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History of Covenant College

On April 5, 1955, the Presbytery of the Great Plains met in Wilton, North Dakota, to consider establishing a liberal arts college under the Bible Presbyterian Synod. The College was organized by the Synod and named “Covenant” by Dr. Robert G. Rayburn, the school’s first president. In the fall of 1955, the school began operation at the Pasadena City Church in Pasadena, California. Covenant was to be a Christian liberal arts college acknowledging Christ’s preeminence to help Christians learn to live as active, reforming members of a complex society.

In 1956, Covenant College moved to Creve Coeur in St. Louis County, near St. Louis, Missouri. The first property purchased in St. Louis, from Millstone Construction Company, consisted of twenty-five acres, with one building located in the center that was used for all functions.

A number of professors from Faith Theological Seminary near Philadelphia came to St. Louis, and Covenant became a four-year liberal arts college and a three-year theological seminary operated by one board and one administration.

An order of Catholic sisters at St. John’s Hospital donated a building to the College which eventually became the administration building. Both the College and the seminary increased in size, and soon a new residence hall was needed. Mr. Hugh Smith heard that the “Castle in the Clouds,” near Chattanooga, Tennessee, was for sale. After much debate, the old hotel was purchased for Covenant College in 1964. Today the College campus contains a total of 300 acres.

Covenant College has had five presidents: Dr. Robert G. Rayburn, Dr. Marion D. Barnes, Dr. Martin Essenburg, Dr. Frank A. Brock, and Dr. Niel B. Nielson, who now serves in this capacity.

Today Covenant’s total enrollment is more than 1,300, with forty-six states and nineteen foreign countries represented. Eighty-eight percent of the teaching faculty members have earned doctoral or terminal degrees.

Covenant offers associate of arts, bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of music and master of education degrees. Several pre-professional programs are also available. Students are encouraged to develop an active Christian mind.

As a member of the NAIA, Covenant’s intercollegiate sports include men’s baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross-country, men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s soccer, women’s softball, men’s and women’s tennis, and women’s volleyball. Many intramural sports are played.

Covenant College centers its entire program in Colossians 1:18: “In all things Christ preeminent.” Christ is acknowledged as the creator of all things, as the redeemer of people fallen into sin, as the touchstone of all truth, and as the sovereign ruler over all areas of life. Covenant seeks the mind of Christ as the biblical perspective from which we view and respond to reality. Covenant seeks to define all areas of its structure and program according to this understanding of Christ’s preeminence.

History of Carter Hall

The tract of land on which Covenant College is located has been a pioneer’s home place and a plush resort. Under a treaty in 1819, the land lay along the northern boundary of the Cherokee Nation. After the Indians were forced westward along the “Trail of Tears,” the land was seized by the federal government and was ordered auctioned to benefit the widows and orphans of the War of 1812.

Robert M. Parris took the bid on a large portion of land, later adding to his holdings through purchases from a widow and her two daughters. In 1856 he sold 400 acres to C. C. Jackson for one dollar per acre. Jackson settled with his family in a cabin near Frontier Bluff. (The family cemetery remains in a protected area below the College.) Sallie Jackson remembered hearing the cannon and musket fire from the Battle of Chickamauga; family members watched the battle from the top of Jackson Hill. Later, federal troops used the Jackson land as a camp.

The Lookout Mountain Hotel (now Carter Hall) was built in 1927 as a posh resort at a cost of \$1,450,000. Paul Carter’s plans called for 200 guest rooms, the South’s largest ballroom, and a tower to stand ten stories high. The hotel opened in 1928 offering swimming, tennis, horseback riding, dancing, hiking, golf, and elegant meals. The Great Depression proved its downfall, however, and two more attempts to salvage it as a hotel failed.

Hugh Smith of Huntsville, Alabama, learned of the property in the early sixties and saw its potential as a college site. He recommended the idea to the Covenant College trustees, then in St. Louis. Since the College had outgrown its facilities there, the decision was made, after much debate and some delay, to move to Lookout Mountain. Smith was assisted by Harold Finch.

Renovations were made and the dedicatory service was held September 19, 1964.

College Hymn

All For Jesus

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
All my being's ransomed power;
All my thoughts and words and doings;
All my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding;
Let my feet run in His ways;
Let mine eyes see Jesus only;
Let my lips speak forth His praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty,
Cling to gilded toys of dust;
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure –
Only Jesus will I trust.

Since mine eyes were fixed on Jesus,
I've lost sight of all beside,
So enchained my spirit's vision,
Looking at the crucified.

Oh what wonder! How amazing!
Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved,
Lets me rest beneath His wings.

Amen.