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2019 ACCA Spirit Week!

February 25th—March 1st, Adams County Christian Academy was getting their school spirit on! Throughout the week everyday had a different theme. Monday was Wacky Sock Day, Tuesday was Backwards Day, Wednesday was Pajama Day (my personal favorite!), Thursday was Beach Day and Friday was ACCA Pride Day. However, the fun didn't just stop there! Mrs. Fertich supplied delicious food at lunch each day. In addition to the crazy clothes and amazing food, there were assemblies on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday! During those assemblies the whole school participated in games like tug of war, dodge ball and giant Twister! Teachers also participated in the activities and we discovered that Mrs. Bennett is an amazing hula-hooper and jump roper!

The middle/high school students showed their strength and won the tug of war against the elementary/teacher

team. (There will be a re-match in the spring!) Our chapel speaker for the middle/high school chapel was Pastor Adam Hedge from Memorial Baptist Church. (He also wore pajamas!). His message was titled "Are You Sleeping?" (appropriate for Pajama Day) and was about "staying awake" and watching/being part of what God is planning for our lives. As part of Wednesday's chapel, we had the opportunity to sign the "Turning Point" banner with our names and what we see as a turning point that God brought us through or will bring us through. It was a great week for everyone. ACCA spirit is alive and well! Check our website for more pictures from the week!

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Pre-K Corner

Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day and School Spirit Week have filled the Pre-K students' month. Each event has been a great learning opportunity academically, socially and spiritually. Reading and recalling facts about our presidents and country

have been eye-opening experiences. Singing patriotic songs while playing instruments was great fun! Bible lessons included the miracles of Jesus. The Pre-K students have been full of ACCA spirit all week! From wacky socks to ACCA colors,

they've shown their school spirit well. An all-school Twister game was a new experience and with the help of upper grade students, we all got twisted up together. Check our school Face-book page for more pictures of the week!



Upcoming Events

March 6
March 15
March 19
March 21
March 25
April 13

Grades 7-12 Chapel Speech Meet
Snow Makeup Day—School in session
Pampered Chef Fundraiser
MS/HS Science Fair
End 3rd Quarter
Annual Auction/Dinner event



Chapel Speech Meet

On Wednesday, February 27, our elementary students competed in the school Speech Meet. Each student recited scripture or poetry from memory. They were judged on characterization, timing, pitch, stage poise, audibility, clarity and, if they did bible memory, communicating the meaning of the passage. The winners were awarded ribbons for their achievements.

First Grade—Ruthie Lamb placed first

Third Grade—Akadia Harber placed first; Carly Keller placed second; Jack Kern placed third

Fourth/Fifth Grade—Hannah Ellicott placed first; Perry Day placed second, Jadon Gageby placed third; Ben Keller placed fourth
Congratulations on a job well done!

Our Middle and High school students will be doing a practice speech meet during chapel on Wednesday, March 6. They will go to the ACSI Speech Meet on April 12 to compete against students from other Christian schools.

A Special Thank You

Dear ACCA Families and Staff,

Thank you so very much for my birthday present. When I opened the envelope, my breath was taken away! Words cannot thank each of you enough. I'm truly honored to work with great people who have opened up their hearts when someone is in need. Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart.

-Angie Bladen (Miss Angie)



Josiah's Soap Box—St. Valentine & The Different Types of Love

It's over already?! That's right! February is over! It seems like it just started. Where did all that time go? Oh wait, February is the shortest month in the year. Anyways, if February is famous for one thing, it's Groundhog Day. You know, the movie with Bill Murray. Excuse me, what I meant to say was that February is famous for St. Valentine's Day. Every year, in the shortest month of the year, on the fourteenth day of that month, we celebrate...um...what do we celebrate? Oh, that's right, we celebrate romance. But, wait a second, what's the deal with this St. Valentine person? Also, besides St. Valentine, are we really just celebrating romance or is there something more to it?

First things first. Who is St. Valentine? Now, I've actually known this story for some time but, to make sure I kept my facts straight, I went to www.britannica.com for my information. Basically, St. Valentine was a Christian martyr during the persecution of the Christians. This means that he died for his faith in Christ during the time that the Roman Empire didn't really like Christianity. When he was captured, he was held as a prisoner for some time before his execution. During this time, he was able to meet his jailer's daughter, and they became good friends. Just to be clear, St. Valentine was a grown man and the daughter was a young child, so don't get any ideas. Because of St. Valentine's care for her, God used him to heal her of her blindness. The two wrote letters to each other and St. Valentine always signed them with the phrase, "from your Valentine." This is where we get the saying, "be my Valentine".

To further analyze this story, St. Valentine didn't have to interact with the daughter, let alone heal her. Why would St. Valentine want to help her? I mean, she was the daughter of the man who was keeping St. Valentine in his cell before his death. I believe it is because St. Valentine wanted to show the love that Jesus showed when He was a human and still shows all of us to this day. I'm talking about sacrificial love. Both Jesus and St. Valentine showed this type of love to everyone, even to their executioners on the brink of death. Just like we are taught at ACCA, Jesus and St. Valentine finished strong, even up to their deaths, by showing love to all people. In fact, St. Valentine's act of love towards the daughter of the jailer allowed him to lead her and her father to the Lord.

Remember, St. Valentine was just a human like you and me. He did what we all should be doing: living by Christ's example. What is even greater is that Jesus takes it even further. He had enough love to become human and take on all of our sins, have His Father look away from Him, and die a most painful death for YOU! Plus, He conquered death so that we could have eternal life. How's that for sacrificial love? God the Father loves you so much that He lets you exist, have gifts and talents, and even breathe. The Holy Spirit loves you so much that He guides you every single day. God has a love for us that is just amazing. He loves you so much that He all the pain and suffering in your life upon Himself. I believe all these aspects of God's sacrificial love provide the basis for the different types of love.

Where do we begin? There is the love of the family. A father loves his children so much that he will help them grow and train them in all ways of life and will protect them even to his dying breath. I wish to have this type of love for a child of my own, someday. A mother loves her children so much that she nurtures them, even when they are inside her womb. While the father's bond with a child is special in that he wants the best for it, I think the mother's bond with a child has an aspect that is sometimes overlooked. A mother is really the first protector of a child. She shields the child from the beginning within her womb. While she also trains him and help him grow, she has an instinctive connection to him. She never wants to see her baby get hurt. Siblings love each other so much that they support each other in everything. I know two classmates at ACCA that are siblings, and I know they will never try to let each other down. Personally, I don't experience that type of love, since I have no siblings of my own. However, I do have "surrogate" siblings and I try to be the best that I can be for them.

There is the love of friendship. A friend loves another so much that they will always try to build others up. My best friend and I always try to help each other with whatever we can. We always reference Proverbs 27:17, which says, "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." We try to help each other grow in life and in the Lord.

There is the love of the brothers and sisters in Christ. A follower of the Body loves the rest of the believers so much that he tries his best to help strengthen the Church with his talents. That is something that all believers are called to do. If we actually work together, we are stronger. I want to see the Church to keep on growing, so I help build up other believers with my talents. One of them is writing these articles each month.

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Fundraising Notes

Thank you for your fundraising support so far this year! We are into the second half of the year and we still have several very important fundraisers coming up. Let's make these even better than the first half of the year!

Please support these as much as possible. We need your participation to make them a success. We're looking for huge financial blessings through them!



March- Pampered Chef Party- Tuesday March 19 at 6:30 at ACCA. Demonstrated by our own Mr. Greene. Invite friends and family to come to the party!



April- AUCTION- Catered by Texas Roadhouse, Saturday, April 13. **This is a big event that requires lots of help. We need items to auction off, so please consider donating an item or soliciting businesses for items.**

Please contact Amy Lamb now at fundraising@adamscountychristian.org for ways to help and earn service hours!

CHANGE IN TUITION 2019-2020 DISCOUNTS!

In order to assist families with multiple children who wish to attend ACCA, the Board of Directors voted to give higher tuition discounts than previously published. We hope this helps our current families and any new families considering ACCA. Remember that early registration for next year is only \$25 until April 26. After that, the registration fee increases to \$150. See Miss Angie for registration forms or find them on our school website: www.adamscountychristian.org

Don't forget about the Family

Referral Benefit for up to \$500 off your total tuition bill. Families can receive this benefit by referring **new** students to our school. Current ACCA families refer new students to ACCA. The new family must complete the school's application, have their application approved and then register. At the time of application approval, a note advising which ACCA family referred them to our school will be added to the application.

The current, referring ACCA family will receive the benefit in two payments. The first will be applied January 1, 2020 and the second payment will be applied on May 1, 2020. Some restrictions apply, so please check our website for more information.

Spiritual Life



Valentine Mania

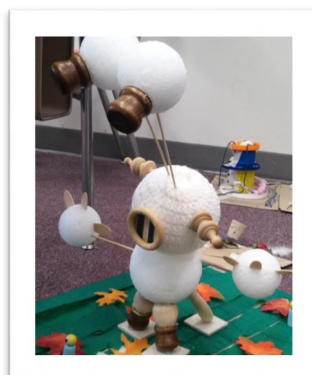
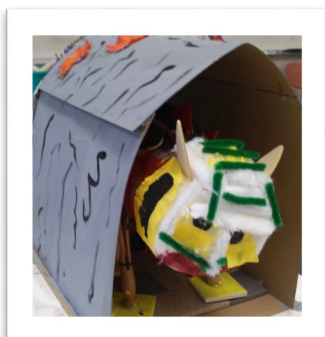
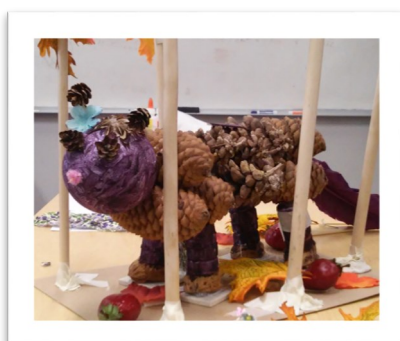
To show how much we appreciate all their hard work, each middle school student made valentines for two teachers. The valentine card was made with scrap-booking materials, card-stock, stickers, and came complete with an encouraging scripture verse. Once laminated, the cards were ready to be delivered on Valentine morning. We love our teachers! Thank you for all you do!

Photos from ACSI Day of Prayer



Student Artwork

Mrs. Foster has been working with the students on 3-D sculptures. The elementary students were given a variety of materials to choose from to create a monster and its habitat. The middle and high school students learned about armatures and built copies of their hands.





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Alumni News

*Isaac Berkey (Class of 2018) made the Dean's List for his first semester at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. Isaac is majoring in Electrical Engineering Technology. Because of his Outstanding GPA, Isaac is now a member of Phi Theta Kappa (the chapter on his campus for the International Honor Society for the Two-Year College).

Good-bye, Mr. Scott

We are sorry to have to say good-bye to our newest teacher, Mr. Scott. Mr. Scott has only been here since mid-January and already he has made his way into the hearts of his students. Unfortunately, circumstances beyond his control have led him to have to resign his position at ACCA. His last day will be March 15. Mrs. Dee Cole will be completing the year as English/History teacher as a long-term substitute. God has a plan for Mr. Scott and for ACCA and we all wish him well as he moves on from here. We'll miss you, Mr. Scott!





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***NEW* TUITION & FEE SCHEDULE 2019 – 2020**

OPEN ENROLLMENT FEES

- Early Registration – \$25.00 (Until April 26)
- Regular Registration - \$150.00 (April 27 and after)
- Application fee (new families) \$25.00 *per student*

Pre-Kindergarten (3 and 4 year olds)

5 Full Days	\$2,600.00/year
3 Full Days	\$1,600.00/year

*Half Days are the same price; pick up is at 11:30 am
Pre-K is not eligible for multiple child discounts*

Kindergarten (K-5)

Student Tuition	\$4,488.00
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1st thru 6th Grades

Student Tuition (child 1-oldest)	\$5,610.00
(child 2—20% off)	\$4,488.00
(child 3—25% off)	\$4,207.50
(child 4+ - 70% off)	\$1,683.00

7th thru 12th Grades

Student Tuition (child 1-oldest)	\$5,985.00
(child 2—20% off)	\$4,788.00
(child 3—25% off)	\$4,488.75
(child 4+ - 70% off)	\$1,795.50

TUITION AND FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Full Payment by June 28, 2019 will receive a \$300.00 discount. Make checks payable to ACCA.

Payment Plans available thru SMART Tuition Management Services include:

Semester Payments due June 28 and Jan. 3
10- and 12-Month Payments due on the 10th or 20th of the month, beginning in July

There is a yearly fee of \$50.00 for this service.

Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance is available through EITC funds to families who qualify. To learn more about if you qualify and get an application, please find this information on the Admissions page of our website.

Pastor's Discount – As a blessing to families who work in full-time church ministry as pastors, we offer a discount for those who qualify. Please contact the office for an application.

Josiah's Soapbox Cont.

There is the love between two people that are dating. They love each other so much that they want to grow closer. I know that dating is really to see if that person is right for you. However, for two people that have faith in God's plan, it should be to learn more about the person that God might want you spend the rest of your life with. I also desire this type of love, someday.

There is the love between two people that are engaged. A fiancée loves his/her partner so much that he/she tries to help that partner prepare for marriage. The two now know that they will be married, but they need to be ready for their future lives together. While they certainly must not commit certain sins pertaining to their relationship, they still need to make their relationship serious and firm enough for marriage. The only way they can do that properly is through sharing God's love together. I also desire this type of love, someday.

There is the love between those who are bonded in marriage. Marriage is a bond of holy matrimony. It is a commitment where a spouse will try their best to be there for their partner in all circumstances and situations. It is a bond God has placed between two people because He sees that they can fulfill his plan better together, rather than separately. They try to be strong where the other is weak. They support each other because the two become one. They sacrifice all they can for each other, even to the point of their lives. The two are equal because they each have unique tasks to help build each other up. The husband does his best to protect his wife. He leads the family. He makes sure his wife can progress, even if it means that he can't. The wife does her best to show her affection for her husband. She follows her husband's decisions in the family. She makes sure her husband can progress, even if it means that she can't. The only way that this can happen is through a love for each other blessed by God. I also desire this type of love, someday.

There is the love for all people, an extension of the sacrificial love that we talked about earlier. This love is basically just following Christ's example. It is the same love that St. Valentine expressed to the jailer's daughter. No matter where people come from, you still love them because Christ loves them. "Enemy" is just another word for a person that is spiritually lost like you were, but is expressing their sorrow through hatred. I assure you, being a light to people by loving them will make an impact. This is a love that every believer should have.

The ultimate love that you should have is the love for God. He is our Master and we are His servants. We should do anything He asks of us because we love Him. Our love for Him should be like a 'thank-you' for all that He has done for us. If you do not have this love, then all of the others fall short.

So, let's sum up what we have here. We celebrate St. Valentine's Day in honor of a man who gave one of the best examples of Christ's love. We celebrate all types of love because we are thankful that God gave them to us. Ultimately, we celebrate Christ's love for us.

Love is a very powerful thing. When Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment, He said, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.'" (Matthew 22:37-40). Paul further expanded this by saying, "Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, . . . are all summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." (Romans 13: 8-10). It should be obvious at this point that you really should just love.

Now, you might be asking, "What is love? I know there are different types. But, in general what is love?" Well, my friend, Paul has you covered. He wrote this to the Corinthians: "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8). If you apply this definition to all the different types of love that we looked at, I think you will find it fits into every single one. The only way these types of love can do this is by being rooted in God because God is love.

In conclusion, love. Just love. Love how God has called you to love. Love because it builds up all people. Love like there is no tomorrow, since we are not promised the next day. Love whole-heartedly. Love with Christ's example. Love. Just love.

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