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## Kapic to spend spring 2014 at Biola

by Bethany Daniels

Covenant Professor Kelly Kapic has accepted a research fellowship at Biola University's Center for Christian Thought for the Spring 2014 semester. While working with other scholars on the relationship between psychology and spiritual formation, Kapic's research will focus on suffering, as guided by the interaction of faith, hope, and love described in 1 Corinthians 13.

Kapic asks, "When people are going through physical suffering, how do you cultivate and sustain faith in those situations?" as a guiding question for his work.

"He's trying to approach suffering in a bit of a different way...instead of thinking about suffering in terms of, 'how can we solve it?' he's interested in understanding God's sovereignty over suffering as Jesus comes to the cross," said senior Jimmy Myers.

The Kapic family will move to Los Angeles directly following final exam week in December. Both Kapic and his wife, Tabitha, are originally from northern California and are looking forward to the

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## Typhoon Haiyan hits the Philippines

by Ellen Davis

Typhoon Haiyan, deemed by BBC as "one of the most powerful storms on record to make landfall" hit six central Philippine islands on Friday, Nov. 8, affecting over 11 million people. Several greater metropolitan areas, particularly Tacloban, have been largely destroyed or are currently underwater, leaving corpses in the debris and starving survivors alone to fend for themselves. The current death toll stands at 3,982 with 1,602 people missing.

National and international aid has been very slow to arrive, due to geographical iso-

lation, but the hurting nation is finally seeing some relief.

According to an article in Business World, Tacloban "remains without regular power, but distribution centers have been set up, ensuring a steady flow of food and water to still-traumatized residents, while mobile surgical units provide emergency care for the sick and injured."

News of the deadly typhoon has especially affected Covenant's Community Development Professor Russell Mask, who served in the Philippines and met his Filipino wife there nearly 30 years ago. Though their

family is unharmed, the deadly typhoon has only reminded Mask of his own experiences.

"I interned there on a small island in 1983, doing development research for six months. One year later, a large typhoon hit that island. Some of my friends were killed, and the whole village was destroyed, wiped off the face of the map," said Mask.

Whenever natural disasters occur, it is difficult to know how to respond and how to send relief. Americans are especially eager to help or give material goods in such

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## CHA to vote on gay benefits

by Kendi Anderson

Chattanooga is on its way to becoming the third city in Tennessee to extend city employee benefits to domestic partners and their families.

The bill that is being voted on tonight, Nov. 19, in the City Council meeting is sponsored by Councilman Chris Anderson, and will grant domestic partners of city employees the same benefits as married partners.

Anderson, the first openly gay man to win a contested election in Tennessee, is accompanied by a multitude of straight and gay advocates. They are not attempting to redefine the state constitution's definition of marriage, but are working toward their definition of equality.

Since Anderson took a seat on the City Council this past term, he has been caught in a tornado of tension and constant contestation against this proposed legislation, which would provide medical and health benefits to same and opposite sex committed partners of government employees.

Committed domestic partners must meet strict criteria in order

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# Lifekit to focus on building community

by McKenzie Barham

After a successful kick-off dinner, the four-part LifeKit series will continue to equip graduating seniors with tools for life after college. On Nov. 21, the Center for Calling and Career will host their second event. Students will hear from Calvin Garriott '09 about building community, and maintaining it, after graduation.

"Often, the first year after college is one of the toughest years because there is so much change all at once. Anything we can do to help equip you to do that well, we want to help make happen," said Amy Smith, coordinator of volunteers.

The LifeKit seminars have evolved from what began as the LifeKit fair, an event hosted in Carter Lobby, where students had the opportunity throughout the day to stop by booths and ask questions pertaining to housing, finances, and more.

"We decided to transition [from LifeKit Fair] to [LifeKit]...because we think it's a better way to receive and retain information. We hope it also brings the senior class together to prepare as a unit for what's ahead," said Smith.

LifeKit is the joint effort of the Center for Calling and Career, the Alumni Office, Student Development, and the senior class, and is overseen by Smith.

"This year, LifeKit has been well-organized and included some great advice for seniors who are about to live in the real world," said senior Mary Grace Stocker.

Juniors and seniors were invited to the first LifeKit event this year, where they were able to speak with alumni about life post-graduation and enjoy a catered meal from Taco Mamacita.

The featured speakers included real estate agent and Covenant alum Jim Lea '02 and two of his team members. Lea and his team gave students insight into the world of housing, from understanding rental agreements to building credit.

"Credit is like a foreign

language I don't understand, so it was helpful to have somebody explain what the different things are, including your credit score, how to get it and find it, and where it won't be on your record that you looked it up," said junior Beth Ann Fogal.

Students also heard from Art Professor Elissa Weichbrodt '04 and her husband, Noel '04, about their experiences with the housing market.

"One of the things Professor Weichbrodt said was that their goal for their home was for it to be [a place] that welcomed people in, even if it was small. You don't have to look for some huge place and you can have a

specific goal that isn't money-based for your house," said Fogal.

The next two LifeKit events will be in the spring and will cover professionalism and personal finances.

"I feel a lot better [about graduating]. People have gone through this process before and LifeKit has shown me that I'm not the only one thinking about life outside of college," said Stocker.

"I'm really thankful this exists for students now, I definitely wish I had something like this when I was graduating," said Smith.

## Phillipines Typhoon

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situations, but Mask and others believe these efforts often bring more problems than aid on the devastated country.

In an article on Slate.com, writer Jessica Alexander encourages Americans to give money - not material goods - to organizations that are already working in the Philippines.

"Consider what happens when a plane full of unwanted donations is competing for runway space with planes carrying needed medicines and food items. Someone has to unload those donations, someone needs to sort through them for customs, someone needs to truck them to affected areas which are hard to reach

anyway and where there's a limited supply of fuel," she said.

According the BBC, "a huge international aid effort is underway." The US Navy has been dropping food and water from an aircraft carrier and is planning to send more troops. The UK is sending \$50 million in public and government donations. The Red Cross and other medical charities are currently setting up mobile surgical units in Tacloban.

Since money is the most beneficial resource, Mask believes people should be wise about where they send their money, and he encourages Covenant students to consider helping.

"Whenever any natural disaster occurs, I first look at the context of the disaster," he

said. "The tremendous needs of the country are always obvious, but something we often forget is to look at the assets that God has already placed in that country, including churches, NGOs, and government organizations. Several Philippine Christian NGOs are some of the best in the world in terms of developing ministry tools."

After understanding the assets and needs, people should seek to help specific NGOs or church denominations that do the best work in that particular country.

"If we don't look at these first, we take on a 'savior' mode, which is harmful in the long run. These people need to see the love of Christ and Christian organizations, so why not enable Christians organizations

that will help in the name of Christ if we can?" said Mask. "The three main things you should look for in an organization are that it is experienced, indigenous, and Christian. Then, go to the websites of the NGOs that fit this model."

Christian organizations such as World Vision, World Relief, Compassion, and MedAir are currently bringing aid to the Philippines by partnering with Filipino Christian NGOs. However, each of these groups still need more financial help. World Vision, one of the world's largest Christian NGOs, has distributed emergency food, water, and hygiene kits to nearly 780 families on one of the most devastated islands, according to their website. However, they are currently

raising funds to provide assistance to 400,000 people.

To donate to the relief effort, check out:

[www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org)  
[www.worldrelief.org](http://www.worldrelief.org)  
<http://relief.medair.org>  
[www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com)

## Faculty Quote of the Week

"What ever happened to good ol' sweat?"

Dr. Dennison in CHOW II on the overwhelming variety of perfumes in the world

# The Verdict

Yes... to  
Christmas music

No... it's not time  
yet

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## Kapic to Biola

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six-month stay in their home state.

One issue Kapic wants to address in his research is believers' view of faith.

"I don't think we know what faith is...but it is central. This is an overstatement, but I think we have reduced faith to a cognitive apprehension. Part of the struggle is coming to understand faith in a communal way," said Kapic.

Supported by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation, Biola's Center for Christian Thought is able to invite four to six scholars to be research fellows each semester. At Biola, a large table in the common area between the offices for the visiting fellows represents the communal aspect of the fellowship. The group will meet weekly to present their work to one another.

"I'm driven to provide a theological and pastoral reflection on this

subject because sometimes a theology can be advanced that just isn't pastoral, or other attempts to be pastoral that are not soaked in a historic, orthodox theology," said Kapic, "I'm interested to see how we can combine both."

Through his research, Kapic hopes to spark people's imaginations on the subject and provide comfort for those going through difficult, painful experiences. He also wants to explore how we can learn to lament together as Christians in the midst of pain and suffering.

"I think we are uncomfortable with the physicality of our theology. We are creatures, and spirituality should not be a denial of our creatureliness," said Kapic. "So, what does spirituality look like in light of our creatureliness, especially when things are breaking down?"

For those standing beside people who are suffering greatly, Kapic encourages the community to

weep with those who weep, and to emphasize both the cross and resurrection in our counseling.

"We like easy answers, so we will even take a biblical idea like 'all things work for good,' and use it in problematic ways," Kapic explained, "I think we take the sovereignty of God and misunderstand it so when bad things are happening, even evil things, we think that God must say they are good. But actually, God doesn't say that everything that happens is good. For example, God condemns sinful activities which are not good."

Kapic desires to use this time away from the Covenant community well, and is looking forward to the future.

"I want to try to put everything aside for these six months and immerse myself in this project.

Eventually, in the next few years, I hope to produce a small book that would be helpful for people," he said.

"It's a huge loss for us with Kapic, Jones, and Davis all gone next semester," said Myers. "Their absences will leave a huge gap in the theology and philosophy departments. But these opportunities are so good for them, and in that way it is also good for Covenant."

To take Kapic's place, Covenant will hire Jonathan King to be a full-time professor for Spring 2014. King, currently doing his doctoral work at Trinity in Deerfield, IL, will be teaching including core classes as well as a class on the theology of beauty.

"It is bittersweet in a lot of ways. He's doing really good stuff, but his absence from the community will be felt," said Myers.

## CHA to vote on gay benefits

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to receive benefits. The bill requires employees to provide specific documentation that neither partner is married or in a civil union with anyone else, or related. Employees and their partners must also sign a sworn affidavit about their relationship and submit a letter if their relationship ends.

Last week the bill passed its first reading with a 5-4 vote, and it is expected to pass again tonight.

Chattanooga is following in the wake of both traditionally Democratic and Republican states and cities. The Human Rights Campaign says that at least nine states which have Republican leanings have at least one city that is providing benefits to their employees' committed partners.

In last week's packed, standing-room only Council meeting, many Chattanooga citizens stormed out in rage over the initial passing of this bill. Those in opposition believe that the bill bypasses the state constitution and may open the door to the legalization of gay marriage in Tennessee. Many accuse local governments of



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being used as a means to advance LGBT agendas as they bypass state constitutional protections for traditional marriage.

Historically, many states which have legalized gay marriage have first approved domestic partner benefits.

In last week City Council meeting Anderson said, "Treating everyone equally doesn't threaten the religious liberty of others."

Anderson himself does not plan to apply for the benefits as he does not want to have any financial incentives behind the bill. He estimates that the bill will cost the city an additional \$180,000, which is less than one-tenth of one percent of the city budget.

Similar benefits are already provided to some domestic partners in Chattanooga through

BlueCross BlueShield, Unum, VW, and many major banks in town.

(See next week's issue for the results of this vote).



# Generalized Statements of Observable Facts review

by Ann Jones

When I heard that ALIA was finally coming out with her first album, *Generalized Statements of Observable Facts*, I was ecstatic. Since I first heard ALIA perform at Pasha, I was hooked. Her unique sound, piercing lyrics, and epic skills on the guitar captivated my attention from the start.

Her bluegrass, folk acoustics reverberate with feeling as her rhythms and melodies reflect a natural ear for originality. Enveloped in these rich and moving sounds lie ALIA's lyrics, which further captivate any audience's attention. Her lyrics hit to the heart as they grapple with the messiness of life and emotions that seem incongruent with what a believer "should" be feeling. She strips all semblance of Christian platitudes and dives face first into the raw emotions experienced by everyday life, suffering, and grief.

ALIA's entire repertoire of songs far exceeds what you will encounter in her album. She has proven to be an extremely prolific writer. From the age of 14, ALIA has written and composed her own songs. As taken from her website ([www.aliaghmusic.com](http://www.aliaghmusic.com)), where you can find lyrics and

more of her music, ALIA is a "one woman multi-instrumentalist powerhouse." With a guitar, mandolin, ukulele, and piano (to name a few) at her fingertips, she often composes and writes her songs in a week or even in a day. As a fan, I have found ALIA's prolificness and variety attributes that make her one of the most enjoyable artists to follow. She always has a new song up her sleeve and is continually growing in her expertise of various instruments. All this being said, the five songs ALIA chose for her album help the listener catch a small glimpse into the various tones, musicality, and subject matter of her work. If you like one of the songs on the album, then you can definitely find more where it came from.

As I have hinted at before, ALIA's album has been hand-crafted. Even in the title, *Generalized Statements of Observable Facts*, one can tell that there is a thinker behind these lyrics. Having graduated as a philosophy major from Covenant in 2013, ALIA's lyrics reveal a philosopher's mind with an artistic perspective. She artfully weaves into her songs sarcasm, realism, and a

critical view of the world that often resonates with believers in their trek through the hardships of life. That she can question the inconsistencies of life and articulate it in a non-overbearing and artful way is a breath of fresh air in and of itself.

Some of you may have already heard some of ALIA's work when she performed for her SIP last February. Yes, her philosophy SIP was a concert. ALIA profoundly grappled with the philosophical concept of grief and formed it into resonating lyrics that took its listeners through the various stages of grief. It was a very emotional night, to say the least. (Those songs and lyrics can be found on her website, under the tab of her concert's title, *De Profundis*.)

With multiple concerts under her belt, ALIA has finally released her debut album. From featuring some of her earlier work, such as "Daffodils," to some of her more recent work, "Between the Lines," there is a continual observation of the surrounding world in real human terms. From relationships gone wrong, to growing up and learning the hard lessons in life, to running from your past or your future, ALIA has something for all



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hearers. I would encourage you to look her album up on iTunes and catch a taste of her acoustic melodies accompanied with her lyrics. For me it was clear that I had to hear more.

If your reaction is similar to mine, then you're in luck. ALIA is having another concert on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Camp House. Admission is

\$5. Come out and discover ALIA for yourself.

# Matangi review

by Joanne Alfred

"All I wanna do is \_\_\_ and take your money." If you can fill in that blank, chances are Mathangi Arulpragasam got it stuck in your head five years ago with her platinum single, "Paper Planes." Better known as M.I.A., she is anything but missing in action with her latest auditory assault, *Matangi*, which came out this month. Both M.I.A. and her fourth album are christened after the form of the Hindu goddess Devi that represents the Outcast, or "untouchables." Worshippers

of *Matangi* seek insight in literature, speech, and music. She is also said to pave the way for unorthodox and revolutionary forms of knowledge and art. I am not a Hindu, but the resemblance between M.I.A.'s musical message and her namesake is uncanny.

Born in a suburb of London and raised amid civil war in Sri Lanka, M.I.A.'s life experiences are the foundation and fuel for each of her albums, especially *Matangi*. Each song has an emotion or a question, drawing in the listener with passion and demanding a response, whether in the provoca-

tive defiance of "Boom Skit" or the hopeful resilience of "Lights." Her vulnerability is stunning and her creativity is inspiring.

I could attempt to address the stylistic aspects of *Matangi* independently, but it is next to impossible. M.I.A.'s electro-pop, spoken-word style has matured, and, in my estimation, peaked in this album. She holds true to her extensive sound, with each song encompassing the globe. The title track, "Matangi," is a fusion of Tamil drums, "Double Bubble Trouble" incorporates reggae and dance-club beats, "Bad Girls" is driven by Middle Eastern rhythms, and

"Warriors" is flavored with Far Eastern influences. At times it's tangled and abrasive. If you can figure out the beat in "Bring the Noise," let me know. That song, in particular, certainly shows how the message is inextricably linked to the music.

The lyrical content of this album is explicit in many forms. M.I.A.'s language choice is one obvious interpretation. But her twist on the typical is fascinating. "Y.A.L.A." turns Y.O.L.O. upside-down with reincarnation beliefs, "If you only live once, why do we keep doing the same sh\*t?" With the help of WikiLeaks mastermind Julian Assange, M.I.A.

pulls together "aTENTion," a song highlighting the tents of refugees, who she says are the "modern day untouchables... faceless and placeless." Unafraid of aggressive political, social, and religious statements, she still manages to preserve the entertainment value and intrigue of her sound.

M.I.A. has done what is almost unthinkable in the music industry – remained true. *Matangi* is gritty and brilliant, raw and original, and chances are it'll be stuck in your head if you dare to listen.



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# Small Sound review

by Trent Kelly

In 2009, then unmarried couple Alaina Moore and Patrick Riley sold all of their earthly possessions, bought a 30 foot sailboat and took a seven month sailing expedition down the Eastern Atlantic Seaboard together. Two years later, in an attempt to document the experience, they (now married) released their debut album *Cape Dory* under the moniker Tennis (an inside joke [hahaha love them] about Riley playing tennis in college). *Cape Dory*, released on independent heavyweight Fat Possum Records, was met with much enthusiasm and heavy circulation on music blogs, and was included on several end-of-the-year Top Albums lists. In 2012 the husband and wife duo became a musical trio, adding drummer James Barone to the band, and found themselves working with producer Patrick Carney of The Black Keys on their sophomore effort *Young & Old*. *Young & Old* traded the narrative storytelling and lo-fi recording of *Cape Dory* for a more developed musical sound, honed by Carney's expert production.

After a quiet year, with

minimal touring and almost no news other than the occasional picture on Facebook of Moore stepping out of a DeLorean or walking around botanical gardens in Singapore, the band released *Small Sound* – EP via Communion Records. According to the band, these five tracks are a taste of things to come (soon), representing a small fraction of the songs that the band has recorded this year. *Small Sound* sees Tennis forging ahead with the production heavy sounds of *Young & Old*, though they trade Patrick Carney for Richard Swift (The Shins, Foxygen) and Jim Eno (Spoon, Poliça, Gayngs). The light, piano driven, '60s girl band sound is displayed effortlessly here, as always, but the allure of *Small Sound* are the moments that hint at something different, a more dynamic take on the staples that make Tennis so irresistible.

*Small Sound* opens with Moore's anything but small sounding vocals, belting "Summerin' in the Catskills baby/singin' just for the thrill" on the lead single "Mean Streets." The melody-heavy first track backs up the lead vocals with an excellent combination of

summer-sounding piano chords, Barone's dexterous percussion and Riley's sunny guitar riff on the chorus. Been trying to get this song out of my head for weeks. The guitars on "Timothy" are reminiscent of some of *Cape Dory's* simpler, slower tracks, but the lyrics deviate from its innocence with lines like "A hard heart will make a man blind/and a hard heart gets harder with time." Although he did not produce the latest EP, Patrick Carney's lasting influence can be heard on "Cured of Youth", which sounds like it could be a cut from The Black Keys' *Brothers*. The guitar is dominant, but littered through the track are Moore's soft "na na nana nananas" and "oooohhhs" which are paired with her ever clear vocals to create an expert balance of rhythm and melody.

"Dimming Light" starts slow and rolls, building to the best moment of the five songs, a soulful, church choir-esque chorus of "Is it ever enough to know what you're lookin' for?/Is it ever enough to have what you're waitin' for?/oh ohh oh oohhh." The Motown sounding piano coupled with simple drum claps hint at

unexplored territory for Tennis, but it feels like a natural step in a new direction. Prior to Tennis, Moore's only experience with singing was in her church choir as a teenager, which could explain the subtle incorporation of such sounds. *Small Sound* tapers off with "100 Lovers", a ballad about ex-boyfriends and how they will "make you cold." This is the EP's weakest track, tellingly because it falls into a familiar sound for the band.

Growth is evident both musically and lyrically on *Small Sound*, certainly dispelling one-trick-pony myths (isn't he? [shout out to Earl Sweatshirt]), as if *Young & Old* didn't already. It seems the more risks they take, the more complete their sound becomes; *Small Sound* is Tennis's most dynamic set of songs to date, leaving listeners longing for more of what is sure to come.

## Thoughts of Kino's Brother

by Andrew Christenberry

Oh man of the shore, it's the morning.  
What past has brought you to this place?  
Again and again you rise from your sand silhouette.  
Yes, day after day!  
Do you not feel hopelessly held to the ground?

Do you not wonder what life is without dead straw walls greeting your eyes?  
"Good morning," and "goodnight," they say, as they fill your mind when you fall and rise.  
So numerous they are, and yet...hallow.  
You feel as empty as their center.

It is time again to rise. Walk into the world.

Walk and know the wind.  
So far this breeze has traveled to meet your face, and you wonder how...  
"What has this wind seen, what has it touched while I lie? How am I so fearful?"

So timid you are while the wild winds roar through danger and howl with laughter.  
Roaring and howling around you know not what.  
Step out the front door, good fisherman.

May we be such a wind.

# Lust and the Gospel

by Kyler Kaye

I want to begin by saying that the majority of my thoughts and ideas are not my own. They have been informed by men and women who are much wiser than I am. Nonetheless I would like to share with you some of the things that I have been thinking about.

A little over a year ago I was talking with guys on my hall about the issue of lust. We began to discuss amongst ourselves and I was sure that I had all of the answers to this particular issue. As we began to incorporate the thoughts of older and wiser thinkers I began to see a paradigm shift in the way that I was thinking about this issue.

For the longest time I thought that I could shift some of the blame of my lust onto women because of what they were wearing. Sure, I knew that it was my own sin and that I was the major shareholder of that sin, but I also

thought in the back of my mind that if women were to change what they wore—if they would just dress more modestly—I would not be as tempted to lust and therefore I wouldn't sin as often.

This seemed like a logical argument. It's sort of an "if-then" or "cause-and-effect" situation. "I know that I am the cause of the sin, but I wouldn't sin as much if I wasn't tempted as often." The problem with this statement is the "but." When I am saying that part of my problem is with others, I am shifting the blame onto them and ultimately saying that they need to change their behavior so that I can change. Is that the Gospel? I don't think so.

The Gospel says that Jesus died to save us from our sins and that we, as born again believers, are called to repent of and flee from sin. We don't sin because of the actions of others. We sin because we have sinful hearts and because we are not fully satisfied

in Christ as we should be. Sin isn't a result of a temptation that is too much to bear; it's a result of a sinful heart. If my heart is full of sin I will find other ways to carry out that sin. It wouldn't matter what people around me are wearing.

Sinful hearts are derived from dissatisfaction with Christ. If we were truly satisfied in Christ we would not look for satisfaction in other places. We would be able to look at women without lusting whether they were wearing a bikini or a burka. Christ would be enough.

We can't blame our sins on others. We need to take ownership. If I was a parent and my son hit my daughter because she was being annoying, I wouldn't justify my son if he said, "she started it. I hit her because she was annoying me." It may be true but he has no right to hit her, no matter what she does. In the same way, we have no right to lust after another no matter what he or she is wear-

ing. It's wrong—plain and simple.

As you may have guessed I am speaking primarily to guys here, although I know that some women struggle with this as well and they have no excuse either. No one is off the hook here.

I don't want to simply tell you not to sin. I want to encourage you. The gospel not only calls us to repentance & holiness but also empowers and enables repentance and holiness. Paul says in Romans 6:14, "For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace." Ultimately a calling to holiness without an enabling for holiness is what the law does, and in the end it only condemns and discourages. But the gospel (Christ's death actually putting our sin to death and breaking the necessary bondage that sin had over us, and the Holy Spirit actually imparting to us the resurrection life of Christ) actually makes holiness possible, and not just possible, but a neces-

sary outworking of repentance and faith.

I know that all of this is much easier said than done but be encouraged that you are not alone in this fight. Not only do we have peers who struggle with this and older and wiser men and women of the faith who have and continue to struggle with this, but we have a savior who doesn't give up on us and who has called us to live as men and women free from the bondage of sin. I urge you, therefore, brothers and sisters, go and sin no more.

# What women want

by Alex Wheat

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church..." Ephesians 5:25-26.

God first ordained marriage. He had the intention to unite one man and one woman to become one flesh. The covenant bond would be God-honoring and God-fearing. It was to be an intimate, exclusive relationship, similar to Christ and the church. Service, sacrifice, respect, grace, and above all, love would be the essential ingredients of marriage.

The sanctity of relationships such as this have been desecrated by the enemy. Infidelity, ill will, and misconceptions

never tire in causing dissension between a husband and wife. Perhaps if men and women both took precautionary time to consider the outlining presuppositions of the opposite partner, marriage could better fulfill its purpose.

God-fearing women should expect three basic things from marriage—love, respect, and protection. Men however, have a few general misconceptions about what women want. They generally conclude that women want constant gifts and presents, expect their spouse to earn the big bucks, and finally have an insane need to be pampered. These assumptions are not entirely accurate.

Men, for some odd reason, really believe that women want constant gifts, on a near daily basis. This is just not true. On the

contrary, for most women, material things are nice but worthless. In reality, if a man intends to give a daily gift, he should give his time and attention to her—in moderation with gifts that represent his heart for her.

Secondly, man has an innate intention to provide for his family, but most men exaggerate the thinking that women expect their husbands to make big money. For godly women, money is not everything; in fact, it is nothing. A man should provide for his family and in his faithfulness to God, God will prosper him.

Finally, women want to be loved, but they do not expect to be pampered. Perhaps there are a few women who expect that, in which case you should stay away from them. These general misconceptions are really just

twisted truths. The need for comfort and rescue in a woman does not need to be drowned in enormous fluffy things, roses, and glitz day in and day out. The ideal is always moderation.

For what God-fearing women really want, consider the Biblical truths found in Ephesians. A wife expects her husband to love her like Christ loved the church. This love laid down a life for many, so, a man should then give himself up for her. A woman also expects to be respected and heard. A silent woman is an unhappy woman. She needs attention, affection, and an attentive ear. She needs to be treated like a lady, with class and decorum.

Lastly, women expect to be protected by their husbands. A woman wants to feel safe next to her husband, and he needs to be there to protect from both

physical threats and spiritual threats. These are the lasting, faultless expectations women should have and that men should adhere by.

Men tend to confuse attention, provision, and protection with twisted truths rooted in materialism and status quo, but in reality, a woman needs to have biblical expectations in marriage as well as the man. Love, respect, and protection are the constants in a woman's heart. Money, material things, and over the top attention should be irrelevant to a woman.

# The scoop on Indonesia

by Lindsey Kramer

There are a few elements of the decision regarding a new Covenant College campus in Indonesia that I feel have not been given appropriate attention, especially as far as student awareness of the issue is concerned. Whom the college is associating with, a lack of communication with Indonesian Reformed Christians, and an improper framework are three areas where this conversation has been lacking.

As past *Bagpipe* articles have mentioned, members of the faculty have expressed reservations as well, which I have not seen fully addressed. In my opinion, if the faculty, a pillar of this institution, is not satisfied, then the issue could stand to be reexamined. I do not profess perfect knowledge on the subject, only enough to be concerned. We all ought to humble ourselves before the Lord for wisdom in stewarding not only the school, but also His Gospel message.

My largest contention is with whom Covenant is affiliating itself, and the context in which we are inserting ourselves. The organization that Covenant is partnering with, the YPPH, was founded by James Riady, a Chinese-Indonesian business tycoon and public figure. Mr. Riady is most known in the U.S. for his conviction of campaign finance fraud during the 1996 Clinton presidential campaign. He paid \$8.6 million in fines in 2001, the largest penalty paid for violation of campaign finance laws in U.S. history.

Riady and his associates hoped to influence U.S. foreign policy in China, Vietnam, and Indonesia for the benefit of Riady's international conglomerate, Lippo Group, which had heavily invested in these three countries. At the same time, there were

allegations of ties to Chinese espionage. In short, former Lippo Group employee, John Huang, was in contact with Chinese embassy officials while holding a position in the U.S. federal government with access to classified intelligence on China. He was also an accomplice in funneling Riady's money to the Clintons.

The Riady family has had long-standing ties to the Suharto regime in Indonesia and the Chinese government, mostly in relation to business matters. National news agencies have noted that since his conviction, Mr. Riady has been working to bolster his public image, mostly through philanthropy. In 2009, Mr. Riady made national news for managing to secure a 6-month visa to the U.S., contrary to a ban prohibiting him from U.S. travel as a foreigner guilty of crimes of moral turpitude.

On his first trip back to the U.S., Mr. Riady visited about 15 Christian colleges and universities. The purpose of these visits was to pitch deeper partnerships and the opening of a new Christian college campus. His ability to procure a visa has been linked by the *Washington Post* to Hillary Clinton's post as the current Secretary of State. In response to this information, I have heard from several people the defense that Mr. Riady has repented of these mistakes. Well, great! However, in repenting, Mr. Riady should understand any reservations on account of his criminal record. There are still earthly consequences to his actions.

What does it mean for Covenant to legally and publicly affiliate itself with someone of such a background? The back-door deals and influence peddling of the elite business and political world is a difficult game to leave. According to a 2010 article in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, "Controversy



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still swirls around the tycoon and his Lippo Group. Along with his conspicuous Christianity, there has been a series of vindictive campaigns against business rivals and estranged partners who have brought accusations of corruption of Indonesian officials to help his cause. Former business associates, officials and journalists who rubbed Riady the wrong way have reported sustained hostile press campaigns, sudden career obstacles and legal problems, with Indonesian police officers and a network of evangelical Christians acting against them." As outsiders to this game, Covenant should be wary in its approach. Much more could be said about these matters than the length of this article permits.

To my knowledge, Covenant has not engaged the Indonesian Reformed community, of which James Riady is not a member. As it is customary for Reformed churches to communicate when moving into close proximity with another, Covenant should be in contact with this community by virtue of shared beliefs alone.

This local church would be able to provide invaluable insight spiritually, socially, and politically into the country.

For instance, I have mentioned that James Riady and his family have had connections with the Suharto regime. Suharto made the economically prosperous Chinese minority dependent upon him for further success, creating a perpetual patron-client relationship. James Riady and his father, Mochtar, have long benefited from close relationships to the Suharto regime, even attempting to connect then-President Clinton with the dictator. The Indonesian Reformed church lies outside of this dynamic, and thus could offer a critical perspective for Covenant to consider.

Finally, the framework given for considering this decision is faulty. Missional status has been ascribed to this endeavor, so that anyone who opposes undertaking another campus appears to be somehow against missions. There are many other reasons to oppose the decision than those put forth here, many

being practical reasons. To be sure, Christian education does certainly advance the Gospel. However, let's not equate official Covenant involvement abroad with missions as a whole.

Covenant's contribution to Christian higher education in Indonesia should be clarified. The board in its resolution resolved to "expand Christ-centered higher education globally." Upon what the school intends to expand is not clear. The YPPH has already established Christian K-12 schools, as well as its own Christian university, UPH College. Corban University also currently grants Corban degrees in education in partnership with UPH College. Keeping this fuller picture in mind is important for considering what Covenant's role would be. And, as Corban's presence attests, Covenant is not the only school that has been approached for this endeavor.

There is no room for naiveté in dealing with decisions of this magnitude. An honest evaluation of the circumstances surrounding this choice is needed going forward.





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# Scots basketball schedule

11/22/13  
JV Men's Basketball  
@ Huntingdon JV  
5:30 p.m.  
Montgomery, AL

JV Women's Basketball  
2:00 p.m., Truett-McConnell JV  
6:30 p.m., Montreat JV  
@Dayton, TN

11/23/13  
Men's & Women's Basketball  
Millsaps @ Covenant  
2:00 p.m. Women's  
4:00 p.m. Men's

JV Women's Basketball  
10:00 a.m., Tennessee Temple JV  
@Dayton, TN

11/26/13  
Men's & Women's Basketball  
@ Oglethorpe  
6:00 p.m. Women's  
8:00 p.m. Men's

## Our sport is your sport's punishment

by Stephen Dillon and  
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The Cross Country team completed its season this past weekend with Covenant's first-ever trip to an NCAA regional competition. As runners, we want to show you a little bit of what our season has looked like, and what we have been able to accomplish. It has been a long season as we have battled not only to get into shape, but to get stronger physically and mentally to fight through the long races. Cross Country is a different kind of sport. We often joke about how "our sport is your sport's punishment," and almost any other athlete would agree with that, but there is something about running a race that we would argue is a very unique challenge. There isn't a constantly changing field of play, with different plays and positions to be thinking about every second. All we have to focus on is the next step, a pure mental battle with nothing but our own pain.

Because of the nature of racing, there is also a unique scoring system. Schools score as teams, each runner earning points according to his or her finishing place in the race. So the first place runner would score one point, the tenth runner would

score ten points, etc., much like golf with the lowest team score winning. The top five finishers on each team add up their points for a total score. Consequently, even if a team has the best runner around, without at least four others to back him up, the team cannot do well. As much as it is an individual sport, it's a team effort, and the teams deserve to be honored as such.

The women's team finished second in the conference, with junior Beth Burgess winning the whole thing. She has done well this season, setting a new school record in the 6K with a 23:58. Her leadership on the team, her work ethic in practice, and her dominance on the race course have set the bar high for the women's team. To top it off, there aren't graduating any seniors this year, so expect Burgess, along with Spookie Eaves, Esther Anderson, Anna Hankal, Natalie Barkman, Alicia Zanoni, and Ruthie Cargill to come out strong again next year and challenge the reigning champs, Meredith College, for the conference title. These girls are incredible, have worked hard through injuries all season, and deserve congratulations for the season they have had.

On the men's side, their finish

has been equally as spectacular. The USA South conference championships were held in Greensboro, NC this year, and going into the race, there were several teams who each had a shot at winning. Methodist, Maryville, Piedmont, and Covenant were all very close, and the race played out that way. We came out victorious in the end, with new personal records set by Stephen Dillon, Matt Gorter, Jack Williams, and Hunter Rasmussen. Dillon was second overall; Zach Smith and Gorter were fifth and sixth respectively, putting all three of them on the first team, all conference. Strong performances by Williams and Rasmussen, along with Max Conrad, Caleb Spykstra, and Eliot Gardner have pushed us along all season and helped us to a title in the conference championship.

For anyone who has been around Covenant for any time at all, they know Cross Country is not the most popular sport around here. We don't want it to be. We have thoroughly enjoyed our season, and we have been able to love each other, support each other, and give our glory to God throughout the season. So thank you to those of you who have been praying for us, cheering us on, supporting us

through a long season. And thank you to a team that has been so full of joy and care. Coach Katie, Coach Tera, we would not be here without you, and we cannot thank you enough. Si Mitchell, Justin Jantomaso, Damaris Dernlan and Cody Roberts, thanks for fighting through your injuries and putting in the work to support our team. Holly Smith, Emily Shelden, Grace Bodron, and Charles Taylor, thank you for working hard, fighting your way into shape, and enjoying ice baths and planking sessions with us. Zach and Matt, thank you for your leadership as seniors and know that you will be sorely missed. God has blessed us this season, and we know that. Being the first Covenant team to win a conference championship in our new conference and in the NCAA is a huge honor, and we can do nothing but rejoice. Celebrate with us! Congratulate your cross-country friends and classmates when you see them, and help us praise God for this gift he has given us. And as we look forward to another season next year, and hopefully another championship, help us prepare, help us stay focused, and pray for us. Thank you all again for your support - we are very grateful.