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For the builders, everyone had his sword
girded by his side, and so buildued...
Nehemiah 4:18a

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The Blessings and Benefits of the Christian School Ministry – Part II

By Paul Shaver

In the last newsletter, we began an article about the blessings and benefits of the Christian school ministry. In the first point, we showed the contrast between humanism and Biblical Christianity in order to see that one blessing of the Christian school ministry is that it is a place of philosophy. We now continue with another blessing of the Christian school ministry.

Secondly, the Christian school is a place of principles. That is, it is a place of teaching and instruction. This teaching comes from many areas which includes the Scripture, the lives of the teachers, and the textbooks used.

Paul says in II Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Those involved in the Christian school ministry have the tremendous privilege and responsibility to give students instruction from the Word of God and to see the Holy Spirit use His Word in the maturing process of the students. This privilege and responsibility is accomplished in Bible class, in chapel, in special meetings, in regular class instruction, in one-on-one time with students, etc.

Teachers, having been trained in Christian education and having been involved in the Christian school ministry for a number of years, have heard statements such as, 'The teacher is the key,' and 'Students only see God as he is revealed in the life of the teacher.' Those statements and others like them are certainly true. Teachers know that they must be the proper ensample or pattern to the students if their ministry is going to be effective. A few years ago Pastor Dale McCallister shared these thoughts concerning the ministry of teaching:

- Its Responsibility – Teaching is a serious business for which the teacher will be held accountable (Luke 12:48, I Cor. 4:2, James 3:1).
- Its Priority – The priority of those involved in teaching is to model the Master (II Cor. 12:14-15, John 4:7, I Cor. 14:32), to magnify the Master (Phil. 2:5-7, Mark 1:22, John 4:18), and to motivate the students to 'model' you in manifesting the Master (I Cor. 11:1, John 1:12, Rom. 8:29).
- Its Productivity – The Lord is the immediate producer of the godly product (II Cor. 3:17-18) and the Lord is the ultimate producer of the finished product (Rom. 8:23).

The challenge for the teacher is to be constantly consistent to the call and do the charge that God has given. Paul says in I Thessalonians 1:7-8, "And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the Word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia." May the students be able to follow each teacher, and then in turn be ensamples that others can follow as well.

Teaching also occurs through the textbooks used by the students. Perhaps you have read the book written by James C. Hesley titled, *Are Textbooks harming Your Children?* In it he recounts the story of Norma and Mel Gabler – how they combated the use of humanistic textbooks used by the public schools in Texas. He not only points out the humanistic philosophy oozing from the secular textbooks but also its influence upon students and upon the society in which we live. As Christians understand the philosophy found in secular textbooks and the instruction found in Proverbs 19:27, "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge," they

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Sixty-six Seniors Graduate from

On Saturday, May 17, 2008, **Bethel Baptist School** in West Carrollton honored their only graduate and valedictorian of the class of 2008, Katelyn Shafer. Her life verse is Psalms 31:3, *"For Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for Thy name's sake lead me, and guide me."* Ron Todd, missionary to Costa Rica, was the commencement speaker. He challenged Miss Shafer from James 4:13-14 that *"Some mountains are not worth climbing."*

Nine seniors graduated from **Heritage Christian School** in Findlay on Sunday, May 18th. Dr. David Burggraff, Vice-President for Spiritual Formation and Ministry Development at BJU, was the commencement speaker. He used Matthew 5:13-16 as his text. Sarah Neal was valedictorian of the class and Aaron Berry and Mark Brahm shared the honor of class salutarian.

Lima Christian Academy had six seniors graduate on Friday, May 23rd. Their class verse was Mark 10:27b, *"...for with God all things are possible."* Amber Sherrick was valedictorian of the class.

Two schools held their commencement exercises on Saturday, May 24, 2008. **Wayside Christian School** in Bucyrus honored four graduates. Pastor Bill Wert, Pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church, was the commencement speaker. Kevin Meligan was valedictorian of the class and Sarah Hanke was the salutarian. The class verse was Psalms 27:4, *"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of*

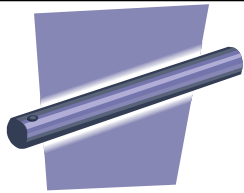
my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple."

In Heath, eleven graduates were honored at **Licking County Christian Academy** where Dr. Robert Shaw was the commencement speaker. Their class verse was II Timothy 4:7-8, *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."* Elizabeth Claggett was the class valedictorian and Stephanie Sykes was salutarian.

Commencement exercises were held at two BCSA schools on Friday, May 30th. Pastor Tony Garren was the speaker at **Fayette Christian School's** graduation ceremonies. Matt Kinzler was the only graduate. His life verse is Philippians 4:12, *"I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."*

Eight graduates were honored at the Twenty-Eighth Commencement Exercises of **Zanesville Christian School**. Pastor Joel Owen was the speaker. He challenged the class to remember God's amazing grace. Jessi Dearth was the valedictorian and Heidi Edwards and Lydia Shaver shared the honor of salutarian. The class verse was Psalms 73:26, *"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever."*

Two schools held their commencement exercises on Friday, June 6, 2008. Thirteen seniors graduated from **Mentor Christian School**. Mr. Jeffrey Houck, Principal, was the commencement



2008 BCSA Track & Field Invitational



This year was the 27th annual BCSA Track & Field Invitational. Even though this meet fell between senior trips and school dramas, we still had a good turn out in spite of the wet and chilly day. There were three schools represented in the meet: Northside Christian, Wayside Christian, and Zanesville Christian. Each school had a good number of students participating this year which was encouraging.




The boys MVP was awarded to Alan Fitzer from Zanesville Christian. His first place win in the 800 Meters (2.23), JH 1,600 Meters (5.02), 3,200 Meters (11.05), and JH 4 x 100 Meter Relay (1.00) gave him the edge in overall points with a total of 16.25 points. Deanna Cheung of Northside and Edith Howell of Zanesville tied for the girls MVP with 16.25 points.

Zanesville Christian boys once again took first place with 89 points, with the Northside Christian boys coming in a close second with 74 points. The Northside Christian girls came away with the victory with 95 points while Zanesville Christian came in second with 38 points. Thanks to all who volunteered to help with this meet, your services were greatly appreciated!

Event	Girls		Boys	
	High School	Junior High	High School	Junior High
100 Meters	1 st —Alissa Theodore (NCS) 2 nd —Danielle Hurst (WCS) 3 rd —Grace Skeen (NCS)	1 st —Deanna Cheung (NCS) 2 nd —Olivia Theodore (NCS) 3 rd —Kayla Reagan (NCS)	1 st —Marshall Landry (ZCS) 2 nd —Noah Medich (ZCS) 3 rd —Judson Richardson (NCS)	1 st —Justin Thrush (ZCS) 2 nd —James Haines (NCS) 3 rd —James Donovan (NCS) Issac Theodore (NCS)
200 meters	1 st —Alissa Theodore (NCS) 2 nd —Danielle Hurst (WCS) 3 rd —Grace Skeen (NCS)	1 st —Deanna Cheung (NCS) 2 nd —Jessica West (ZCS) 3 rd —Elizabeth Dow (NCS)	1 st —Noah Medich (ZCS) 2 nd —Marshall Landry (ZCS) 3 rd —Judson Richardson (NCS)	1 st —James Haines (NCS) 2 nd —James Lafollette (NCS) 3 rd —Jeremy Leid (WCS)
400 Meters	1 st —Angela Potts (NCS) 2 nd —Grace Skeen (NCS) 3 rd —Rebekah Landry (ZCS)	1 st —Elizabeth Dow (NCS)	1 st —Marshall Landry (ZCS) 2 nd —Judson Richardson (NCS) 3 rd —Nathan Hutson (ZCS)	1 st —Josh Martin (WCS)
800 Meters	1 st —Edith Howell (ZCS) 2 nd —Sarah Hanke (WCS) 3 rd —Jamie Timmons (NCS)		1 st —Alan Fitzer (ZCS) 2 nd —Eric Ulliman (NCS) 3 rd —Nathan Richardson (NCS)	
1,600 Meters	1 st —Edith Howell (ZCS) 2 nd —Jamie Timmons (NCS) 3 rd —Leah Fallon (NCS)		1 st —Tyler Collins (ZCS) 2 nd —Eric Ulliman (NCS) 3 rd —Michael Riggs (ZCS)	1 st —Alan Fitzer (ZCS) 2 nd —Josh Martin (WCS) 3 rd —Nathan Richardson (NCS)
3,200 Meters	1 st —Edith Howell (ZCS) 2 nd —Danielle Hurst (WCS) 3 rd —Leah Fallon (NCS)		1 st —Alan Fitzer (ZCS) 2 nd —Jared Sweitzer (WCS) 3 rd —Eric Ulliman (NCS)	
Long Jump	1 st —Ashley Weaver (ZCS) 2 nd —Alissa Theodore (NCS) 3 rd —Sarah Hanke (WCS) Danielle Hurst (WCS)	1 st —Deanna Cheung (NCS) 2 nd —Jessica West (ZCS)	1 st —Noah Medich (ZCS) 2 nd —Nathan Hutson (ZCS) 3 rd —Matt Hanke (WCS)	1 st —Issac Theodore (NCS) 2 nd —Luke Prinsen (NCS) 3 rd —Nathan Medich (ZCS)
High Jump			1 st —Eric Ulliman (NCS) 2 nd —Tyler Collins (ZCS)	1 st —Justin Thrush (ZCS) 2 nd —Nathan Richardson (NCS) 3 rd —James Donovan (NCS)



2008 BCSA Track & Field Invitational (Cont.)

Event	Girls		Boys	
	High School	Junior High	High School	Junior High
Softball Throw	1 st —Angela Potts (NCS) 2 nd —Leah Fallon (NCS) 3 rd —Emily Lafollette (NCS)	1 st —Elizabeth Dow (NCS) 2 nd —Mia Gibson (ZCS) 3 rd —Kayla Reagan (NCS)	Congratulations to all who competed on a job well done!	
Shot Put			1 st —Judson Richardson (NCS) 2 nd —Michael Riggs (ZCS) 3 rd —Any Bills (WCS)	1 st —Josh Martin (WCS) 2 nd —Justin Thrush (ZCS) 3 rd —James Lafollette (NCS)
Discus			1 st —Michael Riggs (ZCS) 2 nd —Jared Sweitzer (WCS) 3 rd —Andy Billis (WCS)	
4 x 100 Meter Relay	1 st —Zanesville	1 st —Northside	1 st —Zanesville 2 nd —Wayside	1 st —Zanesville 2 nd —Northside
4 x 200 Meter Relay	1 st —Northside			
4 x 400 Meter Relay	1 st —Northside		1 st —Northside	

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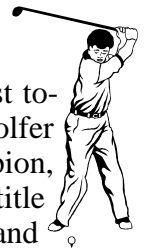
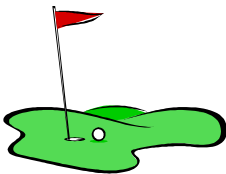
will soon realize the necessity of using textbooks written from a Christian perspective. William Hadik writes in *The Distinctives of Christian Textbooks*, Texts should be written to help accomplish the primary objective of the Christian school to bring the redeemed young person into conformity to Christ. There each text should impart knowledge, teach one to think and reason, teach one to discern between Christian philosophy and humanistic philosophies, and motivate to Christian action." Praise the Lord that several Christian text-

books have been written to enhance the teaching ministry of the Christian school. Teachers have the privilege of using these Christian textbooks which all point the student to God. History then becomes 'His' story or God's providential hand dealing in the affairs of men. English, Reading, and Writing become tools to communicate God's wonderful truth. Science and Math help us to focus upon the great God which we serve.

What a wonderful opportunity afforded in the Christian school to impart truth into the lives of young people whether in the actual teaching of the Scripture or through the testimony of a godly

BCSA 8TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Paul Davis, Tournament Director



On May 6, 2008, three schools competed in the 8th Annual BCSA Golf Tournament at Royal American Golf Club in Galena, Ohio. Each team arrived having only a short season to prepare for the finals. Wet weather and snow affected all but the final two weeks of competition. Two awards were given at the tour-

nament—one for the team with the lowest total score and another for the individual golfer with the lowest score. Last year's champion, Zanesville, successfully defended their title with a convincing win over Licking and Mentor. Zanesville's top golfer, Chase Harris, carded a 85 to earn the top individual honors.

<p>2008 TEAM STANDINGS: 1ST—ZANESVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2ND—MENTOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 3RD—LICKING COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY</p>
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<p>2008 INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS: 1ST—CHASE HARRIS, (ZCS) 2ND—THOMAS GINSBURG, (MCS) 3RD—ERIC BROWN, (ZCS)</p>
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