



Broadway Covenant Church

CHIC 2012 Introduction Info Letter

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Dear Parents:

I pray this letter finds you well! Although it's still a year away, I hope to bring you fully up to speed regarding a stellar opportunity that awaits your child next summer (2012). CHIC (Covenant High In Christ) is a triennial event held in Knoxville, at the University of Tennessee. From July 15th - 20th CHIC offers a variety of activities all revolving around your child and his/her life. It would be impossible to talk about everything that is included so I'll touch on the highlights. Here goes: The theme for this CHIC is "Five". Right now the substance behind the theme is not available, but CHIC never disappoints! It's sure to be a very challenging message for all who experience it. There are also numerous seminars, workshops, and talkbacks that relevantly grapple with issues teens face today and provide them with both the understanding that they are not alone in their struggles but also that there exist maps to successfully navigate those issues. Along with awesome worship times and dynamic focus groups, there are concerts going on throughout the week. Bands like LeCrae, Gungor, Propaganda, and many more will converge on Tennessee to take part in this event. This year CHIC will have mainstage speakers like Bianca Juarez, Louie Giglio, Efreem Smith, Harvey Carey, Francis Chan, and more who will meet, relate to, and challenge our students in many aspects of their lives. In Overhaul, we have been introduced to several of these speakers through videos (Laminin) and books (Crazy Love), and they have been well received by our students!

Also, there is no shortage of fun at CHIC. There are numerous affordable excursions and there's always spontaneous events being created on campus like ultimate frisbee, soccer, football, worship times, picnics, shopping, and boatloads of other stuff. Each night hosts a powerful individual youth group time when experiences are shared and thoughts and prayers are given and received. Your child will laugh, listen, shed tears, play hard, be still, dig deep, sleep a little, **and will definitely leave changed.**

I went in 1994 as a student and in 2009 as a leader and to this day have vivid memories of what I experienced. They will too. That being said, here are the details on how exactly we get them there.

COST

CHIC is expensive. That's just a fact. However, there will be opportunities for your child to earn, if not all, a significant portion of those funds hence making CHIC very affordable. **I have enclosed a letter with the details of upcoming fundraisers.** The cost of CHIC is **roughly \$800 for the week.** It includes everything except optional excursions outside of white water rafting (see webpage) and what I call "fun money". Here are the financial deadlines and the cost breakdown:

DEADLINES

- December 9th - CHIC deposit of \$150
- January 20th - Conference balance of \$420
- June 15th - Overhead cost of \$230ish

BREAKDOWN

- CHIC Conference - \$545
- Additional Night of Lodging - \$25
- Transportation - \$120
- Rafting (NOT CHIC related) - \$35
- Logistics and Counselors - \$75



K, ouch. While that's sinking in, here are a few more details. The overhead cost could fluctuate depending on final participant count, counselor needs, transport cost, etc. As soon as I have that count, I will update you with the concrete cost. Like prior CHIC trips and retreats, we will rent 15 passenger vans which counselors will drive. A tradition at Broadway is to arrive a day early and spend Sunday rafting on the Okoee River. That is the reason for the additional lodging and rafting cost. Should your child not want to raft, the rafting fee would not apply to you.

Registration

Enclosed with this letter is a CHIC registration form. You can either fill it out by hand or you can also visit www.chic2012.org and complete the form online and then print it out. From the main webpage, click **Register** and then click **Student Registration**. Either way you choose to do it, please complete the entire form and return it to me by December 9, 2011. If your child is going to CHIC and misses the "early bird" deadline, the price rises so let's not miss it. **Deposit and balance payments should be made out to Broadway Covenant Church with CHIC stated in the memo line along with your child's name.**

Commitment and cancellation

While the cost is high, I believe the benefits are even higher. Due to the sheer volume of attendees and the overall cost of putting together CHIC week, there are a few things I need to mention regarding registration commitment. Once your child is signed up for CHIC and the deposit is made, your child is vested. Should you decide to cancel their registration for whatever reason, there are processing fees that are retained by CHIC and not refunded. Those cancellation fees and dates will be publicized very soon and I will pass them along as soon as I get them!

Should unforeseen circumstances arise, CHIC does offer a student substitution policy. If your child finds a replacement participant, CHIC will transfer your payments to the substitute's account and then the two students settle up. All questions regarding this subject should be directed to me.

Other

There is a wealth of information on the CHIC website including downloads, FAQs, forms. Also, I am available anytime by cell phone, office phone, email, and Facebook should you have questions or concerns. Please continue on to the next letter: Remaining Fundraisers. I think you'll be enthused about the funding options available. I am working on counselors as I write this. A lot depends on the total number of kids we have going. There will be more information coming as numbers firm up. Please be praying for our kids and counselors during this unforgettable week. Thank you for taking the time to read through these letters. I look forward to what's to come.

Peace,

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