



## Student Spotlight: Seeing Light in the Darkness

**Aleeyah Morris** is a freshman at Campbell County High School. She completed her first semester at the CLC this fall and is taking our spring semester course as well! We are excited to feature Aleeyah for our Student Spotlight as she shares her reflections about 2020 and how it impacted her relationship with God:



**Let's be real, 2020 was something different. In the past year, we have experienced many dark moments.** Some may say there has been no light in these dark times. I was distraught and depressed since the first time we quarantined for the coronavirus. I didn't think there could be anything to fix it. I didn't see any light, all I saw was darkness. In mid-July, quarantine caused me to start questioning my life and how I was living it. I noticed I hadn't been putting God anywhere in my life really, but then I saw the light. It was Jesus. He is the light in all this darkness. That's when I told myself I am changing this life for God. I started reading my Bible more, getting more into God's Word, and started

praying more. I wanted a relationship with God that I never really had. I started building it up, but it wasn't easy. The CLC class really helped me on building my relationship with God, for which I am very thankful. Some may say there was no good in 2020 but I say there was good! It's Jesus. He worked through so many people during these very dark times. **If our God can take the cross and change it from a representation of death to everlasting life, God can change anything into something good—even you!**



## Why Should We Study the Bible *Chronologically*?

**Billy Smith**, a local pastor at Hope & Stand Church, has taught several semesters of our introductory courses at the CLC. In these courses, we strive to provide students with a broad overview of the Bible through chronological study. This means students learn about Scripture in the order of major biblical events rather than with a topical or verse-by-verse approach. Why is it important for students to understand the Bible in this way? Billy explains his understanding of this approach:

In developing math skills to function in society, we did not learn algebra first. Instead, we learned about numbers, addition, subtraction, and other key concepts before we could understand and apply algebra. The Bible is no different. **Students who study the Bible chronologically have a firmer foundation of key biblical concepts. They see the story of God and His interaction with man from the beginning to today.** They understand the big picture and the historical context in which the Bible was written. They better understand who God is, who man is, what sin is, and why we need a Savior. Additionally, those who study the Old Testament follow the example of Jesus who

studied the Law, the history, the wisdom literature, and the prophets. He understood and taught that He fulfilled the Scriptures and that He was the sacrificial lamb to pay the penalty for sin, once and for all mankind. A true understanding of the New Testament—and the significance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, the Holy Spirit, the church, and the return of Christ—is founded on a knowledge of the Old Testament. **We invite our students, and you as well, to develop a foundational understanding of God's Word through chronological study of the big story of the Bible.**

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## A Note from our Director

**Ashley Claiborne**, Executive Director

Happy New Year! The promise of a new year is something I look forward to each year. **Even though there are parts of 2020 that I would rather forget, I'm glad that I took time to reflect.** I remembered lives well lived. I soaked in the joy of couples who finally were able to say, "I do," and families that welcomed new babies. And I thanked the Lord for his protection and provision.

In 2020, the CLC continued offering for-credit Released Time Bible Education but grew the program to two in-person classes and one virtual class. The board welcomed seven new members this past year. Tailgates with COVID-friendly measures in place allowed us to meet several new students.

**I am optimistic for the mission of the CLC as we welcome both new and returning students for the Spring 2021 semester into the new classroom.** Students from last semester and the coming semester toured the new space on their first day and were excited for the fresh amenities. I am thankful to the donors who contributed to our *Furnish the Classroom* campaign and to Hillcrest Baptist Church who continues to allow us to use their facility.

**There's still a lot of uncertainty in the world as we begin 2021, but I am hopeful. And I am thankful for the little room full of students on the hill that sparks joy.**

## New Year, New Classroom!

**Stephanie Lloyd**, Teacher & Program Director

**This January, we are beginning our spring course—Paul & the Early Church—with new classes of students in a new space!** It is very exciting to move into Hillcrest's Family Life Center which provides us with room for the CLC office, a fresh and welcoming classroom, and a gym where students can spread out and enjoy fun activities. **This is possible only because of the tireless efforts of our board members and volunteers, leaders at Hillcrest, and faithful donors who have contributed to funding and completing this big project! Thank you!** I am grateful for this campus and consider it holy ground because of the ways God meets with students here through fellowship and the study of His Word.

Throughout this school year, the prophet Isaiah's recurring image of streams in the desert has been on my mind. In the midst of chaos and grief, both locally and globally, the only hope I know how to offer my students is like this: when our tongues are parched for even a sip of water, it is the LORD who will answer. He makes rivers flow and trees bloom **"so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it."** (see Isaiah 41:17-20)

It is our prayer that the CLC will point students to this kind of eternal hope. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry to students.



## GET INVOLVED

- **Spread the word to students you know! We want to boost our student enrollment each semester and reach even more lives with the truth of God's Word. We need your help to encourage students to sign up for our courses! Pass this newsletter along to a CCHS student who doesn't already know about us!**
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- Please pray! We humbly ask you to pray continually for the CLC, our teachers, board members, and students.