



ART·REACH

TRUTH. BEAUTY. GOODNESS.

# The Artist as a Cultural Missionary

MATTHEW 28:19; COLOSSIANS 1:16

“The kind of art that glorifies God is good, true, and, finally, beautiful.”

*Philip Graham Ryken, Art for God's Sake: A Call to Recover the Arts*

## When Jesus commanded us to “go into all the world and preach the Good News,” that included the world of the arts, so ...

### I. The believer should recognize that artists are \_\_\_\_\_ to their own unique subculture.

1. The Christian should not consider art and entertainment as a worldly waste of time but rather a powerful cultural influence.
2. If we do not see the arts as a mission field needing truth, beauty and goodness, it will be filled with lies, darkness and death.

*Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the **GOD OF TRUTH.***

*Psalm 31:5*

### II. The Christian artist should see himself as \_\_\_\_\_, being in the world but not of it.

1. If a Christian is a gifted artist, they understand the unique language of their culture and should be compelled to speak to it.
2. Every Christian artist should value excellence and strive to be a missionary who is rightly trained in art that glorifies God.

*One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the **BEAUTY OF THE LORD** and to seek him in his temple.*

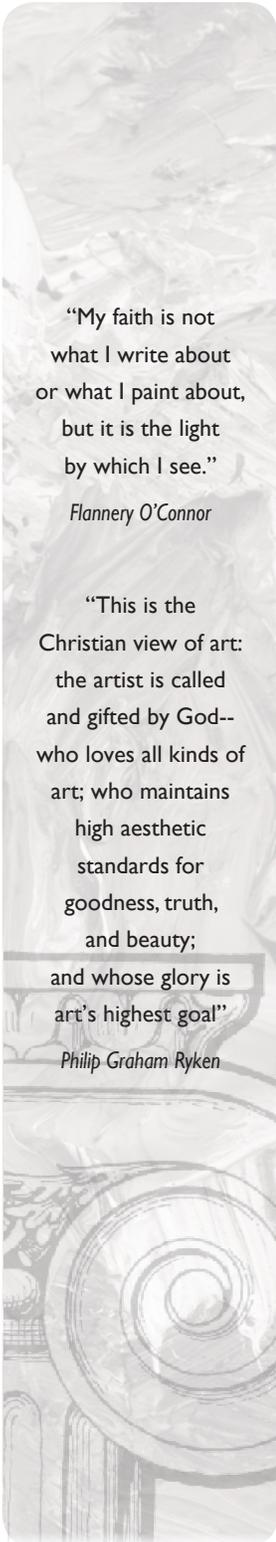
*Psalm 27:4*

### III. The church should \_\_\_\_\_ and send out its artists to influence and impact the culture.

1. Christian artists must be held in high esteem and challenged to be strong and decisive in their commitment to Christ, Scripture and truth.
2. The church today sits at the intersection of faith and culture, with a great responsibility to be a sending agent.

*How great is **YOUR GOODNESS**, which you have stored up for those who fear you,  
which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you.*

*Psalm 31:19*



“My faith is not what I write about or what I paint about, but it is the light by which I see.”

*Flannery O'Connor*

“This is the Christian view of art: the artist is called and gifted by God-- who loves all kinds of art; who maintains high aesthetic standards for goodness, truth, and beauty; and whose glory is art's highest goal”

*Philip Graham Ryken*



Next Sunday, March 11 marks the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. Don't forget to set your clocks **FORWARD** one hour this Saturday evening!

## General

**STARTING POINT** Beginning TODAY we'll have a 6:30 p.m. class in addition to 9:15 (full) and 11 a.m. Learn about Christ Chapel and take your next steps with us. Stop by the Connect Kiosk to find out more.

**LS5 RECEPTION TODAY** at 12:15 p.m. in the Garden Room. If you're part of Life Stage 5, we invite you to meet some new people and get connected at Christ Chapel. Authentic relationships are an important element of spiritual growth. We want to get to know you better!

**MOVERS WILL RELOCATE OUR STAFF** into the new Link Building tomorrow, March 5, so the church office will be closed that day. Following that, the new office entry will be the east door of the new building, facing Montgomery Street, where visitors will check in at a reception desk. Please note that our physical address will also change to 3701 Birchman Avenue.

**EXALT: A MID-WEEK REFUEL** Join us on the first Wednesday of every month for a special evening of modern worship. Our next Exalt is this Wednesday, March 7 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

**BE A PART OF OUR EASTER SANCTUARY CHOIR** for all three morning Easter Sunday services on April 8. Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. No auditions are necessary. Children's Ministry to age 11 with DonnaB@christchapelbc.org. For info: JenniferC@christchapelbc.org.

**LIFE STAGE 3 WEEKEND TO REMEMBER** April 13-15 at the Worthington Renaissance Hotel in Fort Worth, or April 27-29 at the Embassy Suites in Frisco. Life has a way of overwhelming your marriage. Rediscover each other at this marriage getaway held by Family Life. Visit [www.familylife.com/weekend](http://www.familylife.com/weekend) and enter group name "ccbc2012" to get the discount.

**FOSTER FAMILY FUNDAY: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS** CCBC and HISchild hosts this event on our campus Saturday, April 28. This event was created to love on foster kids and the families who care for them. There are many ways for your whole family to help out! Contact RachelM@christchapelbc.org for more details.

**EXCEL** is a community of singles in their 30s seeking authentic relationships with Christ and one another. Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 219.

**THE PARKING MINISTRY** needs volunteers to distribute traffic cones and direct vehicles into and out of parking lots. Each volunteer works an average of every fifth week. Contact Ray at [bucknerr@jm.com](mailto:bucknerr@jm.com), or Rick at [RickN@christchapelbc.org](mailto:RickN@christchapelbc.org).

**IGNITE** Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall West. If you're married or single in your 30s and have younger kids, come for peer-led teaching and discussion.

**YOUNG COUPLES' CLASS** for nearly and newly marrieds, Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in the Family Room. Join us as we start *The Red Letters Study: An In-Depth Study of the Words of Jesus*. Contact Josh at [jaburgess2000@msn.com](mailto:jaburgess2000@msn.com).

**THE GATHERING** Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. In your 20s? Dig deeper into the sermon with us. Contact RachelM@christchapelbc.org with questions.

**AUDIO CDs FROM THE "PARENTING ON PURPOSE" CONFERENCE** are now available for free at the Information Desk. Parents and grandparents, pick up your copies today!

## Students

**HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP** to Shreveport is March 12-14. Cost: \$100. Go to [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

## Soul Care

**REDEEMED HEART RECOVERY** Mondays, 7 p.m. in Winsor rooms 217 and 220; Tuesdays, 7 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. in the Soul Care Office. Help for obsessions, addictions, compulsions and more.

## Coming up AT CHRIST CHAPEL

### Women

**LADIES' DAY AWAY** "A New Kind of Normal" with popular author and speaker Carol Kent, Friday evening and Saturday, March 30-31 in our Sanctuary. Children's Ministry by reservation, snacks and lunch included. Cost: \$30; scholarships available. Register online at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events) or at the Women's Kiosk. See Carol's story at [www.CarolKent.org](http://www.CarolKent.org) or pick up her books in our bookstore.

**WOMEN IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY** "Jesus: Servant and Sacrifice" Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. or 7 p.m. Wee Care to age 5 available mornings and Children's Ministry to age 11 available evenings. Register at the Women's Kiosk or online. Download audio files of all the lessons at [www.ccbcfamily.org/womenintheword](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/womenintheword).

### Men

**FATHER & SON WEEKEND** April 20-22 at Sky Ranch for dads and sons K through 6th Grade. Register online today, or on Sundays in the Great Room beginning March 18. Cost: \$150/person. Some full or partial scholarships available. Register at [www.ccbcfamily.org](http://www.ccbcfamily.org) or contact BenB@christchapelbc.org or 817-546-6178.

**MIGHTY MEN BIBLE STUDIES** meet Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel and 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Open to all ages. Please register at [www.ccbcfamily.org/men](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/men). Contact BenB@christchapelbc.org.

**MIGHTY MEN SMALL GROUPS** Real men. Real groups. Real life change. Find a group at [www.ccbcfamily.org/men](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/men) under the "Small Groups" tab. Contact BenB@christchapelbc.org or 817-546-6178.