



Here it is, the first edition of Kingdom Proclamation, the quarterly magazine of Covenant Family Churches, what a great collection of articles there is for you. The collective theme of this first copy is on the Centrality of Christ. Through reading the contributions here you will meet the ministry team from the international network of Covenant Family Churches. The purpose of this magazine is twofold, to equip and encourage the Christian reader to a greater understanding of the Scriptures and the Christian faith and second to illustrate a unified ministry team who write together to the same goal. Dr. Steve Ottolini has written an introduction to Covenant Family Churches and the central themes of Kingdom, Covenant and Restoration, he has also written to leaders on the devotional life of the Christian and how this is important in discipling others in the faith. You can meet Robert Haynes, Pastor in Olive Branch MS, he writes on the centrality of Christ in evangelism, keeping Christ in the gospel. Steven Ottolini II, pastor in Troy MO, has a piece on the life of Calvin and the centrality of Christ being the core of Calvin's theology. David Ottolini, youth pastor at New Covenant Church, St Louis, expresses his heart for young people and encourages us in developing Christ centered church families. We are very pleased to introduce Carlos Velasquez, pastor in Guatemala city, Guatemala. He was once a senator in the Guatemalan government and he is now returning to full time ministry. He writes of his journey to where he is today through keeping Christ at the center. I was able to sit down with Mike Hayden, senior pastor at New Covenant Church, to talk with him about faith and ministry, catching up on our international friends in Zambia and India and their labor for the gospel, and Mike's experiences in the ministry and what it is like being a grandpa. You can also read my separate piece on the centrality of Christ throughout the scriptures, tying the message of the Bible together in the person of Christ. Thank you for visiting today, we pray that you might be encouraged as you read through. Remember, Christ is the central figure for all the believer should think say and do. The second issue of Kingdom Proclamation, covering the theme of the Kingdom of God, should be out late spring.

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