

# WELCOME



CHIC began as a dream to gather Covenant people together to praise God, share in a rich time of fellowship, and encourage each other in faith. CHIC is an incredible experience that comes but once every three years. For five jam-packed days, we are privileged to hear from gifted speakers, sing praises to God (six thousand voices strong!), engage with the Word of God, and interact with others from around the world.

From the moment they arrive, CHIC participants are stunned—not only by the volume of the music but also by the sheer number of their peers who have intentionally gathered to play, worship, learn, and grow in understanding, and in faith with others from throughout the U.S., Canada, and abroad.

CHIC is an epic conference. It's the only venue that gathers students from the entire Covenant denomination in one place for worship, transformation, and fun.

Through the years CHIC has been modified, innovated, and revolutionized. We have adapted and diversified while retaining our key core elements: the CHIC legacy includes gatherings for small group Bible study and devotion, large group gatherings with speakers and music, and outdoor recreation.

Our dream for CHIC is that God will make himself known to each of us and bring his people together to UNITE in his Spirit! We invite you to join us July 15–20, 2018, at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. As you walk through the campus you will discover the many wonders of God from the landscape to the generosity of his people. Tennessee is the perfect place to see God's handiwork through the lush vegetation, mountains, and streams. This is a place where you can meet God, relax in the sun, whitewater raft, hike trails, explore caves, swim, play tennis, soccer, meet new friends, and deepen old friendships. It is the place to be!

Whether CHIC opens the door for a student to take their first step of faith, or helps to pave the way toward the next significant leap in our discipleship journey, this is a time to come together to explore what it means to be God's people. We ask each of you to be praying for CHIC. Prepare for a summer to remember!

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:1-6).

May God richly bless you in your preparations and keep you safe until we come together at CHIC.

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