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PRAY FOR 2012

“OUR MISSION TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST REQUIRES EVERY MEMBER TO SEE HIMSELF OR HERSELF AS A DISCIPLE AND A DISCIPLE-MAKER.”

In the Old Testament book of Joshua, when God stopped the flow of the Jordan river so that the Israelites could cross it safely, we read that each of the tribes took a large stone and piled them together to create a monument to God’s miraculous intervention (Joshua 3-4).

They marked the moment of grace so that they could remember in the days to come that God is mighty and faithful.

The report you hold in your hands has the same purpose as those stones piled by the Jordan River. We’re looking back on 2011 in remembrance to stir our faith as we move forward into a new year.

The year 2011 was not an easy one for our church. There was trial, pain, disagreement and the departure of friends that we love. But God has upheld us. We’ve been humbled, we’ve felt desperate, and yet we’ve never been more aware that Covenant Life is God’s church, and he is building it.

And even during a difficult time so much wonderful ministry has taken place.

I hope you’ll not just skim these pages; I hope you’ll set aside a few quiet moments to carefully read this report and even use it as a springboard for prayer. Look at all God has done in our midst! We have so much to give thanks for. And we can have so much confidence because of the generosity and faithfulness of God to ask for more. In 2012 we’re pressing ahead in some basic and yet essential areas...

▶ Our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ requires every member to see himself or herself as a disciple and a disciple-maker. We want to grow in seeing every person investing in others so that we’re all growing in obeying all that Jesus taught us.

▶ This year we’re going to ratify our new church constitution that defines who we are as a church and how we partner together to fulfill our mission. This isn’t primarily to fix areas of weakness; we think God can use it to propel us forward in greater effectiveness, greater trust and greater clarity of purpose. Join us in praying this foundation-laying work will serve our church for generations to come.

▶ We’re making a priority of growing as disciples of Jesus who are built on his Word. From personal study, to one-

to-one Bible studies, to more group Bible studies we want to grow in being a church that lives and ministers out of the Word of God. It’s so simple and yet so important for personal growth and evangelism.

▶ We want to keep growing in being people empowered by the Spirit. We need the Holy Spirit to enable us to love, serve and witness. We want his gifts functioning to build up the church. In particular, this priority means a continued emphasis on prayer—in our families, before Sunday meetings and in our twice-a-month Prayer Meetings.

▶ We believe we’re poised as a church for more gospel mission work than ever before. We want to push harder to see every member going into the world (locally and internationally) with the gospel of grace. Thousands in the greater D.C. region are without Christ. We’re praying for new opportunities to serve our community and share the gospel, more church plants as well as new ways to connect with the global mission.

▶ Finally, a simple goal for 2012 is to see and love Jesus more. In the second part of the year, we’re going to begin an in-depth study of the Gospel of Matthew. We want to behold Jesus, hear his words as if for the first time, and follow him with more faith and joy.

God has been good to us, Covenant Life. For his glory and the fame of Jesus Christ, let’s keep pressing ahead in the mission to which he’s called us.

—Joshua Harris



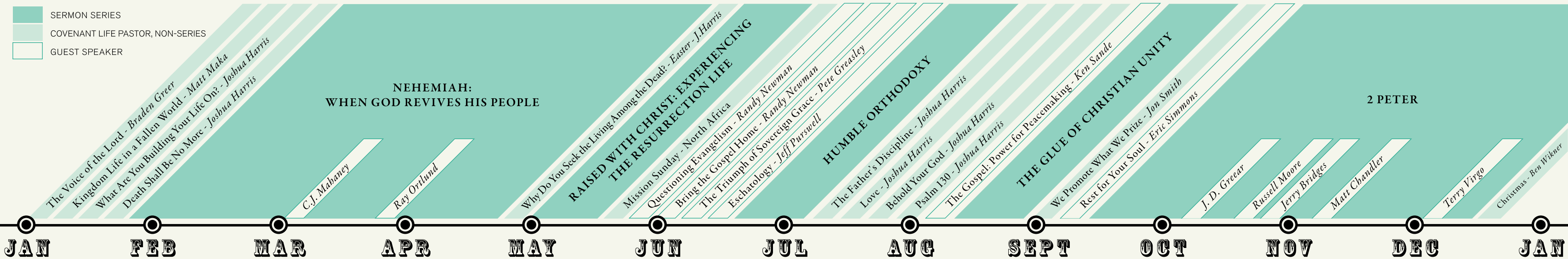
MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A snapshot of how we invested in preaching and teaching God's Word in 2011

"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."—2 Timothy 4:1-2

SUNDAY SERMONS

- SERMON SERIES
- COVENANT LIFE PASTOR, NON-SERIES
- GUEST SPEAKER



SUNDAY CLASSES

- World Religions *Mark Mitchell Jan. into Feb.*
- Pursuing & Practicing the Spiritual Gifts *Bob Kauflin & Robin Boisvert*
- Persecution & Heresy in the Ancient Church *Robin Boisvert*
- Living in the Light of the Resurrection *Ben Wikner*
- Science & Faith *Braden Greer, Ben Wikner, Kevin Hartnett, Jamie Leach, Steve Techtmann*
- Genesis: from Creation to Covenant *Robin Boisvert*
- The Father's Love: The Doctrine of Adoption *Ben Wikner*
- Work: Why It Matters *Keith Welton*
- How To Read a Book *Tony Reinke*
- The Book of Romans, Part 2 *Robin Boisvert*
- Why We Love the Church *Ben Wikner*
- Medieval Church History *Robin Boisvert*

12:13 MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS

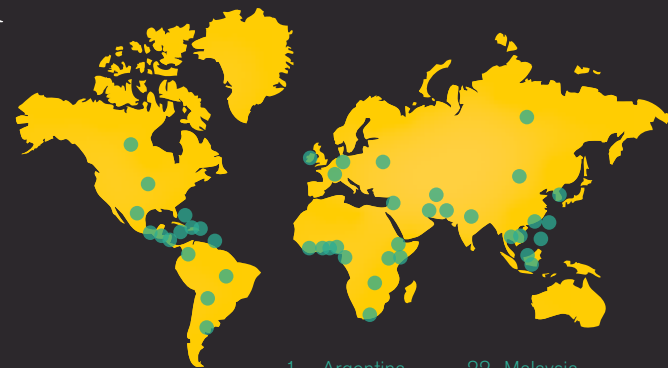
- Blessed are the Peacemakers
- What Makes Me a Christian *Mid-Feb. into May*
- The Greatest Story Ever Told -The Book of Mark
- Modern Parables *May into June*
- Summer Break *July into Aug.*
- Pilgrim's Progress *Sept. to Present*

SINGLES BIG MEETINGS

- Following Jesus
- Fellowship Part 1
- Fellowship Part 2
- Bringing the Gospel Home
- Colossians Bible Study for Care Groups *Jun.-Aug Participants: 10 Singles groups*
- Marriage Part 1
- Marriage Part 2
- Vocation Part 2
- Conversational Apologetics
- Vocation Part 1

2011 IN NUMBERS | EVIDENCES OF GOD'S GRACE

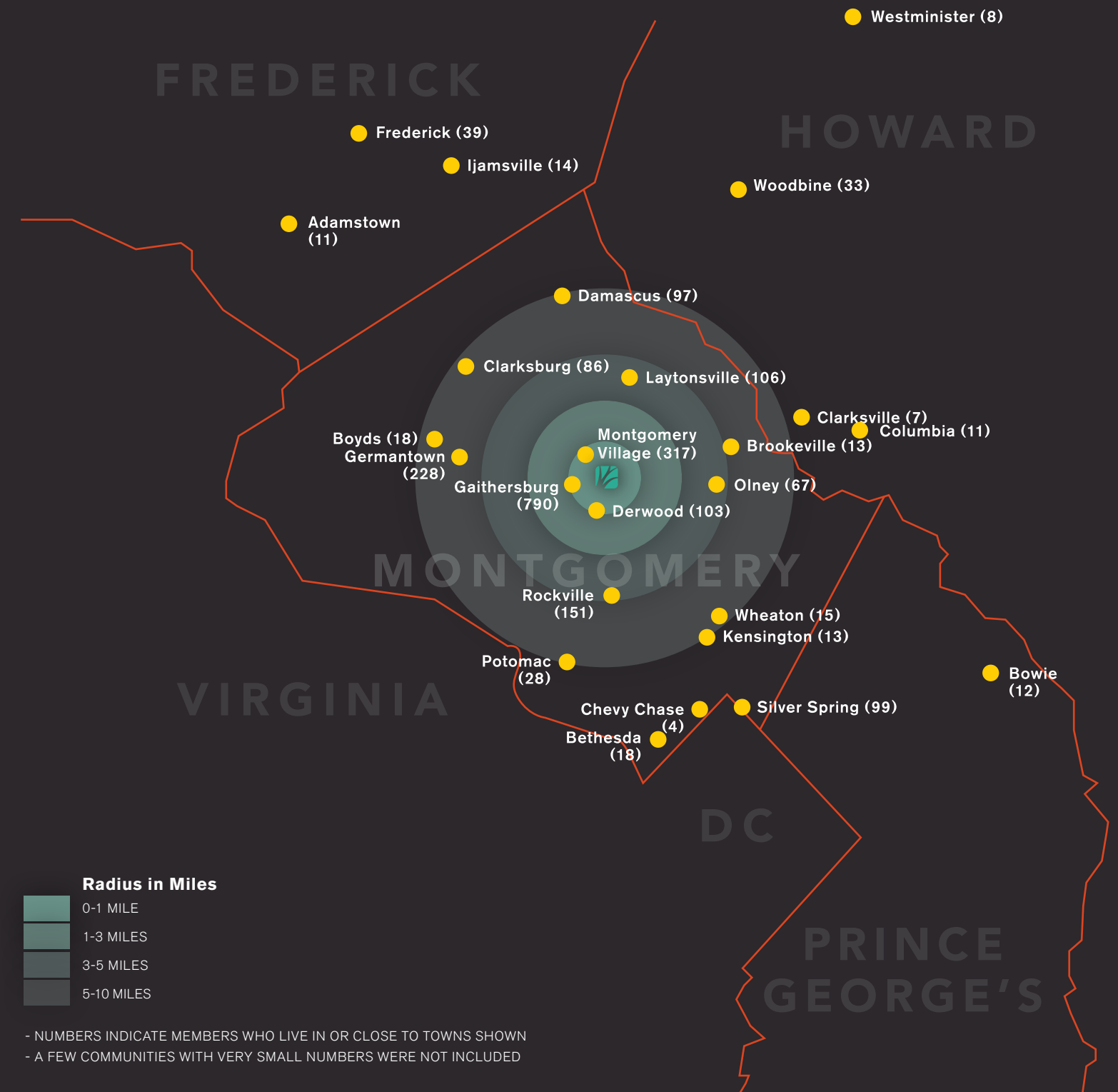
- 72 — baptisms¹
- 77 — births
- 130 — adult care groups
- 11 — youth connect groups
- 390 — events²
- 106 — introducing God spring³
- 76 — introducing God fall⁴
- 41 — nations represented
(by members who joined since 2008)
- 519 — starting point
(new registrants)
- 40 — members married
- 16 — weddings held at Covenant Life
- highest sunday attendance
- 3586 — april 24 *(Easter)*
- 2757 — november 13 *(Matt Chandler)*



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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 Argentina | 22 Malaysia |
| 2 Bahamas | 23 Nicaragua |
| 3 Bolivia | 24 Nigeria |
| 4 Brazil | 25 Pakistan |
| 5 Cameroon | 26 Philippines |
| 6 China | 27 Puerto Rico |
| 7 Colombia | 28 Russia |
| 8 El Salvador | 29 South Korea |
| 9 Ethiopia | 30 South Africa |
| 10 Germany | 31 Switzerland |
| 11 Ghana | 32 Syria |
| 12 Guatemala | 33 Taiwan |
| 13 Haiti | 34 Thailand |
| 14 Hong Kong | 35 Togo |
| 15 India | 36 Trinidad |
| 16 Indonesia | 37 Uganda |
| 17 Iran | 38 Ukraine |
| 18 Ireland | 39 Uzbekistan |
| 19 Jamaica | 40 Vietnam |
| 20 Kenya | 41 Zambia |
| 21 Liberia | |

1 INCLUDES YOUTH AND ADULTS
 2 THE PRODUCTION TEAMS PROVIDED SOUND, IMAG (LIVE VIDEO) OR BOTH FOR EVERY EVENT
 3 AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE
 4 AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

WHERE WE LIVE



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

DISCOVERY LAND SNAPSHOT

A BUSY SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER

Infant Care Room – 43 babies
 Nursery /Toddler – 67 kids
 Discover (2-3 yr olds) – 129 kids
 Explore (4-5 yr olds) – 140 kids
 Adventure (1-5th grades) – 303 kids



SERVANTS ON AN AVERAGE SUNDAY

Total Volunteers – 228
 Nursery/Toddler – 47
 Discover – 46
 Explore – 43
 Adventure – 32
 Check-in – 19
 Security – 7
 Family Paging – 5
 Creative Teams – 29
 Supply – 11



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

THE MILL (JAN. 8, FEB. 5, OCT. 8, NOV. 12)

A time of worship and prayer with a brief exhortation. Speakers: Karin Layman, Linda Malcolm, Sue Robb

MINI-COURSES (MAR & APR)

26 book studies and 9 practical courses;
 60 leaders and 320 participants

SATURDAY SEMINAR (MAY 14)

"A Woman and Her Emotions: How Do You Feel About Your Feelings?" with Betsy Ricucci

TEA AND TALK (JUN–AUG)

84 hostesses and 135 participants

GOD'S DESIGN FOR WOMEN VIDEO COURSE

(JUL & SEPT) Three Saturday mornings each session

YOUTH MINISTRY

BAPTISMS 20

CONNECT GROUPS

- 11 connect groups with about 30 teens in each
- Studied Colossians, now beginning Romans

DONUTS & DOCTRINE

Saturday morning discussions on the Doctrines of Christ, Man, the Trinity and the Holy Spirit

10:31 MEETINGS

- "Who We Are" series: why the ministry is gospel-centered, teaching-driven and parent-involved
- "Community: Builders and Wreckers" series: how community can be built up (love, mercy, forgiveness) and torn down (judging, corrupting talk).

GIVING

- Raised \$5,000 through donut sales for Rancho3M in Guadalupe, Mexico
- Connect Groups assembled Christmas boxes for every child at Rancho3M.
- Planned and carried out a clothing drive for Rancho3M
- (AUG) 43 single parents (and their 68 children) were helped with back-to-school expenses
- (DEC) 53 single parents (and their 77 children) were helped with Christmas expenses

MISSION

(JUL) Week-long outreach into neighboring communities

OUTREACH TO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

- 10:31 now has three campus interns. Sole job: Reach out to local public high schools.
- Partnership with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
 - Enables going to the high schools once a week to build relationships
 - Over 30 teens from area high schools came to 10:31 in the fall

WORTHY2011 YOUTH RETREAT

Theme: "Jesus Changes Everything"
 How the Gospel informs our love for people and for God



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



CHILD DEDICATIONS

- 61 children dedicated
- Child Dedication Preparation Classes began

DISCIPLESHIP

- Invest, Equipped, and Invest For Couples groups: equipping men and women in doctrine, Bible study, and small group leadership. About 110 people attended.
- Masculine Mandate book study on biblical manhood (Adam Malcolm, Erik Sheffer, Ben Wikner).
- Other book studies (Adam, Don DeVries, Joe Lee).

BENEVOLENCE TASK FORCE

Ben Wikner worked with Mark Mitchell and others to develop a prototype team to administer member benevolence cases, providing spiritual, material and financial help.

ADOPTION/ORPHAN CARE MINISTRY

- Ben Wikner and a small team laid groundwork for an Adoption & Orphan Care Ministry at Covenant Life.
- Research & preparation: Ben and Drew Garfield attended the Christian Alliance for Orphans Summit in Lake Forest, Calif.
- Dr. Russell Moore and Ben hosted a meeting in October to encourage members who are interested in this ministry.

PREMARITAL SEMINARS

- Served 43 engaged couples
- Of these, 31 couples are currently participating in a Married care group

FIRST-TIME MOMS TEA

Attendance: 33 new moms

HOW PEOPLE CHANGE

- Counseling course that teaches biblical patterns for lasting spiritual change in one's life
- 136 registrants

SINGLES MINISTRY

BAPTISMS 22

NEW MEMBERS 134

MARRIAGES 35

MISSIONS

- Ethiopia Medical Missions Trip
- Rancho 3M Baby Home Construction
- Uganda Missions Trip
- Long-term YWAM projects

"INVEST" AND "EQUIPPED"

Saturday morning discipleship groups equipping men and women in doctrine, Bible study and small group leadership. About 90 people attended.

BIG MEETINGS

- Fellowship: Identity Before Action– Our union with Christ defines and shapes our fellowship with others.
- Marriage: It's about the gospel, and the gospel is about marriage.
- Vocation: Our call to work and why we work
- Evangelism (Jon Smith & Randy Newman)
 - Conversational Apologetics
 - Bringing the Gospel Home (Evangelizing family)
- Learning to Treasure the Word in an Image-Driven Culture (Tony Reinke from his book *Lit*)

PREACHING NIGHTS

Seven men equipped and given opportunity to preach the Word

THEOLOGY CLASS AND SEMINAR

- Depression Seminar (Kevin Rogers and Corby Megorden)
- Redeemed Manhood (Isaac Hydoski)

SINGLES MEN'S RETREAT "Act Like Men"

Theme: Ambition, Courage & Submission

SUMMER INTERNS

Three seminary students helped with teaching duties, received training, and participated in the life of the ministry. Internships planned again in 2012.

PASTORS

Braden Greer and Kevin Rogers both completed the ordination process, passing rigorous written and verbal exams.

BIBLE STUDY

- Monthly Friday night men's Bible study: Ephesians 5, Proverbs 31, Colossians
- Singles small groups have studied James, Colossians, Romans, Jonah and others
- Kevin led Bible study training with singles in his home



FINANCIALS

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH ABBREVIATED INCOME STATEMENT

Sept. 1, 2010 to Aug. 31, 2011

INCOME	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
General Contributions	\$7,568,500	\$7,438,500	\$8,252,700
Designated Contributions	264,800	332,300	549,700
Other Income	564,300	554,400	929,300
TOTAL INCOME	8,397,600	8,325,200	9,731,700
EXPENSES			
Administrative and Fundraising	1,408,300	1,364,700	1,457,000
Building Operations	2,020,500	2,031,200	2,241,900
General Ministry	1,282,900	1,317,300	1,386,800
Book/Audio	205,700	173,500	152,600
Children/Youth	879,200	988,500	1,013,500
Singles	445,200	448,400	412,100
Family Life/Women	650,600	781,900	832,300
Evangelism/Mercy Ministries	454,100	590,500	886,000
Missions/Giving	1,084,800	1,018,000	1,281,800
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,431,300	8,714,000	9,664,000
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(33,700)	(388,800)	67,700
ADJUSTMENTS			
Add Back Depreciation	971,800	904,700	912,300
Subtract Regular Loan Principal	(213,800)	(122,200)	(104,900)
Subtract Extra Loan Principal	(105,400)	(715,100)	(249,800)
ADJUSTED EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$618,900	(\$321,400)	\$625,300

Notes: Covenant Life School activity is excluded.

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

Sept. 1, 2010 to Aug. 31, 2011

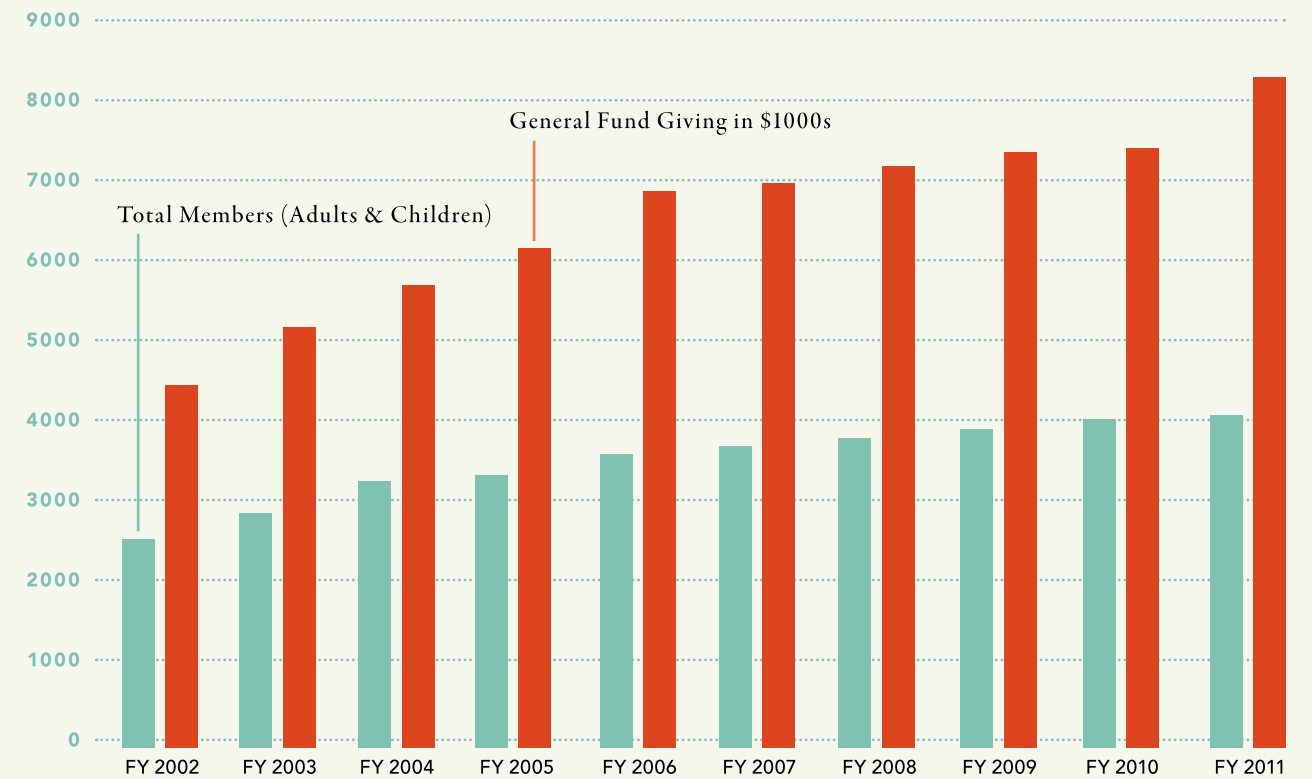
ASSETS	8/31/09	8/31/10	8/31/11
Operating Cash & Investments	\$1,150,700	\$868,200	\$1,244,000
Land, Buildings & Improvements	28,643,200	28,712,300	28,742,100
Furniture & Equipment	1,949,500	2,002,700	2,048,000
Accumulated Depreciation	(8,184,300)	(9,094,000)	(10,011,400)
Other Assets	184,600	181,400	127,100
TOTAL ASSETS	\$23,743,700	\$22,670,600	\$22,149,800
LIABILITIES			
Mortgage Loans Payable	\$3,359,600	\$2,522,300	\$2,167,600
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	200,100	213,100	201,300
Deferred Revenue	240,400	336,500	15,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,800,100	3,071,900	2,383,900
NET ASSETS			
Total Temporary Restricted Net Assets	466,900	367,500	351,200
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	19,476,700	19,231,200	19,414,700
TOTAL NET ASSETS	19,943,600	19,598,700	19,765,900
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$23,743,700	\$22,670,600	\$22,149,800

Notes: Covenant Life School activity is included.

GROWTH & GIVING

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH ANNUAL GROWTH

Sept. 1, 2010 to Aug. 31, 2011



DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS (RESTRICTED NET ASSETS)

Sept. 1, 2010 to Aug. 31, 2011

	BALANCE 9/1/10	GIVEN	TOTAL FUNDS	SPENT	BALANCE 8/31/11
Go Forward Fund 2006 Debt Reduction	\$300	\$9,980	\$10,280	\$9,830	\$450
Go Forward Fund 2006 World Outreach	56,225	-	56,225	9,102	47,123
Go Forward Fund 2006 Church Planting	138,857	-	138,857	47,200	91,657
Mission Fund 2009 Undesignated	109,228	(44,790)	64,438	-	64,438
Mission Fund 2009 Pastors College Students	(12,428)	65,800	53,372	1,667	51,705
Mission Fund 2009 Adoption Assistance	23,081	67,920	91,001	49,250	41,751
Mission Fund 2009 Rancho 3M Baby Home	16,599	52,292	68,891	68,891	-
Uganda Wells	5,721	73,718	79,439	25,402	54,037
Christmas Offering	85	40,902	40,987	40,987	-
OneU	29,841	114,094	143,935	143,935	-
Total Restricted Net Assets (Designated Contributions)	\$367,509	\$379,916	\$747,425	\$396,264	\$351,161

Notes:

GFF 2006 Church Planting was used for the training of 3 missionaries to North Africa

Mission Fund 2009 Adoption Assistance - grants to 5 families

Mission Fund 2009 Rancho 3M Baby Home - the construction of the home was completed

GLOBAL MISSION

Global initiatives involving gospel outreach, mercy ministry, service and giving



UGANDA MISSION TRIP

(JAN) Covenant Life members participated in the sixth annual trip to Western Uganda; their work combined with fundraising efforts have resulted in construction of 12 fresh water wells and the planting of eight village churches.

BURMA MEDICAL MISSION

(JAN) Four Covenant Life members helped conduct a week of medical clinics, partnering with members of other Sovereign Grace churches.

EXPLORATORY TRIP TO HAITI

(FEB) Two Covenant Life pastors and three other members spent time with a Haitian pastor to explore partnering in his vision to reach Haiti with the gospel.

JAPAN DISASTER RELIEF FUND

(MAR) We received an offering of \$36,260 to support ministries that provided aid to the Japanese people in the aftermath of the Tohoku earthquake and ensuing tsunami.

ETHIOPIA MEDICAL MISSION

(MAR) Members from Covenant Life partnered with Covenant Life Church Addis Ababa and Mission to the World to provide medical and spiritual care to the poor in the Bole area, just southeast of Addis Ababa city centre.

RANCHO 3M BABY HOME

(JUN) Seven Covenant Life mission trips over a two-year period and 6000 man hours of work culminated in completion of a 4200 sq. ft. home to receive orphaned babies and toddlers.

NORTH AFRICA TEAM COMMISSIONED

(NOV) We asked for the Lord's blessing as we sent out four families to invest in gospel ministry in the Muslim world.

LOCAL MISSION



OUTREACH TO LAYTONIA, WASHINGTON SQUARE AND EMORY GROVE COMMUNITIES

(JUL) Youth from Covenant Life offered a week of Christian day camps in communities close to the church, combining service projects with intensive, relational ministry.

WOUNDED WARRIORS MINISTRY

This ministry prepares and serves a bimonthly luncheon for approximately 100 of the patients, families and staff on the surgical floor of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda.

EVERY DAY IS CHRISTMAS

(NOV & DEC) Dennis Castaneda and other volunteers prepared and distributed both Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas gifts to needy families.

SOUP KITCHEN (THE LORD'S TABLE)

Servants from Covenant Life work alongside others to prepare and serve meals for the needy on the first Wednesday and fourth Friday of the month, September through June.

12:13 CLASS

This energetic group of middle-schoolers (weekly attendance 150) cleaned a Gaithersburg stream, collected 86 shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child, air-dropped 100 Bibles to Marxist guerillas in Latin America through "Parachutes Over Colombia," and went Christmas caroling, handing out Bibles, gospel tracts, and invitations to the Christmas Eve service.

MEN'S SHELTER

This ministry serves the 200 homeless men at the Homebuilder's Care Assessment Center in Rockville with hot, home-cooked meals on the first Wednesday and the third Monday of every month.

PRISON MINISTRY

(WEDNESDAYS) A dedicated team extends friendship, care and compassion to inmates at Montgomery County Correctional Facility in Clarksburg through singing, Bible teaching and small group discussion.

BASKETBALL OUTREACH

(THURSDAYS - since Sept 2009) Drew Garfield and a small team of regulars from Covenant Life use our basketball courts to have fun, build relationships, and share the gospel with young men from surrounding communities.

FOREST OAK TOWERS OUTREACH

- (AUG) Our youth blessed residents of this public housing community for seniors with fellowship, cleaning services, get-well cards, concerts and a barbecue; Covenant Life also donated \$1,500 to help provide birthday parties and other events for residents.
- (NOV) Joe Moorman and crew served a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal for about 80 residents.
- (DEC) Ellie Berry and Amy Barnett planned and participated in a Christmas concert attended by 40+ residents.

a note from across the pond
WE'RE NOW HUNGRY FOR MORE OF GOD!

"I live in UK and frequently listen to your sermons online. I was just reflecting on what an amazing miracle it is that I can share in your journey of faith all the way round the other side of the world, at just the touch of a button. I have been so blessed by your wisdom, honesty, humility and love of God and His Word and am excited to be able to share it with members of my own church, friends and family. Josh Harris' 'Desperate' series had a particularly profound effect on me and others I have been sharing it with, and we're now hungry for more of God!"

1,876,024 — pageviews
 537,780 — visits
 191,720 — unique visitors
 3.49 — pages/visit
 02:58 — avg. time on site

**SERMON
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-about 230,000 sermon mp3s downloaded
 -4,420 downloads per week



66.10% RETURNING VISITOR
 355,454 visits
 33.90% NEW VISITOR
 182,326 visits



29.79% SEARCH TRAFFIC
 160,212 Visits
 25.58% REFERRAL TRAFFIC
 137,587 Visits
 22.25% DIRECT TRAFFIC
 119,655 Visits
 22.37% CAMPAIGNS
 (Quick Read, other bulk e-mails)
 120,326 Visits

MOST POPULAR RESOURCES



MOST POPULAR BLOG POSTS

- Russell Moore Men's Event | *October 22*
- Members Meeting Announcement | *July 10*
- Matt Chandler | *November 13*
- Terry Virgo | *December 10*



MOST POPULAR MESSAGES

- The Father's Discipline *By Joshua Harris*
- A Broken Heart Over Broken Walls *By Joshua Harris*
- Love *By Joshua Harris*
- Biblical Principles of Parenting *By Brian Chesemore*
- Behold Your God *By Joshua Harris*
- Emotions: A Gift from God
By Betsy Ricucci & Valori Maresco
- Courtship Shmourtship *By Joshua Harris*
- From Rubbish to Rescue *By Matt Chandler*
- What Are You Building Your Life On?
By Joshua Harris
- Training, Discipline, and the Rod
By Brian Chesemore



BEST SELLERS IN THE BOOKSTORE

- Two Ways To Live (*tract*)
- One-to-One Bible Reading *By David Helm*
- A Praying Life *By Paul Miller*
- Cross-Centered Life *By C.J. Mahaney*
- Bringing the Gospel Home *By Randy Newman*
- Questioning Evangelism *By Randy Newman*
- Heavens: Intimate Moments
 with Your Majestic God *By Kevin Hartnett*
- Take Words with You *By Tim Kerr*
- A Passion for Faithfulness *By J.I. Packer*
- What Did you Expect? *By Paul Tripp*

