

“Praise God! God is Good!”

From the moment I met Ms. Garrett in June, I knew there was something remarkably special about this Godly woman. She had been working in her classroom preparing for the coming school year after many hours served the past year. No matter how hard times get, or how good things are going, there is not a day that goes by in the hallways of Covenant Christian School where the words above are not stated matter of factly and enthusiastically by Paris.

Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Ms. Garrett attended Catholic school for her entire academic career from elementary to high school. She attended The Ohio State University and would go on to complete her degree at the University of Phoenix. For years she worked in the airline industry for Delta, TWA, and Northwest Airlines.

25 years ago Paris Garrett was looking for a school for her daughter Iris. It was 1994 and the Lord brought her inside the hallways of Covenant Christian School. As soon as she walked through the door she, “had such a sense of being home.” Luckily for so many students, parents, and co-workers, Ms. Garrett has never seen fit to leave her home here at CCS!

Iris attended Covenant from K4 through 8th grade. Paris began her career with our school as an after school teacher. She became a long term substitute for Mrs. Crooks and then applied to become a full time teacher. For many years she served as a K4 and K5 teacher as well as the K4 program director. Recently, Lorna Chambers - mother of Mikala, class of 2015 - shared with an audience of parents that the main reason she wanted Mikala to attend Covenant Christian School was the influence, kindness, and love of Ms. Garrett. Mikala went on to graduate magna cum laude from a local private school and has recently begun her college career at Mercer University.

Ms. Garrett said, “I fell in love with teaching. I had never felt anything like it.” Like every single one of the faculty and staff at Covenant, God specifically called her to be here. Paris also remarked that the “teachers are a true family of the school.” She also said having so many deeply loving “relationships through Covenant means having a family for life.”

Ms. Garrett highly praised all of the teachers who impacted Iris over the years. She was especially grateful for the special bond her daughter shared with Mrs. Mitchell. Iris went on to a local International Baccalaureate program where she was an exceptional student. She then attended Berry College and went on to attend the University of Georgia. After graduation she became a producer for the FOX 17 television station. She now works as a content writer for Asurion in Nashville.

The next time you get a chance to see Ms. Garrett in person, please know she serves as another incredible example of the embodiment of the Love of Christ. I encourage you to thank her and give her a hug because there simply are not many individuals you meet in life who have sown and reaped such an incredibly rich harvest for our Lord. Thank you Paris for everything you continue to do for our children and the faculty.

