



NEWSLETTER

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GCBA has completed this year's Wrestling Program, and Basketball has begun. There were several blessings from our Wrestling Co-op with Tech High School.

- No rock music is played in the wrestling room.
- I was able to give a challenge and pray at every meet and tournament.
- Hyles-Anderson wrestled in our Kiffmeyer Tournament.
- I was able to show a Christian film on the way back from a triangular with Moorhead and Bemidji.
- We were able to host a Tech vs. Fergus Falls dual in our gym.
- We hosted an elementary wrestling quad with 180 cars and 400 people. They could see the Bible verses on the walls and a number of tracts were given out.
- One wrestling parent came forward for baptism, having accepted Christ a year ago.
- Another wrestling couple along with two of their sons recently accepted Christ.
- We had five coaches and their wives along with several wrestling parents at the Valentine Banquet.
- We are planning to take several of the wrestlers to Bible Camp in June.
- The three younger Huggs qualified for the Regional Tournament at New London.
- Tyler Hugg was State Champion at 170lbs. for the SHSL Freshmen Wrestling Tournament.



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WHY ALL THE "Fussing & Discussing" about music?

By Les Wall, Music Dir., Fairfax Baptist Temple,
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Music has been around since the dawn of Creation when "the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7). Music has a powerful influence on us.

From the reference in Job and frequent mentions of music and singing throughout the Bible, it is clear that God enjoys music, particularly when it forms part of our worship of Him – see, for example, Ps. 9:2, 33:3, and 149:1, where we are enjoined to sing praises to the Lord.

But what kind of music should we sing? The answer lies in understanding two principles: first, that God created music primarily as a tool for us to express our love, worship and reverence of Him, and second, that the devil invariably perverts God's creation. In the case of music, Satan's perversion has been to turn music into something that excites our base instincts and turns us from worship of God.

Christians should understand the truth about the power of music

We can't get away from it, but through the power of God, we can control our reaction to it. Someone has said that you will be the

ANY QUESTIONS – GIVE US A CALL!

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A TOUR

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the same person in five years that you are today, except for the people you meet and the books you read. He might have added ... and the music you listen to!



Christians should understand the truth about the power of music and appreciate the need to control what they listen to, rather than letting it control them. We are made by God in such a way that we respond to music mentally and emotionally,

physically and spiritually. A beautiful harmony is pleasing and relaxing to us, something discordant and off-key creates tension and even anger. On a physical level, music makes us move! A John Phillip Sousa March makes us nod our heads or tap our feet, while rock music often encourages us to move our bodies in a sensual way. Rock music employs an anapestic beat or back beat that literally goes against our natural heart rhythm and creates within us a sensual response. In stark contrast, Godly music can be spiritually reviving and refreshing. A dramatic example of this is found in the Scripture account of David playing his harp for King Saul until **“the evil spirit departed from him”** (1 Sam. 16:23).

Clearly, everyone has a favorite song or favorite style of music. Everyone is an expert in the area of music! We know what we like. We also know what we don't like, and we will cling to what we like and reject what we don't like. But the point is that we cannot go by our likes and dislikes to decide what kind of music we should listen to, or indeed, what our approach should be to anything else that we admit into our lives. The Bible is unequivocal:

“Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.” (Rom. 12:2)

The Bible is not a catalog of prohibitions. Even though it can be very specific, it often guides our behavior based on larger principles, world views, and theology as a whole.

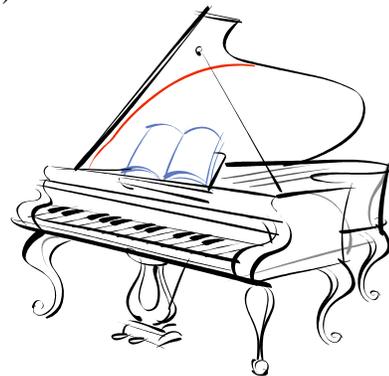
We don't know how the music of the Bible sounded. I would love to hear a CD of the hymn that Jesus and the disciples sang after the Last Supper (Mt. 26:30)! We do know, however, from the Psalms already referenced above, that our songs should be new, played skillfully, loud and full of praise.

The Hebrew word translated as new in these verses is *chadash* (pronounced kah-dahsh) which means new or fresh – not contemporary, which means modern. Contemporary Christian artists will tell you that they are doing what the Word of God instructs them to do when they compose and sing music that conforms to new, modern styles; but I

believe that the Bible teaches we should be “new” in the sense of being “different.”

The Bible clearly tells us to separate ourselves from the world (2 Cor. 6:17) and not to love the things of the world: **“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”** (1 Jn. 2:15).

If you stop and think about it, the songs of this world are not good anyway. They often celebrate wicked, sinful actions that lead to death. So why do we like this kind of music? Why does it appeal to us? Quite simply,



because our old sinful nature is weak (Mt. 26:41). And that is all the more reason why we should steer clear of things that prey on our weakness, including (perhaps especially) debased music.

“He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.” (Psalm 40:3)

COMING EVENTS	
GCBA to Sterling Park Commons	Mar 25
Reward Activity: Planetarium Tour	Mar 28
MACS Annual Meeting, Fourth Baptist	Apr 4
Reward Activ: Mille Lacs Indian Museum	Apr 4
Parent Conf. & New Student Registration	Apr 7
Reward Activ: Southway Greenhouse Tour	Apr 11
Easter Break, Wed-Fri – <i>No School</i>	Apr 16-18
ACE Regional Student Conv., St. Cloud	Apr 23-25
GCBA Annual Track Meet, Fri	May 2
Junior Bible Camp (Chetek WI) M-Sat	June 16-21
Vacation Bible School	July 14-17
Teen Bible Camp, Watertown WI; S-Sat	July 20-26

Our desire is to help students to develop into diligent servants of the LORD. We are here to help them to become the leader God wants them to be.

INFLUENCE TRUMPS AUTHORITY

Summary of article by Cary Schmidt

Do you want your children to love God? The Bible teaches that **INFLUENCE TRUMPS AUTHORITY**. If you truly desire to bring up your children “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,” you must do more than rule, educate, manage, teach, feed, clothe, love and house them.

YOU MUST LIKE THEM! I Thess. 2:7-8, “But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.” The Thessalonians were blessed to experience an authentic passionate, personal sacrificial relationship with the Apostle Paul. The scripture appears clear, “The single most important parenting principle in scripture – influence trumps authority.”

A kid thinks, “If you don’t like me, then I don’t like you.” “A child that doesn’t feel liked will hope to keep a parent off their back until they are 18, when they can break free and find a relationship where they feel valued and liked.” OUCH! Successful parenting takes more than authority.

FIRST – AUTHENTICITY PRODUCES CREDIBILITY

When Paul entered the city of Thessalonica, he first expressed authentic love and compassion. His authenticity gained him credibility. Inconsistency produces uncertainty and skepticism. If you’re playing a game and not sacrificially developing a real relationship with your kids, they will see through you, and then you lose credibility. Your faith becomes silly in their minds, and your authority becomes invalid.

SECOND – CREDIBILITY PRODUCES INFLUENCE

Paul was “affectionately desirous” of these people. He truly liked them, loved them, and invested his whole soul into them. They opened their hearts to his influence. Paul says he was gentle (kind), he cherished them he was affectionately desirous of them, he gave them his own soul, he labored and travailed for them night and day. This man absolutely expended himself for the transformation of these people! Then he says something very powerful about all of this activity “...even as a father doth his children...” **Whoa!** Are you expending yourself in that way for your children? Are you building such a close relationship? Are you pursuing their hearts? Are you exhorting, comforting, charging, gentle, cherishing, desiring?

THIRD – INFLUENCE VALIDATES AUTHORITY

What happened when unbelievers came into contact with the authenticity and credibility of the Apostle Paul? He used it to influence and validate his authority! I Thess. 2:13, “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.” His influence validated not only his authority, but also the final authority – Jesus Christ, and His living Word! A child needs a relationship with God! A life built upon God’s Word, God’s authority, God’s guidance - that’s the goal! The goal isn’t to merely control them, manage them, and leverage your authority. The goal is to influence them into a life-long relationship under God’s authority.

You cannot win the heart by leveraging authority. You win the heart by influence. You can demand submission to your authority. But you cannot demand influence in their hearts. That is something you must earn. Influence is something they will grant you as you live and love credibly before them. Satan doesn’t need authority to wreck your kid’s life. He just needs influence.

Desperate parents want their child to submit to their authority. Winning the authority struggle is only a temporary victory. In nearly every case, these parents have not only lost authority, they have lost influence! “How can we get our kid to do what we say?” The question is, “Where and when did we lose influence with our child? How have we failed to transfer our beliefs and values? We have no credibility, no viability, and therefore no influence!”

If you have no influence, your authority is probably broken too. And if you have no influence, you cannot win the war for your child. The question to winning the heart is, “How can I go back to the place where we lost influence, and how can we regain trust, re-establish credibility, and rebuild influence?”

Your kids will welcome, love, appreciate, and value your authority – because they TRUST you, and you have profound influence with their heart! So yes, influence trumps authority. Your children will soon outgrow your authority, but they will never out grow your influence! If you live authentically, and love passionately, you will gain credibility – you will establish influence, and you can have that for as long as you live – and even beyond! Pursue the heart of your child!

When it comes to protecting your child – think “authority”. But when it comes to directing your child – think “influence”!



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. *ACE*

