



NEWSLETTER

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ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA

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The Academy students had a great time Christmas caroling at several nursing homes and the VA Medical Center. Afterwards we had the annual *Christmas Party* at Bonanza.

Some of the students are involved in wrestling. Sophomore Tyler Hugg, a varsity wrestler at 195 lbs., is 20-4 on the season. He took first in one tournament and second in another 16-team tournament. Seventh grader Taylor Hugg wrestles on varsity at 106 lbs. Also, there are three young men wrestling in elementary tournaments. GCBA is in its third year co-oping with Tech High School, a 3A school. Tech has agreed that no rock music will be played in the wrestling room. I completed the required courses to be an official Assistant Coach. The Head Coach has asked me to give a challenge and to pray before each event. We also are allowed to pass out tracts. The co-op has been a tremendous outreach opportunity. This year we have had two wrestling events in our gym, which has Bible verses all around the walls.

I trust you will plan to attend the *Annual Patriotic Program* on Sun., Feb. 15th at 6PM. The students will be presenting the play, "*CSI: Nineveh*". We have invited a number of politicians, educators, businessmen, and area firefighters and police officers. It is a shame the way law enforcement officers are being treated around the country, when they are willing to risk their lives to protect our communities.

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The Sept. 2014 *Journal for Christian Educators* had an article by Heidi Braughler entitled, "*Perfectionism Is Not the Same as Wanting to Excel*." She considered perfectionism in education an addiction. Basco defined perfectionism as "an endless striving in which each task is seen as a challenge, and no effort is ever good enough, yet the person continues in desperation to avoid mistakes,

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An article from Regular Baptist Press  
2011 Jr. High Curriculum Vol. 59 #4,  
*My Life, My World, God's Answers*  
Jenny Bensen, Editor

### MUSIC

**Summary:** *God created music to bring glory to Himself.*

#### **Tendency**

Music is an integral part of life in the teen years, and an emotional one. As teenagers develop a sense of self-identity, music is an affordable and available way to express who they think they are or want to become. If their music is different than their parents' music, they feel that much more independent.

Peer pressure and media push are powerful influences on teens' thinking and tastes in this area. Listening to the same music that friends or famous people listen to brings a sense of belonging.

Teens are keenly aware of their bodies and their feelings during adolescence. Though not all teens listen to rock music, many identify with a beat that appeals to physical responses and lyrics that reflect the variety of emotions they are experiencing.

#### **Trend**

The *Chicago Tribune* ran an article telling how one convenience store hindered the local teens' practice of loitering in its parking lot by playing easy-listening music over loudspeakers outside. Someone in the business knew that a certain type of music is identified with the teen culture—usually rock.

The rock music industry profits millions of dollars each year from teenagers who attend concerts, purchase

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achieve perfection, and gain approval.” Perfectionism is not the same as wanting to excel – Basco adds, “Many perfectionists grew up with parents who either directly or indirectly communicated that they were not good enough.”

Jesus used the word perfect in Matthew 5:48, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Christ is not commanding perfection, rather growth and maturity in one’s walk with Him. The world looks at perfectionism as twin needs of being in control and being perfect. However, these character traits are reserved for a Holy God.

Desiring to be perfect is desiring to be God. Lucifer’s determination to “be like the Most High” was the very thing that cost him his position in heaven. Isa. 14:14, “I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.” Satan has been trying to convince mankind to be “as gods, knowing good and evil.” Gen. 3:5, “For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” This was at the heart of the serpent’s temptation to Eve in the garden.

The Tower of Babel is another illustration of man’s desire to “let us make us a name.” Gen. 11:4, “And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” People often make choices between what is possible and what is desirable. If a student that is a perfectionist desires an A in every subject, he will be disappointed both in himself and others around him if he does not reach that goal. Desiring perfection is no longer an option since the fall. We all come short of God’s glory. Rom 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”



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We can overcome perfectionism through God’s grace. Common idols of perfectionism include desiring to be loved, wanting approval from others, or fear of being rejected or criticized. Perfectionism is wrong, but there is nothing wrong with seeking “to be the best that we can be.”

We need to use our intellect and artistic abilities to the glory of God.

Seamand’s remarks, “God’s grace makes us worthwhile and valuable for who we are, and not because of what we successfully accomplish.” It is encouraging that one is completely and unconditionally accepted by God, who erases any need to be in control or to be perfect. Grace alone is necessary for salvation and living the Christian life. Gal. 3:3, “Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?” Students may have learned from parents or teachers that humans can be manipulated and loving responses are achieved.

Perfectionism has been linked to depression. A student needs to learn to surrender control of his life and seek to be the best in every area of life to the glory of God. Perfectionism is an addiction of desiring to be God, by needing to be in control, which can be overcome with a correct understanding of God’s grace.

| COMING EVENTS                                  |        |
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| Host Elementary Wrestling Quad, 6pm Fri        | Jan 16 |
| Academy Second Quarter Ends, Fri               | Jan 16 |
| Hospitality Sunday Baptist Buffet 12N          | Jan 18 |
| Parent Orientation, 7pm Mon                    | Jan 20 |
| MACS Legislative Breakfast, 7am Tu             | Jan 27 |
| Host Wrestl vs. S. Centre/Melrose, 6:15pm      | Jan 29 |
| Valent. Banq: <b>Knit Together in Love</b> 6pm | Feb 13 |
| Academy <b>Patriotic Program, 6pm Sun</b>      | Feb 15 |

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souvenirs and posters, and collect their favorite groups’ recordings. (The person who says teens don’t know how to worship has never attended a rock concert. Thousands of teens aptly demonstrate a sense of worship, honor, and praise as they pay tribute to their favorite performers. How sad that the objects of their worship are other human beings!) The summer 1993 tour season took in \$900 million in total receipts. Teens purchase approximately 25% of all recording sales in the United States.

Music is a statement that transcends language barriers and social standings, and it’s available 24 hours a day. Teens can listen to their choice of music at school, in their favorite stores, in their rooms, at their friends’ houses, and especially in their cars—and they usually do. Many teens listen to music while they get ready for school, on their way to school, on their way home from school, while doing homework, getting ready for bed, and drifting off to sleep. When a person allows an influence continual access to his mind, it must have an effect on him. Unfortunately, many parents don’t take time to find out what songs are their kid’s favorites, and even less have listened to those songs in order to monitor this powerful dominance.

## ***MUSIC article conclusion***

The rock music industry reluctantly agreed to post parental warning labels on recordings that could be deemed objectionable because of lyrics dealing explicitly with sex, violence, suicide, and substance abuse. The industry, though, did not set specific standards for what constitutes potentially offensive lyrics, and use of the labels is voluntary.

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One alternative that many Christian teens turn to is contemporary Christian music, some of which is Christian rock. Some Christian groups record everything from heavy metal, punk/thrash and rap to dance pop, pop/rock and rock 'n' roll. Most kids cannot distinguish a contemporary Christian group from a secular group when music styles are compared with the lyrics masked.

### ***Perspective***

God created music to bring glory to Himself. It has always been an important part of His people's lives and worship. The Bible illustrates how music was used to sooth a troubled spirit (1 Sam. 16:23), express worship (2 Chron. 5:12-14), patriotism (2 Chron. 20:21, 22, 27, 28) and emotion (Job 30:31; Psalms), and to instruct (Col. 3:16). David used the phrase "a new song" to describe the music of the righteous man (Pss. 33:1-3; 40:1-4; 96:1-4; 98:1, 2; 144:9, 10; 149:1-4).

Paul set forth in his letter to the early Christians a recurring Biblical guideline: All that we do should bring glory to the Lord (1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:23). This includes the music that is part of our lives. The way we live and every aspect of our daily lives should reflect the difference between those who have been redeemed and those who are still a part of this world (2 Cor. 5:17; 6:14-18).

People usually play and listen to music that corresponds to their feelings. A Christian's thinking and emotions are reflected in the kind of music he chooses. If care is taken to recognize life situations from God's point of view, choice of music will come into alignment as well.

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Music that is the product of the filling and controlling of the Holy Spirit is described in Eph. 5:19, "... Psalms [probably with music accompaniment as in the Old Testament] and hymns [praises to the Lord] and spiritual songs [prompted by the Holy Spirit], singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Out of this singing should come

thanksgiving (v. 20). The amount of control we let God have in our lives is reflected in our music.

Satan will use everything he can to divert us and to influence our lives (1 Pet. 5:8). He wants to get us, and he often does so through music. A person can't help but be influenced to accept a loose level of moral conduct if he hears those suggestions drilled into his mind day after day. Some teens actually don't realize what they're listening to. They need to examine the words of the song to be convinced how morally low that music encourages young people to be.

Leonard Seidel suggests several criteria by which to evaluate music.

1. Is the music well written? Good music has a beautiful melody and rich harmony. The rhythm is subtle, intended to carry along the melody and harmony, not overpower or distract from them.
2. Does the music match the words? It would be inconsistent to convey lyrics about Jesus' suffering on the cross with lively march music. Likewise, singing in a sensual, whispery voice about Jesus' power to make one pure is contradictory.
3. Are the words theologically correct? True, not all songs must be evaluated in this category. "Happy Birthday to You" probably would be considered "safe," but songs that speak of our Lord and topics addressed in the Bible must measure up to its standard. Those songs that do not directly state theological belief should still please God. Morals, attitudes, and actions portrayed in any song should be such that would not dishonor the Lord of the one who sings it or listens to it.

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### ***HOPE***

You can help teens with their music by

- Providing positive alternatives;
- Introducing good songs in Sunday Bible School and other youth meetings;
- Making available good CDs and cassette tapes that teens can borrow;
- Taking teens to good concerts;
- Inviting God-honoring musicians to speak and give concerts in your area;
- Making sure teens are aware of what they listen to;
- Making sure teens' parents are aware of what their children listen to;
- Setting the example of listening to good music;
- Singing enthusiastically in worship services;
- Encouraging participation Christian music performances and competitions



## Biblical Educational Standards

For Parents  
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As a parent you definitely want the best for your children in the realm of their education. Your child is the most precious gift God has given you. Should you not desire excellence in the educational system, which forms his basic outlook on life?

In Proverbs 23:24 we see that “The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.” In order for children to become righteous and wise, each child needs to be endowed with a foundation based on Scripture. Accelerated Christian Education incorporates Biblical principles, academic excellence, character training, and spiritual growth, combined with high scholastic standards. These elements will prepare your child for the world today and give him the tools necessary to succeed in the future.

A.C.E. was formed in 1970—not only to meet the academic needs of children but to provide Godly character training. The result was a system that helps churches and parents train young people spiritually and academically, a curriculum that focuses on God’s plan for each individual child. The basic principles of A.C.E. assure the parents of a solid, mastery, back-to-basics education for their child by diagnostically meeting a student’s specific learning needs and capabilities. The curriculum incorporates character-building exercises, personal goal setting, and critical thinking skills into daily learning.

Accelerated Christian Education’s concepts are based on the following **Five Basic Laws of Learning**:

1. A child must be at a level where he can perform.
2. He must have reasonable goals.

3. His learning must be controlled, and he must be motivated.
4. His learning must be measurable.
5. His learning must be rewarded.

Personal testimonies of graduates confirm to the spiritual and academic excellence of the Accelerated Christian Education program. By stressing the God-given uniqueness of the individual student, A.C.E. provides the standards and groundwork on which a successful life is built. Godly character qualities, diligence, and goal setting instilled in the student while in the A.C.E. program set an exemplary course for the graduate to follow, which includes entry into higher educational institutions, the business world, and in training of future generations. The global presence of A.C.E. verifies the uniqueness of the program. It meets the needs of all students. With over 6,000 schools and thousands of homeschools in over 140 countries, A.C.E. has demonstrated its dedication to provide quality education to parents and administrators throughout its 43 years of ministry.

The goal of A.C.E. is the same today as it was from its beginning: to prepare children for the world today and give them spiritual and academic tools necessary to achieve their God-given potential. *AC*

