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ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA

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The summer months have been a time of recharging. We are grateful that all of the Academy staff will be returning, and we are praying for 30 students.

Before the Academy opens, we are looking forward to Vacation Bible School July 14-17 ~ the theme is *Jungle Adventure!* The following week we take the teens to Camp Joy (July 20-26) with Ev. Dwight Smith and Ev. Tom Farrell preaching.

The Benton County Fair Booth is Monday through Sunday, Aug. 4-10th. I trust you will access yourself and your family to these outreach activities.

We do have a Scholarship Program to help finance children for the Academy, which allows children to receive 50% of the Academy tuition fee. Contributions to the Scholarship Program can be designated in any amount, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or _____ (other). Tuition and expenses for one child is about \$2,000. \$1,000 would help one child for the whole year.

~~~~~ **THE RAMIFICATIONS OF AN EDUCATION WITHOUT CHRIST**

The Governor signed an Anti-bullying bill (HF826) this past legislative session that has nothing to do with bullying. Jeff Johnson is running for the office of governor. He said this about the bill, "It is about forcing government-determined personal values and morals on our children. I will veto any bill that attempts to take over the moral education of our children. Let's be clear, nobody wants any child to be bullied at school; and parents and local school districts must protect the children in their communities. But the "bullying bill" has nothing to do with protecting kids. The bill is a huge new unfunded mandate that will undoubtedly lead to a whole new class of lawsuits against school districts, teachers, and administrators. And you, as the taxpayer, will foot the bill. This deceptive bill has been flying through the Legislature, because the liberals in charge are desperate to pass it while they are in control."

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Teaching since 1977

The Junior Learning Center (JLC) is a place where students come to learn. To learn means to gain knowledge or skill.

In Matthew 11:29 Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." The Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) curriculum is designed to facilitate this process. I would like to share just three unique ways our Learning Center helps students to learn.

First, each student has a goal card in his office, which is used to set academic goals for the student's work day. Instructor Dr. Mark Rasmussen states, "Often tasks are not accomplished because goals have not been set and little has been expected." A goal card helps the student develop a lifetime habit of planning reasonable and appropriate goals over a certain amount of time. When a student accomplishes short-range goals (daily work), a sense of satisfaction is experienced, which helps to facilitate long-range goals (finishing the year's curriculum). Christ teaches that we need to be able to plan our work to the end, Luke 14:28, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?"

Secondly, the curriculum has periodical score strips within the PACE when the student goes to the scoring station to score his work. Scoring one's own work provides several benefits: reinforces the correct answer, helps learn the right answer by rereading the material and underlining the correct answer, and develops carefulness and honesty. Romans 12:17, "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." 1 Corinthians 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order."

The third unique learning tool is the Readmaster, a computerized reading program for first through 12th-grade students, which uses the popular McGuffey Reading Program. We have had students attain a reading speed of 4,000 words per minute with this program. The program develops vocabulary and comprehension, while building godly character through values-based stories. It has been said that readers are leaders. Revelation 1:3, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

These are just three aspects of the ACE curriculum which assist students' learning. Our desire is to work with the parents to give your child the best in education.

Administrator Agenda continued

What is the truth about the Anti-Bullying bill? Minnesota is not in the midst of a bullying “crisis.” Minnesota is in the midst of an education “crisis”, with reading and math proficiency nose-diving over the past ten years. This bill is intended to bring attitudes, values, and beliefs of all children into one universal set of attitudes, values, and beliefs, through bullying children to surrender their own family values and violating their conscience.

This bill has to do with sexual diversity. The rights of children with opposing values and beliefs are not offered the same diversity protections. This bill has to do with promoting gay lifestyles or get in trouble. This unfunded mandate on local school districts will be \$50 million. In this bill, parents do not need to be notified if their child is bullied or accused of bullying. Bullying does not need to be proven. All types of sexual behavior will be shown to children. This is shocking, morally offensive, and devastating to children. The bill is almost word for word based on the recommendations of Governor Dayton’s “Prevention of School Bullying Task Force Report.” There is broad support for training children to show love for one another and not be taught all kinds of immoral behavior.

It is time that parents give their children an education based on truth. Col. 1:18, “And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.” Jesus needs to be in first place in our lives, family, and education. John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 8:32, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Remember, truth is absolute fact, based on an unchanging standard. John 17:17, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” You cannot teach truth without the word of God.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE RAMIFICATIONS OF EDUCATION WITHOUT THE TRUTH?

There was a time when public school teachers and administrators prayed at school activities. They felt comfortable reading the Bible and explaining the love of God and His righteousness to the students.

In 1962 and 1963, the US Supreme Court ruled Bible reading and prayer unconstitutional in public schools. Because of these rulings, teachers and administrators were immediately prohibited from praying and reading the Bible in school. The high court told public schools and their employees to keep their religious thoughts to themselves and to stop spreading the Christian faith to students during school-sponsored activities.

There are several anti-Christian legal defense organizations to intimidate Christians: Freedom from Religion Foundation, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, American Civil Liberties Union, and American Theists, who will stand ready to defend ungodly and disgruntled parents.

Teachers cannot teach Biblical righteousness, sin against a Holy God, Biblical account of Creation, and Christian morals and values. They cannot teach absolute Bible truths and values. They cannot legally tell their students about the saving grace God provides through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Public Schools can teach humanism and evolution. The supreme Court has defined Humanism as “a religion.” This means public schools can teach the religion of humanism, but not Christianity. Evolution is considered by the scientific community to be an acceptable explanation for how the earth and heavenly bodies were formed, but the Genesis Creation story cannot be taught as truth in public schools.

A true Christian’s hope for their children is the Christian school, an educational environment where prayer and the Bible still occupy a prominent place of respect and reverence in the classroom. Some Christian parents even become defenders of the public schools, though the schools are totally against the Bible and Biblical morals. Pr. 19:27, “Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.” Ps. 1:1, “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.” The Bible contains God’s “truth measurement.” Only the Bible can measure opposing views of education. A parent could argue that most public schools today have Christians on their administrative staff; but that does not make the public school Christian, because they cannot share God’s truth.

Some parents see Christian schools as unattractive, because of low student enrollments, limited course offerings, restricted sports, and tuition costs. So they turn to public education, because of higher student enrollment, more course offerings, a wider range of sports, and no tuition costs. Christian parents are willing to put up with the drugs, alcohol, crime, shootings, immodest dress, Moslems, atheists, evolution, humanism, and materialism. **What would God want for your child, a Christ-centered education or a man-centered education?** Children’s values, habits, and faith are developed during their formative years when they are under the influence of parents, teachers, and friends. If Christ, Bible truths, Biblical righteousness, and prayer are important to you, you will want a Christ-centered education for your child.

References: Parent Update, “Examining Education from a Christian Perspective”, and Top 10 Myths and Truths about the “Safe and Supportive MN Schools Act” HF 826, Child Protection League

COMING EVENTS	
Vacation Bible School, <i>Jungle Adventure</i>	July 14-17
Teen Bible Camp, <i>Camp Joy</i>	July 20-26
Benton County Fair Booth	Aug 4-10
New Student Testing, M, Tu	Aug 25,26
Kindergarten Testing, Tu	Aug 26
New Monitor Training, M thru F	Aug 25-29
Monitor Review Training, Th, F	Aug 28-29
New School Year Begins 8:30am Tu	Sept 2
Parent Orientation, 7pm Tue	Sept 2
ACE Educ. Convention, Th/Fri	Sept 4-5
No school GCBA, Th/Fri	Sept 4-5
Parent Training, 9am-3pm Sat	Sept 6
Annual Acad. Soccer/VB Tourn. F/Sat	Sept 12-13
Picture Day, Mon	Sept 15
Soccer/VB Tourn Faith Bapt, Ankeny IA	Sept 25-27

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Jungle Adventure: Discovering God's Love
7-9 PM – July 14-17, 2014
FREE BUS RIDE ~ 320-251-2801
 Granite City Baptist Church - 1425 CR 134 – St. Cloud



We are *excited* about VBS at Granite City Baptist Church!

- VBS is for children (age 4), teenagers, and **ADULTS**
- You will be challenged, entertained, and uplifted spiritually
- Expenses are covered by donations and a free-will offering each night
- **A child earns 5 points each night a parent (nonmember) attends**

ADULT CLASSES

- Mon-** *Building a Happy Christian Home*
- Tue-** *Building Principles of Adjustment in Marriage*
- Wed-** *Building Husband and Wife Relations*
- Thur-** *Building Relations Between Siblings*

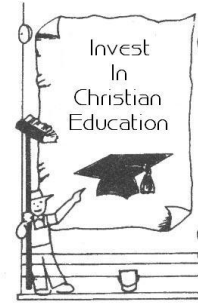
BIBLE & MISSIONARY STORIES CLOWNS PRIZE TABLE
TREATS DUNK TANK HAY-WAGON RIDE TRAIN RIDE

NURSERY AVAILABLE

The bus captain for your child is: _____
 Bus will arrive at _____ p.m. and return at _____ p.m.

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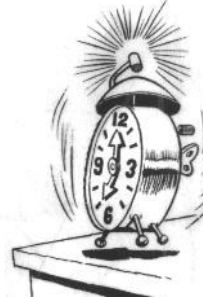
ENROLL YOUR CHILDREN NOW



**PRESCHOOL 4
 KINDERGARTEN 5
 THRU 12th GRADE**

WHY A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL?

- Quality Education
- Christian Staff
- Bible-based Curriculum
- Teaching of the TRUTH
- Christian Morals
- Loving Discipline
- Home+Church+School in One Accord
- Work Ethics Training
- Mastery Learning
- Time Management



TIME TO DECIDE

Call For an Appointment Today

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