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ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA

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The first quarter has come to a close. We were pleased that the Lord provided two new students, and we have a total of seven new students in school this year. I appreciate Mr. Moeller heading up the Raking Fundraiser which helped to raise over \$1,500.

On Oct. 20th the Webbers, Huggs, and I staffed a booth for the Kids' & Parents' Expo at the Convention Center. It was a great day talking to people about the Academy, and passing out tracts and flyers. There were over 1,000 contacts and 24 signed up for the *Newsletter*.

Oct. 25-27 the older students participated in the Minnesota Association of Christian Schools State Soccer/Volleyball Tournament in Rosemount. We cooped with Twin Ports Baptist from Superior WI. The boys beat Victory, Rochester in order to get into the tournament, but lost all three games in the tournament. The girls lost their game to get into the tournament, but won both games in the round robin. It is wonderful that our students have the opportunity to participate in sports!



**The Government
Educational System is
broken, and it is not
about to be fixed.**

According to the Christian Law Association, almost half of our nation's children drop out, and do not graduate with their peers. One in four that do graduate are functionally illiterate, and many high-school graduates do not qualify for the U.S. military. About half of



TESTIMONY OF SALVATION

**Mr. Jeff Hugg
School Board & Parent**

I was born a city-slicker, but raised a country boy on "80 acres of boyhood paradise near Thief River Falls MN. My roots go back to Scandinavian immigrants on both sides.

My father grew up 'way up north,' next to the Canadian border, and literally in the north woods. My mother grew up in the Viking MN area, which is west of Thief River Falls. Both worked hard growing up, and had very hard-working family lives in general.

My parents both have professed Christ as Savior. As a result of their convictions, I attended Christian schools from fourth grade through high-school graduation. I should mention that I attended an Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) school (like GCBA) through 10th grade. I went on to graduate from St. Cloud State University in 1997 with a BES in Speech Communication, and a minor in Health Education.

As I look back at my behavior, I can't help but feel a little bittersweet. I thank my parents for teaching me that the Bible is the Word of God, and that I can trust it to tell me right from wrong. I truly had a foundation in the Bible! However, instead of steadily growing in the Lord, I was quite inconsistent. By God's grace, I was kept from many destructive courses in life, but it is safe to say that I did not always live up to what I knew to be true. This led to much heartache and confusion in my life, as I struggled in self-will.

The Lord used a combination of changes in my life to break my self-will. The ending of a relationship, the ending of a job, moving, and meeting new Christian friends; these were all part of God's "Master Plan" to

Administrator Agenda continued

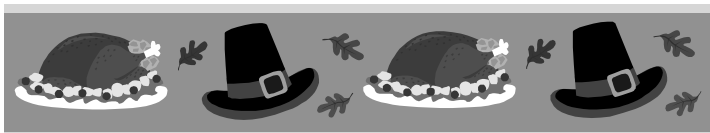
school-age children in America come from fatherless homes, where single mothers struggle economically. These single-parent families seldom attend church. As a result, the children do not receive a moral, ethical, or religious foundation.

More than 85% of American children still attend community public schools, which are entirely secular institutions. It is now illegal to have prayer, Bible reading, the Ten Commandments, or creation in the government schools. It is interesting that the government is spending more and more on education, and less and less on the military; and the results are disheartening.

The best thing the government could do would be to get out of the education business. Instead of academic subjects, teachers are focusing on programs to promote diversity, sensitivity training, National Education Association standards, and bloated bureaucracies that add expense and paperwork to the system. Many public school teachers are fleeing the school system.

Voucher programs are being used in nine states to give parents a choice in education. If the money is given to parents, it prevents government strings from affecting the Christian Schools.

Today's students become tomorrow's leaders. So Christians must be on the forefront of education reform, whatever educational setting a family chooses, to make sure that America's founding Judeo-Christian values will be taught to our Nation's next generation.



COMING EVENTS	
Pee-wee & Patch Clubs every Wed., 7pm (age 3 thru grade 5)	
Pilgrim/Indian Dress-up Day	Nov 21
Program at Sterling Park Commons	Nov 27
Preacher Boys, 7pm Wed	Nov 28
Reward Activity: Tour of St. Cloud Times	Nov 30
Fall Program, "Good Kings Come in Small Packages", 6pm Sun	Dec 9
Christmas Caroling & Banquet	Dec 21
Christmas Recess	12/24-1/4
Set Free Program: overcoming habits/addictions Every Friday 7-9pm	

Mr. Hugg continued

bring me to Him. When all of these things happened, I called out to the Lord, "Whatever you want me to do, I'll do it."

I finally got my 'attitude' about life straight, even though I still had "rough edges" to work on. I had battled confusion about my actual date of salvation, but I settled all doubt by personally calling on the Lord to be my Savior in December, 1997. He saved me from Sin and Hell, from bondage to sin, and especially from the doubts I had about my personal salvation – what a wonderful Savior!

I am now a member of GCBC, because I believe God called me here. He has taught me so many of the essential doctrines of Christianity and how to live them out in my life. What a blessing to learn practical Bible truths in each service at church. Also, I have found both the leadership and the members to be very concerned about living out their faith in Christ. I am truly grateful for the spiritual growth I have experienced through the ministry of GCBC.

The last part of my testimony pertains to my wife and children. I am blessed to have a great wife, Tresa, who shares my desire to see our children grow to serve the Lord. We actually decided before we were married that we would have our children enrolled at GCBA. No one person can compete with GCBA in providing a complete education for our four boys. Personally, I have experienced three forms of education – secular, traditional Christian, and ACE. My conclusion is overwhelmingly in favor of GCBA (ACE). The Lord would really need to convince me that He is calling me somewhere else, and show me a school as strong or stronger, before I would RISK taking my children out of GCBA!

My life verse is Rev. 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me." In this verse the Lord himself appeals to the unsaved to repent. He also appeals to the backslidden and lukewarm Christian to repent as well! I humbly thank Him for faithfully providing the fellowship He promises in this verse.





Have You Met Your Child's Friends?

www.aceministries.com

When your child receives a new PACE, what is the first thing he reads? The goals? The PACE Scripture verse? The new vocabulary? Probably not. More likely, the first things he reads are the Christian character strips. Students love the A.C.E. Christian character personalities. Why? They want and need someone to whom they can relate, someone they can look to as a friend, and someone whose life they can use as a pattern. They find all these things represented in the Christian character strips, and they often have a favorite character who is much like they are.

- Represented are children from various ethnic and family backgrounds—large families, small families, single-parent families, minority families, families that are well off, and those who are struggling financially.
- Along with the characters, your child can experience the benefits and difficulties of being a first-born child, the youngest in the family, an only child, middle child, or an adopted child.
- It may not be obvious at first glance, but your child's fictional friends also have to come to grips with wearing glasses, with getting braces, and with physical and mental limitations.
- The characters always act and respond in an age-appropriate way. They grow up as the child grows older, and their experiences and life situations match the activities and struggles of what he or she faces while working the PACE.
- Most important, the A.C.E. Christian characters provide patterning for Godly character development. Ace, Christi, J. Michael, and their friends give your child the opportunity to learn how to deal with testing, temptation, and personal accountability. In this way a child can come to recognize sin without experiencing it and to see purity of mind and body as emphasized in Philippians 4:8.



Ace Virtueson



Christi Lovejoy



J. Michael Kindhart

As a Christian parent, you want your child to find and grow up with characterized, Christian friends. Ace, Christi, and their friends are the best peers and role models your child can have, and because the characters have become so popular, A.C.E. has produced four grade-appropriate books with Ace, Christi, and their friends as main characters.



**The Best Gift You
Can Give Your
Child Is Christ-like
Character**