

# Building and Battling

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

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## 2007 BCSEA Essay & Poetry Winners

### Elementary Poetry

*The Pieces of a Puzzle*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ellie Hill (NCS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kyle Johnson (LCCA)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Marissa Abbati (NCS)

### Elementary Essay

*Dreams*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Allison Fink (HCS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alex Allamon (NCS)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mukami Kaati (NCS)

### Junior High Poetry

*Faces in the Crowd*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Edith Howell (ZCS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Bethany Dickson (NCS)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Rachel Walsh (LCCA)

### Junior High Essay

*A Blessing or a Curse?*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jonas Mason (NCS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tyler Anderson (NCS)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jacob Milhorn (LCCA)

## The Pieces of a Puzzle

Ellie Hill, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Northside Christian

Is your life a horrible jumble?  
With life's heavy load.

Are you ready to crumble?

Are the pieces of your life

Chaotically mired?

Like they will never

In a beautiful picture be fixed.

Are your enemies in a giant swarm,

Ready to crush

Your very form?

Just turn to your God

Let him your footsteps

Guide and prod.

When life's puzzle parts

Just won't fit

God can do a great work

in your heart

If you will just quietly sit.

## 2007 BCSEA Elementary Poetry Contest

In the last issue of *Building & Battling*, we inadvertently switched the first and third place winners. We apologize for the oversight. The following is the correct list of winners:

### KINDERGARTEN:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Anna Overton (LCCA)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Blake Whitney (NCS)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Anna Terhune-Buyer (FCS)

### FIRST GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Jacob Smetana (MCS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lauren Freeland (ZCS)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Hunter Preston (BBS)

### SECOND GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Emily Gill (LCCA)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Noah Potter (MCS)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Janice Wilkinson (LCA)

### THIRD GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Matthew Hibbert (MCS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ethan Conn (FCS)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Andrew Van Dan Berghe (HCS)

### FOURTH GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – James McLean (MCS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Stephen Whited (LCA)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Malaika Sesay (NCS)

### FIFTH GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Thomas Harnetty (ZCS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Mackenzie Leland (NCS)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Kyle Johnson (LCCA)

### SIXTH GRADE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Nathan Hobi (MCS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Abigail Sherrick (LCA)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Matthew Beal (HCS)

## The Importance of Dreams

Allison Fink, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Heritage Christian School

As Carl Sandburg said, "Nothing happens unless first we dream." The question is, what is the importance of dreams?

For starters, dreams help us achieve our goals. For instance, we all have something we want to achieve in our lives. To sports players, it might be winning a game. To kids, it might be getting good grades in school. To Christians, it should be letting God shine in our lives.

Also, dreams give us motivation. We need something to focus on, something to look forward to. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "I have a dream!" His dream was that all races would be considered equal. And today his dream lives on!

Every person that has achieved something great in their lives had a dream. Therefore, dreams help us hope and aim for the better.

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## *If Only*

Edith Howell, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Zanesville Christian School

If only I had listened  
    When I heard it said and told  
How I was just sinner  
    Wand'ring far outside the fold!  
If only worldly pleasures  
    Hadn't meant so much to me!  
If only I'd accepted  
    Christ's great gift that makes men free!  
If only I had listened,  
    But alas! It is too late!  
I stand wishing even now  
    Outside Heaven's closing gate.  
If only I were in there  
    Being one of those glad saints  
In that pure sea of people  
    All without Sin's ugly taints.  
I see many in that crowd;  
    I see young and old and more—  
And they all look so happy  
    Over on that Golden Shore.  
I've lived my life for pleasure  
    With intent for worldly gain;

But now I see my error—  
    Oh, to live my life again!  
I stand now as the rich man  
    In the Laz'rus story old  
Looking to Heaven's glories  
    Which my heart will never hold.  
My heart cries out for mercy.  
    "Lord, O let me come to you!"  
But I see Him even now  
    Whisp'ring sadly, "Life is through.  
You often heard the story  
    How my blood your freedom bought;  
But you refused to listen.  
    Be away—I know thee not."  
O sinner, will you listen?  
    I lived my life span through.  
Beware of worldly pleasures—  
    They have nought to offer you!  
And when your lifetimes ended  
    Will you join the vile and proud  
Standing outside Heav'n's glories  
    One more lost face in the crowd?

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## *A Blessing or a Curse?*

Jonas Mason, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Northside Christian School

Many times people today get lazy and try to take the easy way out of things. We have many luxuries even though we do not know it. Clean water is a good example; many third world countries do not have clean water. Back in the eighteen hundreds, people had to lay down rubber letter, put ink on them, and finally print them onto one piece of paper. Today all we have to do is type the paper on your computer and print how many you want. Modern technology can be a blessing or a curse.

Modern technology can be a blessing because there are many devices to make life easier. Computers help us find information using the world wide web. You can also type and print information with ease. Television also provides a time of resting if you are tired and need rest. There are many game systems that many children and adults enjoy. Even false legs help many people to walk and run.

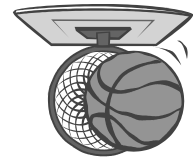
Modern technology can be a blessing because it can help up transport people and items. An example would be cars because they help us get around faster and easier. Cars can also help you transport more people and items at the same time. Airplanes are another example because they transport even more and faster than a car does.

Modern technology can also be a curse. Technology can cause children and adults to develop laziness and obesity. Many times people do not have control and watch television for hours rotting their brains. Television is not safe for people that like to watch to sinful things. The radio causes people to be attracted to sinful music. Most of the time modern technology can be big help, but sometimes technology can be a curse.



## 2008 BCSA 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Paul Davis, Tournament Director



The 26th Annual BCSA Basketball Tournament was held at Licking County Christian Academy on February 22-23. The following teams participated in the tournament: **Division I**—Licking County Christian Academy, Lima Christian Academy, Mentor Christian School, and Zanesville Christian School; and **Division II**—Fayette Christian School, Heritage Christian School, Licking County Christian Academy, and Wayside Christian School.

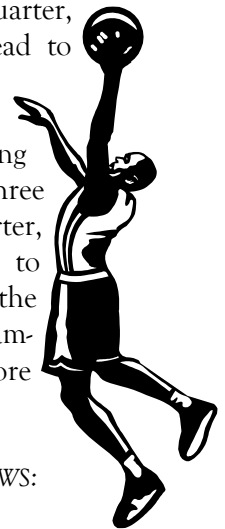


The tournament started on Friday at 1 pm with Division II teams. In the first game, LCCA edged out the Minutemen of HCS by the score of 46–41 to advance to the championship game. Then, the Wayside Warriors earned a spot in the Division II championship game with their victory over Fayette. The first Division I match-up was between the Lions of Lima and the ZCS Warriors. The low scoring game was won by the Warriors by the final score of 48–39. In the second Division I game, the Eagles of LCCA defeated Mentor 73–62 to setup a rematch with Zanesville in the Division I championship game.

On Saturday morning, the Minutemen won 3rd place in Division II by the score of 44–37 over Fayette. Lima was able to hold on and take 3rd place in Division I in a close game with Mentor winning by only four points, 50–46.

The Division II championship game was between the Wayside Warriors and the LCCA Eagles. There were two different games in one. In the first half, the Eagles shocked Wayside by keeping it close. The Warriors were only up by three, 30–27, going into halftime. But, in the second half, the Warriors changed their defense and outscored LCCA 37–19. Wayside won their first Division II Basketball Championship 67–46. The finals for Division I were just as exciting. Both teams played extremely

hard and have a lot of respect for each other. LCCA took a six point in the first quarter, 18–12, and extended the lead to nine by halftime, 35–26. In the third quarter, the Eagles pushed the lead to fifteen with three minutes to go in the quarter; but, Zanesville came storming back and cut the lead to three by the end of the quarter, 50–47. LCCA was able to keep the lead and won the Division I Basketball Championship by the final score of 72–55.



### ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS:

#### DIVISION I

ERIC BROWN (ZCS)  
DAN STELLAR (MCS)  
NATE TATE (LCCA)  
BEN WALSH (LCCA)  
LUKE WILLIAMS (LCA)  
MVP—NOAH MEDICH (ZCS)

#### DIVISION II

AARON BERRY (HCS)  
BRYAN DOLBOW (LCCA)  
DANNY KINZLER (FCS)  
ANDREW MARTINDALE (LCCA)  
KEITH SMITH (WCS)  
MVP—ANDREW BILLS (WCS)

THE FINAL STANDINGS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

#### DIVISION I

1<sup>ST</sup>—LICKING COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
2<sup>ND</sup>—ZANESVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
3<sup>RD</sup> & SPORTSMANSHIP—LIMA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

#### DIVISION II

1<sup>ST</sup>—WAYSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
2<sup>ND</sup>—LICKING COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
3<sup>RD</sup> & SPORTSMANSHIP—HERITAGE CHRISTIAN

### BCSA Volleyball and Basketball All-Star Competition

This year the BCSA Volleyball and Basketball All-Star Games were hosted by Licking County Christian Academy on February 29, 2008. The All-Tournament players were divided into two different teams. The Division I & II coaches that won their tournament coached these teams. It was an excellent opportunity for the schools to play each other and get to know one another better.



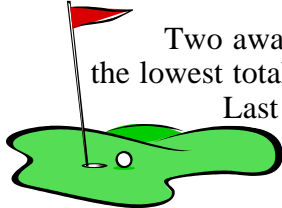
# BCSA 7th Annual Golf Tournament

*Eric Leszkowicz, Tournament Director*

On May 1, 2007, four schools competed in the 7th Annual BCSA Golf Tournament at Seneca Hills Golf Course in Tiffin, 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 tournament. One award is given for the team with the lowest total score and another award for the individual golfer with the lowest score.



Last year's champion, Zanesville, successfully defended their title with a convincing win over Licking, Mentor, and Heritage. Zanesville's top golfer, Joel Harris, carded a 75 to earn the top individual honors.

### 2007 TEAM STANDINGS:

- 1<sup>ST</sup>—ZANESVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- 2<sup>ND</sup>—MENTOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- 3<sup>RD</sup>—LICKING COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
- 4<sup>TH</sup>—HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### 2007 INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS:

- 1<sup>ST</sup>—JOEL HARRIS, (ZCS)
- 2<sup>ND</sup>—CHASE HARRIS, (ZCS)
- 3<sup>RD</sup> (TIE)—BEN BUKOVEC, (MCS)  
THOMAS GINSBURG, (MCS)

YEAR	WINNING SCHOOL	GOLF COURSE
2006	ZANESVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	ROYAL AMERICAN LINKS
2005	ZANESVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	APPLE VALLEY GOLF COURSE
2004	LICKING COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	APPLE VALLEY GOLF COURSE
2003	LICKING COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	MILLSTONE HILLS GOLF CLUB
2002	LICKING COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	INDIAN SPRINGS GOLF COURSE
2001	LICKING COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	RACCOON INTERNATIONAL GOLF COURSE



## BCSA JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

*John Boley, Tournament Director*

Northside Christian School hosted the BCSA Junior High Basketball Tournament on Saturday, February 16. The tournament started earlier in the week with two play-off games. The Minutemen of Heritage Christian advanced to Saturday's tournament with a win over Lima Christian 45-25 and the Lions of Northside Christian edged out Wayside Christian 31-25 to advance as well.

The first game on Saturday was between the Warriors of Zanesville Christian and the Heritage Minutemen which the Warriors won by a score of

28-18. Zanesville then waited for the winner of the second game between the NCS Lions and the Eagles of Licking County. LCCA knocked off the Lions by a score of 38-23 to setup a rematch of last year's championship game with Zanesville.

In the consolation game between Heritage and Northside, the Lions prevailed to earn 3rd place by a score of 37-13. In the championship game between LCCA and Zanesville, the Eagles came out strong and were up 23-7 by half-time. The Eagles continued to control the game in the second half and went on to win the championship 43-14. The Minutemen of Heritage took home the Sportsmanship Trophy. It was a good day of fellowship as there was a good spirit of competition among the schools and those who came to support their efforts.