ministries, 8th grade students will graduate into high school, and high school students will graduate into college ministries. We need to celebrate our students and their growing relationship with Christ. Students need to know that our church loves them and they we want to see them succeed in all areas of their lives, most importantly their relationship with Christ.*

### **Parent Forum**

**Date:** May 21st

**Time:** 12:15-1:15 in the sanctuary.

**Cost:** There is no cost to attend this event. However, a sandwich lunch is available and donations are accepted. Please R.S.V.P. at [manny@cccvv.org](mailto:manny@cccvv.org) so we know how much food to prepare for.

*Purpose: It is my deepest desire that the youth ministry at Covenant would be a blessing to the whole family. I desire to help equip parents and to hear feedback on how we can best minister to their students. Parent forums are a safe place where we will share what will be taught during the next quarter, how parents can debrief the lessons with their students, how to prepare for events, and where we can be encouraged by each other through prayer. Our discussion point for this month is "How can you be involved?"*

### **Save The Dates:**

**Hume Lake Summer Camp:**

**Deposit:**

**Website:** Humelake.org

**Date:** June 11th - June 17th **Cost:** \$600.00

**Date:** March 30th

**Cost:** \$100.00