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ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA

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Granite City Baptist Academy (GCBA) is in the third quarter of the school year. The students are in the middle of the basketball season. The older boys are playing in the Basketball Outreach program, where eight teams are competing every Saturday afternoon for ten weeks.

The *Patriotic Program* took place on Feb. 19th with nine special guests attending. The one-act play this year was, *"Sunday Morning Breakfast"*. The students had President's Day off for vacation. The annual basketball tournament will be March 16-17th, with six teams participating. The Hugg boys are wrestling in Youth Wrestling with the Tech High School Program. They all are doing well, and all took first in the last two tournaments.

The annual Faith Promise Missions and Soulwinning Conference will be March 11-14, with a number of special speakers, including Dave Earnhart from Rochester and Missionary Larry Parks and his wife from Spain (flyer enclosed).

Easter break will be April 2-6th. We would covet your prayers for GCBA students, and pray that we find many more parents that are interested in a Christian education for their children.

IS AMERICA PRODUCING STRONG CHRISTIANS WITH STERLING CHARACTER

(Part 1 of 3)

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The Oak Hills Christian College *Directions Newsletter* reported that there were 4% atheist in 2003; and now, just nine years later, it is 10%. The dropout rate from church attendance for Americans ages 18–22 is now at 70%.
- B. Harvard, established in 1636 had this requirement for enrollment, "Students were required to know God and Jesus Christ, and to know the Scripture. Christ was the only sound foundation of all learning. Students were required to read Scripture twice daily.

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Mr. Mike Klein
Member Testimony

I was born and raised in Melrose MN. I have two brothers and one sister. My dad owned a trailer court, and my mom was a stay-at-home mom.

I grew up in an old farm yard, and my behavior was crazy throughout my whole life. I attended St. Mary's in Melrose for elementary schooling, and then public school for Junior and Senior High School. I went to St. Cloud Vocational Technical Institute for automotives and Emergency Medical Technician, and I work in both fields now.

Having been raised Catholic, I was baptized, I went to first communion, I was an altar boy, and I was confirmed and married in that religion. My behavior consisted of drinking & drugs. I had the wrong friends, attitude, & language, with no morals at all. I was very happy on my way to hell. I knew Jesus in my head, but He was never in my heart – something was missing in my life!

On Aug. 8, 2008, my wife and I were in St. Cloud looking for something to do, so we decided to check out the Benton County Fair. We were in 'Fair Mode', and we were signing up for things. Suddenly Pastor Campbell was beside me and said, "Smile; Jesus loves you!" Then he asked us, "What do you have to do to get to Heaven?" I replied, "Believe." He told us that was part of it, and then showed us the display – three things God can't do: lie, change, let one into Heaven unless he is born again. As we continued to talk, Pastor asked me if I wanted to be 100% sure I would go to Heaven when I die? I looked at Kay and she was nodding, so we went to sit down with Pastor, and he showed us from a Bible how we could repent and be assured of going to Heaven when we died.

After praying with us, Pastor asked, "Do you want to pray and ask Christ to be your Lord and Savior today?" Kay was nodding again, and we professed Christ as Savior, took the handouts and went home. I didn't feel any different, but the next day I read the literature, got a Bible, started to go to church, and was baptized on Oct. 19, 2008.

My life began to change immediately. I stopped swearing, most of my anger was gone, and I learned to live a moral life. Kay and I read the Bible every morning now, and we are faithful to all of the church services. Actually, I really enjoy going to church, and I love the people. Every service is a Bible lesson which is not only enjoyable, but I am learning and growing spiritually.

TESTIMONY CONTINUED

I recommend Granite City Baptist Church because Pastor Campbell led Kay and me to Christ at the fair. Pastor was born and raised with the Bible. The services are old-time worshipping at its best. There is a choir, the people are friendly, and the atmosphere is great. There are a lot of missionaries and outreach ministries – the radio program, newspaper, bus, Sunday school, and Soulwinners’ Club.

Also I would recommend the Academy to anyone with children. The kids are very smart and well-rounded, traveling around the country competing with other Christian schools in music, athletics, speech, and drama. Most importantly, the staff are all born-again Christians and love the Lord. They are not going to teach worldly views; rather, all of the curriculum and philosophy is based on Biblical principles.

I know I am going to Heaven because of the truth in God’s Word. John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

COMING EVENTS	
ACE Junior High Fine Arts Festival (Woodcrest)	Mar 9
Pee-wee & Patch Club Concerts, Sun 6pm	Mar 11
Missions & Soulwinning Conf. (D. Earnhart)	Mar 11-14
Bible Quiz @ Fourth Baptist Academy	Mar 12
Third Quarter Ends	Mar 16
Annual Basketball Tournament, Fri/Sat	Mar 16-17
Academy Program, Sun 6pm	Apr 1
Easter Break – no school	Apr 2-6
Kindergarten & New Student Registration, 7pm	Apr 9
Parent Conferences, Mon 7pm	Apr 9
Kinderg/JLC Reward Activ. MN Fishing Museum	Apr 13
ACE Regional Student Convention	Apr 18-20
GCBA Achievement Testing	Apr 24
Academy Evangelistic Tour, S-W	May 13-16
Set Free Program: overcoming habits/addictions Every Friday 7-9pm	

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- C. California law requires schools to teach “Gay” History.
- D. Very recently, a Colorado student quit high school choir over an Islamic song praising “Allah.”
- E. Dr. Benjamin Rush (1745–1813) was one of the youngest signers of the 1776 Declaration of Independence. He was a distinguished physician and scientist who held the first chemistry professorship in America. He was appointed by President John Adams as the Treasurer of the United States Mint from 1797–1813. From a letter of Dr. Benjamin Rush:

1. Christianity is the only true and perfect religion; and that in proportion as mankind adopt its principles and obey its precepts they will be wise and happy.

- 2. That the Bible contains more knowledge necessary to man in this present state than any other book in the world.
- 3. The Bible, when not read in schools, is seldom read in any subsequent period of life.
- 4. Now, the Bible contains more truth than any other book in the world; so true is the testimony that it bears of God in His works of creation, providence, and redemption that it is called truth itself, by way of preeminence above other things that are acknowledged to be true.
- 5. Another argument in favor of the use of the Bible in schools besides the impact it has on the mind, is that the Bible in schools is founded upon an implied command of God and upon the practice of several of the wisest nations of the world. De 6:5, “*And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.* 6 *And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:* 7 *And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*”
- 6. I cannot but suspect that the present fashionable practice of rejecting the Bible from our schools has originated with Deists. (They rejected formal religion and supernatural revelation; they were called free thinkers like Voltaire, who cried at the end of his life, “O Christ! O Jesus! I must die – abandoned by God and men.” His condition had become so frightful, that his infidel associates were afraid to approach his bedside. After he passed away, his nurse said repeatedly, “For all the wealth of Europe, I would never see another infidel die.”)
- 7. We profess to be republican, but neglect our republican forms of government; that is the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible; for this divine book, above all others, favors that equality among mankind, that respect for just laws, and all those sober and frugal virtues which constitute the soul of republicanism.
- 8. We have lost the influence of our founding FATHERS! Psalm 11:3, states, “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” This Psalm of David was written when David lived in the court of Saul which was a sinful Kingdom, full of anarchy and sin, and David was persecuted by Saul. The Psalm is saying, “If the foundations are not based on justice, TRUTH, godly men, and the Word of God, there will be disorder, oppression, and the righteous will be persecuted. The solution is to reestablish the destroyed foundations.
- 9. We need to get the Bible back into our homes, schools, churches, and government, or we will continue to spiral down morally, educationally, socially, culturally, politically, and economically.