

Covenant Youth of Alaska

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

Volume 15, Issue 3
June 2019

Ending The School Year Strong

Reflecting on the meaningful year in ministry

As the school year ends, youth ministry shifts gears. While much changes, this is a moment to look back to acknowledge the joys and the hardships, and to acknowledge where the Lord has been faithful through it all.

Tristin Jackson, Director of Aarigaa UAF, shares her reflections:

We had a great year here with Aarigaa UAF. I can't believe the end of the semester came so quickly! Seeing spiritual growth in several of our students has made this year exciting. It is a true joy to walk with students on their journeys. I am grateful for the fun, late-night memories and the good conversations we have shared together. I am already looking forward to next year!

James Ventress, the Associate Pastor for Youth at Nome Covenant, also reflects on the year:

Checkpoint Youth Ministry had a very busy year full of changes. We celebrated our fifth birthday of the opening of our youth center located on Front Street in Nome, Alaska. We welcomed our long



Aarigaa UAF lighting paper lanterns under the Northern lights celebrating the end of the year!

time volunteer, Bethany Johnson into a full time internship through CYAK. Bethany is a home grown phenomenon. She grew up in our church youth group before there even was a Checkpoint. After high school, she took a year off and then returned as a volunteer. She brings her love of students and her spirit of hospitality in her personal ministry to the youth of our community.

This past year was also a year of great growth and maturity of many of the current youth in our congregation. We

Continued on back page...

Ministry Highlights



CYAK Spring Retreat

It is a good time for our staff to come together twice a year to be refreshed and cast a unified vision.



Passing the Torch

Scammon Bay seniors ceremonially welcomed the incoming 6th graders.



"My Lighthouse"

Youth in Mekoryuk led their community in worship.

took seven of them to CHIC (Covenant High in Christ) last summer and that paid dividends in their personal faith and local/global care for the gospel and the Kingdom of God. We have five students graduating high school, four off to college aviation programs and one to a discipleship school and world missions!

This summer will see the construction phase of our workshop that will fill a discipleship and vocational education need that we have had for some time now. The din and activity of the youth center is not always the best place for one-one conversations. We have a lot of teens moving through the doorway of young adulthood without any drive or purpose. That's a very dangerous place to be for a young person here. So we are going to insulate a shipping container and outfit it to be a repair shop where I can spend focused time with smaller groups of students and teach bicycle and appliance repair. Please pray for the future of our graduates and the success of our building project.



Living the dream. A local youth pastor suggested it would be a unique experience for the uninitiated to jump into the ocean after the ice broke up. Water temperature: 29 °F



Marin Covenant Church youth group came to Nome in April for a spring break service trip. Our youth had an excellent time playing hockey ball and working alongside them.

CONNECT WITH US!



Visit our website, like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, or find us on YouTube to learn more about CYAK!

Covenant Bible Camp 2019

Theme: Subsist - Finding Life in Christ

It is the season we have been waiting and preparing for! Putting on a wilderness camp in Alaska is no small task, and it is only through the prayers of all of you and the hard work of volunteers and staff that camp is possible.



Please be in prayer for this camp season - and for campers as they head home. Pray that they will know God is with them wherever they go.

PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

Sign up to receive monthly prayer updates, visit www.cyak.org.

Praise: For summer and subsistence - berry picking and fishing soon!
For a fruitful school year and for relationships formed.
For a committed team who share a heart for youth and young adults.

Prayer Request: For Checkpoint's new building project.
For the logistics of Bible Camp to go smoothly.
For both campers and staff to experience the love of God!

Thank you for your faithful support of CYAK's ministry through prayer.

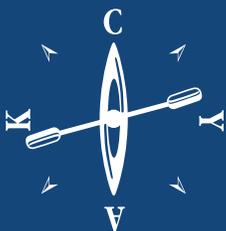
CURRENT MINISTRY NEEDS

Scholarships for Bible Camp

Every year, youth from around the state fly to Unalakleet for a week of Bible Camp. Campers request nearly \$35,000 per year to assist with travel and registration costs. Consider making camp a reality for one or more youth by giving to the Bible Camp Scholarship Fund.

Quyana, thank you.

www.covenantbiblecamp.org/give



Covenant Youth of Alaska

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

A ministry of the Alaska Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church

Website www.cyak.org
Email info@cyak.org
Phone 907-222-1432
Address PO Box 203356
Anchorage, AK 99520