

Christ Community Covenant Church
Youth Sunday, May 18, 2014
Pastor Scott Parr, Tyler Carlson and Anissa Miller

Scott's Message:

- Every person in the church matters to youth ministry, because God calls all of us to be part of raising kids in the faith.
- Deuteronomy 6:4- 7: Notice that when it says "house" or "home," the Hebrew word "Bayith" means household, which in that culture, included 50-100 people usually. How are we being a family of God, helping to raise all of our kids in Christ?
- What unique gifts, perspective, example, passions, or help do you have to offer the kids and youth of our church?
- Name 1-3 kids in our church that you'd like to prayerfully invest time and care into.

Tyler's Message:

- Thanks to all those who have supported me and this youth group.
- Tyler had a life-transforming experience at the CHIC youth conference, especially in a moment of surrendering his sin to God. He acknowledged that a life mixed of the sweet purity of God and the bitterness of sin leaves a bad taste. Is God saying something to you in Tyler's testimony?
- Tyler found himself angry over changes and losses at church. Then, God put it on Tyler's heart to pray for his church and youth group. How might God want you to be part of the solution to church issues that have angered you?
- Tyler asked for prayer and support for the youth in the passion and energy they have to offer. 1 Tim 4:12. How can you pray for and encourage young people in their gifts in the church?

Anissa's Message:

- Anissa spoke of learning to see her DISability as HISability – she sees it as an opportunity for God to be glorified in her. Read 2 Corinthians 9-10 and discuss which ways your weaknesses might be opportunities for God's strength.
- Anissa, when very sick with a ruptured intestine, experienced painful suffering and was close to death. She said she came away from that experience with a new appreciation for the suffering and death of Jesus. She learned that the purpose of suffering isn't to condemn or punish, but to give us a small glimpse of the sacrifice Christ paid for our sins. We can give glory to God, even in our suffering. Read Romans 5:1-5 and discuss your own perspective on suffering and if you've seen God turn your suffering into something good.
- Anissa shared that she's learned to see that our purpose as humans is to bring glory to God. We have no purpose in life otherwise.
- Anissa encouraged us to see with our hearts, not with our eyes. What do you think it looks like for us as Christians to do this?