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ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA

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This last month has been a real blessing. Tyler Hugg made it to state for the second year in a row. Taylor made it to state in the youth wrestling program. GCBA hosted a youth wrestling tournament with 350 people attending. During that tournament, I met a wrestling family. The father told me he was saved at the First Baptist Church in Princeton as a teenager. Then the family moved and he did not have a chance to grow. They visited the church and his wife trusted Christ in their home. They were both baptized Easter Sunday and they enrolled their three boys in the academy. He has two brothers living in the area with their families that are interested in the church and academy.

There will be another wrestling clinic at Camp Joy this summer July 25-30. Coach Ben Peterson, Olympic Champion and 2 time NCAA National Champion will be conducting the clinic. Day 1 will cover the Fundamentals of Wrestling. Day 2 will be a Round Robin Tournament. Day 3 will focus on Advanced Wrestling Techniques. This is a great way to teach Great Biblical Truths and it will help make men out of boys.

The academy open house will be 7pm Monday, April 4th with a buffet dinner at 6PM. The MACS Legislative Breakfast is Tuesday April 5th at the Embassy Suites in St. Paul. April 20-22 will be the Regional Student Convention and the International Student Convention will be in Warrensburg, MO May 21-26.

Motivating Students to Finish Goals

The January-February Accelerator included an article on motivation. The article pointed out that supervisors and monitors need to understand how to encourage and stimulate each student to complete daily goals. The procedures manual asked the question, "Was it due to carelessness, daydreaming, inability to understand a concept, or having set goals too high?" There needs to be

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Salvation Testimony

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I grew up in a Christian home where being in church was a family priority even though my parents had no special role or responsibility in the church. We attended the Florin Church of the Brethren in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania.

I was the oldest of three brothers. Then, my parents surprised us four boys with a baby sister. What a surprise!

My parents had a good work ethic. They kept us four boys very busy by giving us responsibilities with a purpose. They owned and operated a wholesale egg business. We worked a large strawberry patch, raised chickens, were in 4-H and the high school band.

Our church would have revival meetings about once a year for at least a week. The church would be packed. The messages included fire and brimstone preaching of the Word. At age nine, I finally realized that the message was for me personally. "*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him ...*" (Rev. 3:20). My Mother, somehow, noticed that I was under conviction and counseled with me. At the next meeting, as the people were singing "Just as I Am", I opened the door and let the Lord Jesus come into my heart. Later I was baptized by immersion in a large farm pond.

I knew I had a change. Not only did I desire to obey my parents but I also desired to obey the Lord and seek His guidance in major decisions, such as the following:

(1) In eighth grade, He very clearly guided me to select accounting. Though an average student, I loved working with numbers. Accounting seemed to offer good opportunities. And, being a quiet person, I could remain in the background.

(2) College costs were my responsibility at our church college. The Lord provided employment and loans to meet the costs.

(3) The first day of freshman orientation, a nice Brethren lady with her parents walked in front of my parents. She really caught my attention. But I did nothing.

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creative ways to handle each situation.

The article gave four reasons for not completing goals.
1. Lack of motivation. It might be necessary to keep the student after school until his work is completed. There could be distractions, home problems, fatigue, or discouragement could be hindering them.

2. When there are true learning disabilities such as dyslexia, blindness, deafness, or polio, we need to help the student overcome his difficulty. Supervisors and monitors need to seek the Lord's guidance to help the student achieve his goals.

3. Resisting the status quo. This student shows little effort in completing his goals. He sets small goals and gets most pages from paces he enjoys. He does not follow the academic projections.

4. Motivating the motivated. This student wants to take as many courses and electives as possible. He is overburdened with homework and wants to cut out sports and extracurricular activities which are very important to help him develop socially, mentally, physically and academically. Luke 2:52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." I Samuel 16:18, "Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him."

Remember that each student is an individual and may need different approaches. You can help the student complete his goal!

Another article on helping kids to obey gave motivations on why a child should obey. Ephesians 6:1-3, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

First, because obedience pleases God. Ask the student, "Do you think the Lord is pleased with your attitude?" Second, because it is Christ-like. The more you talk joyfully with your child about the incredible character of Christ and that you are to follow His steps, the more motivated he will be to obey. Third, because God promises full life, and Godliness "holds promise for the present life and the life to come." I Timothy 4:8, "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Fourth, because God promises long life, meaning they will live out all the days God has marked for them. Genesis 25:8, "Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people." Fifth, because God calls both leaders and children accountable to him. Ephesians 6:4, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." A child can be motivated to obey by talking to him about

your role as a leader and cultivating his character and his joy, not burdensome annoyance and irritation. Parents and teachers should be willing to dig deeper into the emotions of a child, and to apologize and ask a child's forgiveness if the attitude toward them has been sinful. The child needs to obey and learn to work. Leaders need to motivate!

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Two and half years later, it seemed the Lord tapped me on the shoulder that somehow I should respond to this special lady. I put on my coat this February 5th cold day and went to her dorm. We had a rather humorous introduction along with questions and answers comparing our backgrounds. She sought her parent's permission. Yes, we went to the college concert together. A year and a half later, we both graduated, got married, honeymooned, and both started our new jobs in our specialty in the Philadelphia area.

(4) My wife and I decided that if the Lord gave us children, we would raise them in the Lord, serve in the local church, and be in unison in raising our children. He gave us five children.

(5) After nine years in the Philadelphia area, the Lord surprised us. He moved us to rural Minnesota to a small farm along with a good accounting job in healthcare, and my wife could be a stay-at-home mother. Now the children had responsibilities with a purpose.

(6) Our children attended public school, church school, and home school.

(7) When our Baptist church closed, the Lord attracted us toward Granite City Baptist Church and Academy. The preaching was strong and from the King James Bible. We had good fellowship with the people who were like minded. We appreciate the academy because

(a) The children are taught the difference between right and wrong.

(b) The children are taught the fear of the Lord.

(c) Administration and staff are faithful, dependable, and reliable.

(d) The students want to know Bible truths.

(e) They desire to be leaders of tomorrow.

(f) Students learn good music and how to play an instrument.

(g) Students learn to project themselves in dramas that glorify the Lord.

(h) Students' families desire to reflect the light of the Lord Jesus.

COMING EVENTS	
Open House & Parent Conference @ 6pm	April 4
MACS Legislative Breakfast	April 5
MACS Annual Meeting	April 8
GCBA to Sterling Park Commons	April 12
ACE Regional Convention	April 20-22
No School – Elementary	April 20
Achievement Testing	April 26

