



The Ram Page

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The Shepherds - *Josiah's Soap Box*

Well, it's Christmas time! It's the time of the year where we put up our decorations, eat feasts with our friends and family, and exchange gifts. It is also the time of the year where we celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ's birth. Now I know what you're thinking, "Oh great! It's another guy ranting about how we need to remember the true meaning of Christmas. I've already heard this lecture thousands of times before." While you should recognize that Christmas is about Jesus's birth, I want to talk about a group of guys in the Nativity story that we tend to overlook. The shepherds. Yes, the shepherds. You know, the ones who were visited by the angels on the night of Christ's birth. Now, during that time in ancient Israel, shepherds were seen as scum. They were the lower end of the Hebrew society. So, for a group of run-of-the-mill shepherds to be visited by angels would be the last thing a Jew would ever expect to happen in their entire life. When the first angel came to them, the shepherds were terrified, and rightly so! What would you do it a spiritual being from

the heavens just showed up at your house in the middle of the night?! Of course, you would freak out! Anyways, the angel calmed them down because he had wonderful news for all people. On that night, a Savior was born for us in Bethlehem, who is the Messiah and our Lord. The angel then told the shepherds that they should find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. All of a sudden, a multitude of the heavenly hosts joined the angel to praise God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Then, the angels left. The shepherds were then like, "Oh my goodness! We gotta go to Bethlehem to see what has happened, which the Lord revealed to us!" Then they bolted straight to Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. Once the shepherds saw Him, they went all around town, telling people about what had happened. They must have been like, "Hey everyone, the Messiah is born! He's here! Come quick! God showed us this by sending angels to tell us the wonderful news! Come with us! Come see our new-born

King!" Everyone who heard about what the shepherds saw were marveled by the good news. The shepherds returned and praised God for all of what they had heard and seen. Wouldn't you do that? If an angel told you that your Savior is born, wouldn't you want to go see Him? Wouldn't you want to tell everyone that you saw the great news that your Messiah is born? Wouldn't you want to praise God for showing you His glory through His Son? I know I would! You see, out of all the gifts that we receive, Jesus is the ultimate gift. He was sent to us to impact our world and be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He died on the cross and conquered death FOR YOU! He allowed us a way to eternal life, HIM! He is the Way, the Truth and the Life! He is Hope! He is Love! E IS THE ULTIMATE GIFT! My point is this: Don't you want to spread your gift of Jesus with others, just like the shepherds? Don't you want to spread the news that there is a Savior that wants to give people eternal life? Ultimately, do YOU want to be like the shepherds on that silent and holy night?

-Josiah McCauslin, 10th grade

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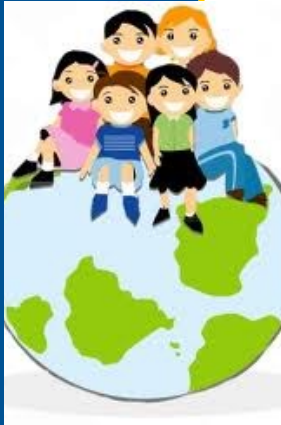
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Pre-K Corner



Pre-K students continue to grow and develop through the many hands-on activities Miss Beth provides for them. Students have been learning about place value, ordinal numbers, and sorting to make sets. Letter/sound recognition of the letters A-F has also been an emphasis. All of these

skills build the students' foundations for higher level learning. With the focus on Christmas, Pre-K students are learning the Christmas story from Luke and have been memorizing verses related to it.



Upcoming Events

January 18—21
January 22—25
January 29

MLK, Jr. Day: no school; 12:30 dismissal January 18
Spiritual Renewal Week for grades 6 –10
Elementary Classroom Speech Meet



The *Feeling* of Christmas

by Shaylie Moore (grade 9)

We all know that Christmas is around the corner....I'm going to assume you knew that because if you didn't, we have a problem. Anyways, I do have a question for you. Do you have that really awesome feeling inside about presents, over-played holiday music and cookies? Let's hope you do but, I don't all the time. Sometimes I have that feeling that the holidays can give, but other times I don't feel happy or joyful at all. For those of you who have no idea what I am talking about, I'm glad you have your spirits up, however don't stop reading yet. Is it okay to get personal for a moment? Lately, life has been really hard. Everything from school and grades; to personal

issues; and for the cherry on top, my mind runs a mile a minute trying to solve my problems when I am supposed to be falling asleep. A lot of times I feel over-whelmed and I'm sure some of you can relate to that. However, I am not going to tell you, "Aww, its okay, the Lord's with you, just keep praying!" I am not going to say that because I don't *feel* like He's there all the time. Sometimes I feel really alone, sometimes I don't want to even try because I feel like I am going to fail. You are probably wondering where I am taking this little tangent of mine. Jesus did not stay in that manger as a little baby, He didn't stay on the cross, but instead he lives in me. My Lord is always there even when I don't

feel like He is. You know why? I am his child and he loves me way too much to leave me. You know what else is true? You're His child as well, so the same rules apply! That joy the holidays bring doesn't just come from Christmas music and cookies, it comes from the love of Jesus in your heart. The Lord cares about what troubles you; He loves you and wants great and wonderful things for your life. So if you feel alone, and you are not feeling happy at all, just remember, "The teacher is always quiet during the test." (God's Not Dead Two)

First and Third Grade Discoveries

As a STEM project and for our Christmas chapel, the first and third grade students were given the challenge of finding ways to make Santa's workshop better or make his work easier. Students collaborated, designed and built a robot for building toys. Next they added technology to Santa's sleigh and added a seat belt for safety. To help Santa spread Christmas cheer, the students built a Lego Christmas tree with gifts and programmed the Ozobot to rock around the Christmas tree. Students presented their creations during our chapel presentations. Great ideas and work, first and third graders!



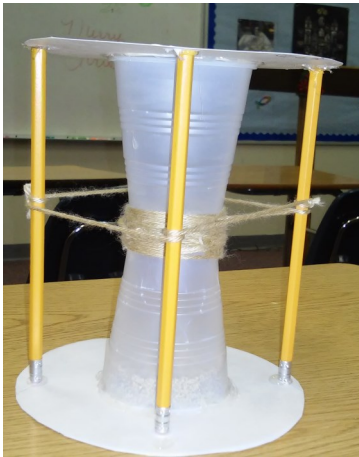
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7th Grade History—

The seventh grade students were given the following challenge at the beginning of a unit about the Separatists and the Mayflower voyage:

Challenge: The Mayflower has encountered heavy seas and all of their sandglasses were shattered. These instruments are important because they are used to measure time and calibrate the speed and direction in which the ship is traveling. your challenge is to work as a team to create a new sandglass that can measure one minute of time using normal objects of today.

The students researched, hypothesized, experimented, calculated, calibrated and cooperated to solve the problem. Here is a picture of their creation:



6th Grade English—

Anaphora poems are poems where lines are repeated to create a mood or give meaning. Many of the Psalms of the Bible are forms of anaphora. Here are two the students wrote:

Snowball Fights

*The snowball fights are deadly,
Have quick reflexes and brains,
Have quick reflexes and brains
And you just might not get hit in your snow fort.
The snowball fights can go from one to three hours-*

Unless you surrender!

*Have quick reflexes and brains,
Have quick reflexes and brains
And you just might not get hit in your snow fort.*

-Eric D.

At Christmas Time We Remember

*At Christmas time we remember
The angel Gabriel
He told Mary that she would give birth to Jesus
He is a messenger from God
At Christmas time we remember
The virgin Mary
She gave birth to the Savior of the world
She was a common town girl
At Christmas time we remember
Joseph
He was with Mary every step of the way
He was a carpenter*

At Christmas time we remember

The donkey

He carried Mary to Bethlehem

Her carried her every step of the way

At Christmas time we remember

The innkeeper

He said "I have no more rooms."

He gave them the use of the stable

At Christmas time we remember

The shepherds

They came to see the baby Jesus

They left their flocks behind

At Christmas time we remember

The angel chorus

They told them where to find the baby

Jesus

They sang out in chorus

At Christmas time we remember

the star

It shone brightly

It told the Wise men where to go

At Christmas time we remember

The Wise men

*They traveled from afar to see the baby
Jesus led by the star*

They gave gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh

At Christmas time we remember

The reasons we celebrate the perfect gift of God, Jesus.

We remember the reasons

Merry Christmas!

-Kaitlyn D.

Fundraising Notes

Thank you all for selling/buying peanuts. We sold out on Thursday so there aren't anymore available. We raised \$313.36!

Get ready for these upcoming fundraisers:

January-

- Superbowl Sub Sale— Money and Orders Due January 16, 2019

February-

- Texas Roadhouse Dine Out- All Day Sunday Feb. 17, 2019 (we make 12% of ticket sales that day)

March-

- Pampered Chef Party- Thursday March 7

- April— AUCTION- Catered by Texas Roadhouse, Saturday, April 13

Family Referral Benefit

There is still time to take advantage of the Family Referral Benefit this year! If you know someone looking for a great school, point them our way!

Adams County Christian Academy is pleased to offer a referral benefit for 2018-2019 to our ACCA families for up to \$500. 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 form advising which ACCA family referred them to our school will be completed. The current, referring ACCA family will receive the benefit in two payments. The first will be applied January 1, 2019 and the second payment will be applied on May 1, 2019.

Terms and Conditions:

If, for some reason, the referred student(s) do not complete the 2018-2019 school year or do not meet all financial obligations, the full referral benefit will not be distributed.

If a new referred family enrolls more than one student, the referral benefit will be as follows:

1st child referral-\$500, 2nd child referral-\$250, 3rd child referral-\$125. (There is no referral benefit after the 3rd child).

If a current ACCA family is credited with referring more than one new family with more than one student the benefit would be as follows:

Family #1- First Child -\$500, Second Child- \$250, Third Child-\$125

Family #2 First Child-\$500, Second Child-\$250, Third Child-\$125

Family #3- First Child- \$500, Second Child-\$250, Third Child-\$125

Christmas Concert and Play

On December 14 we held our annual Christmas concert, directed by our music teacher, Mr. Monte Leister. It was a wonderful evening of Christmas music sung by students in grades Pre-K through 10. Our tenth grade boys, Josiah McCauslin and Luke Moore played bass guitar, drums and piano for two songs and then sang an amazing rendition of The Drifters White Christmas.

The concert was followed by the play, The Jingle Bell Mystery. This was performed by students in grades 4 through 10 and directed by Mrs. Dawn

Zumbrum. Through the mysterious disappearance of a large sum of money, the characters discovered that the true meaning of Christmas is found in God's love for us, not money and power.

From the beautiful set to the excellent acting, the play was a delight to all.

Following the performances, cookies and hot chocolate were served for a time of fellowship.

Thank you to the students and Mr. Monte and Mrs. Zumbrum for putting us all in the Christmas spirit!

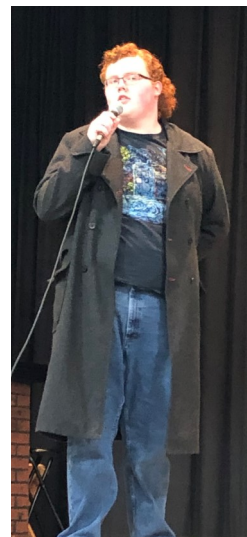
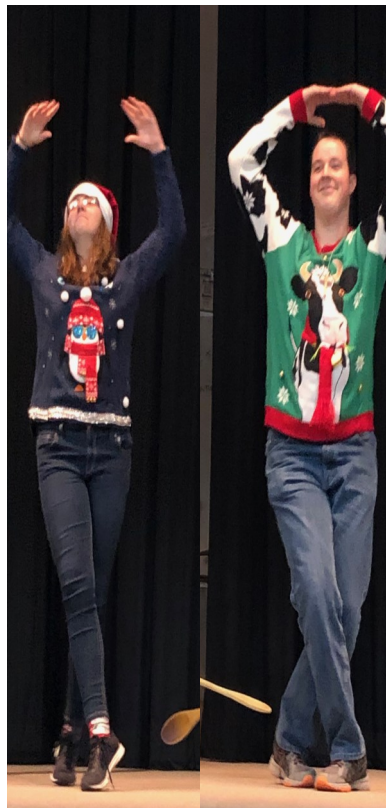


Spiritual Life

Annual Christmas Chapel

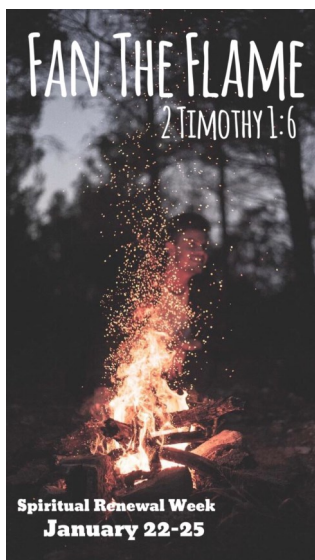
Each year we hold a special Christmas chapel the week before vacation. Students from each class present a reading, song, skit or project to celebrate Christmas as a school. This year we had quite a variety show. Kindergarten students shared a poem they memorized. First through third graders presented projects they created to help Santa do his job better (see page 3). Our fourth and fifth grade students acted out the Christmas story as they read the scripture. The sixth grade students presented poems they had written (see page 4). Seventh grade read a poem called "A Visit From Heaven" by Orlando Wiebe. Josiah McCauslin did a

stand-up routine about the commercialism of Christmas versus the true meaning of Christmas. Brother and sister duo, Luke and Shaylie Moore, delighted us with their version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" while the seventh grade students sang the song. Between presentations, Mr. Greene led us in singing several Christmas carols. Whether serious or funny, we were all reminded of the greatest gift given to man, Jesus Christ.



Spiritual Renewal Week

As we head into January, we are preparing for spiritual renewal week. January 22—25 will be a week for the middle and high school students to hear from guest speakers about "Fan The Flame" Second Timothy 1:6 will be the verse for will be about our passion, love and desire for God including ways to stir these things in our lives and what to do with them for God and others. Please be in prayer for our students and speakers.





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On Assignment, cont.

This essay was written in response to the passing of former president, George H. W. Bush. Students were asked to write their interpretations of the funeral and its significance to them, our country and the world.

George H. W. Bush was a great 41st president. He did many things in his life time. Before Bush became president, he was an air pilot. As he was doing a mission, his plane was damaged. However, before saving his own life, he got all of his men off the plane. When Bush jumped out of the plane, he gashed his head on the wing of the plane. Bush found his faith in God when he was stranded out in the ocean wondering how he was going to die. God saved his life that day and gave him a great respect for people.

In the eulogies spoken about President Bush, the speakers

talked about how he had respect for others and his nation and how he was a good father. While he was president, he passed a law called the Americans with Disabilities Act. That stated that people with disabilities were to be treated like any other person, teaching us that we are all created equal.

The speakers also said he had a great sense of humor. Bush attempted to do a lot of great things for our world, but unfortunately wasn't able to accomplish them all, due to Congress not liking the idea.

In conclusion, I feel like I know George H. W. Bush much better now and have a great respect for what he's done for our country. I am thankful he was able to be our president.

- Jacob Anderson, grade 9