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

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How Our Constitution Protects Our Liberties

Ellie Hill, 5th Grade, Northside Christian School



Our Constitution gives us laws to obey and rights that we have as American citizens. We have the right to worship God the way we want. We have laws that protect us and our property. We also have a right to vote the way we want.

We should be so thankful that we can worship God the way we want. In some places the ruler chooses the religion. If someone dares try and worship another way and they're caught they have to pay a fine, go to jail, or sometimes even die for their faith. What a privilege to live in a free country!

Or think about if we had no laws. Everything would be in an uproar. People would start shooting

other people, others would start robbing people. Nobody would stop for red lights. People would speed. It would be crazy! I'm sure glad for those laws. Aren't you?

What would happen if only certain people could vote? In the old days only men could vote, they also had to be white, and own land. I'm glad that today any American citizen over eighteen, male or female can vote. If only certain people could vote who knows who would be in office.

I'm glad those men made the Constitution. Because of it we have many laws and rights that otherwise we might not have. Our Constitution is a great blessing.

America, My Own

Edith Howell, 6th Grade, Zanesville Christian School

Across the western hemisphere by God's grace is spanned
America, America, Oh, such a wondrous land
With vast forests, gushing streams, oceans white with foam,
With great mountains, valleys, too, all the artist's home.

And my ancestors, the Pilgrims, for freedom did they come
To worship God as they chose abroad or at their home.
They did found a mighty nation, with God's Word made it strong.
They established Christian leaders to hold them fast from wrong.

I want to follow in their footsteps, trust in my God as they;
I want to listen to God's calling, and all His words obey.
Oh! God based this America on truth and honesty.
Since God made me American, that is what I'll be!

**Congratulations to Edith for winning 3rd place
in the AACS National Poetry Contest!!**

2007 BCSA Essay & Poetry Winners

Elementary Poetry

Proud To Be An American

1st Place – Edith Howell (ZCS)

2nd Place – Abby McLaughlin (LCCA)

3rd Place – Sydney Dosier (NCS)

Elementary Essay

*How Our Constitution
Protects Our Liberties*

1st Place – Ellie Hill (NCS)

2nd Place – Sam Berry (HCS)

3rd Place – David Claggett (LCCA)

Junior High Poetry

Proud To Be An American

1st Place – Jonathan Nicols (LCCA)

2nd Place – Sammy Head (NCS)

3rd Place – Tim Grapes (LCCA)

Junior High Essay

One Nation Without God

1st Place – Kylie Boubary (LCCA)

2nd Place – Jacob Milhorn (LCCA)

3rd Place – Tony Hou (NCS)

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I'm Proud to be an American

Jonathan Nichols, 8th Grade, Licking County Christian Academy

I'm proud to be an American,
Where many have fought and died
To protect our freedom, love, and hope,
And our religious pride.

I'm proud to be an American,
"One Nation Under God."
God blesses all, from palaces
To lowly huts of sod.

I'm proud to be an American.
Our motto: "In God we trust."
To win the lost, to preach God's Word,
As Americans, we must.

I'm proud to be an American,
The Land of the Free:
But did you know we're free from sin?
Christ died for you and me.

This country stands for liberty,
Our colors: Red, Blue, and White,
But our strengths alone can not make us free,
We rely on God's might.

I'm proud to live in America,
The land of the ransomed free,
But greater far is the freedom God gives.
Christ died for you and me.

The founding of this country,
The very name of which I love,
Was based upon the Scriptures,
The Word of God above.

Religious freedom is partly why
This nation came to be.
Those soldiers that lay down their lives,
They gave their lives for me.

So I could vote; so I could have
Some say in how things run?
All this for me? That soldier
Who never more wilt hold his gun?

Never more to march out bravely
Against this country's foes?
No more the enemies of this land
That soldier will oppose?

Oh, forgive me God, forgive me
For my arrogance, my pride;
But to shout this nation's glory
My time I will not bide.

Congratulations to Jonathan for winning 1st place in the AACCS National Poetry Contest!!

One Nation Without God

Kylie Boubary, 8th Grade, Licking County Christian Academy

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." You may have noticed something different as you read over the pledge; the words "under God" have been omitted. God is being taken out of every area of life today. Our country is rapidly moving away from its outstanding religious past.

A few of our founding fathers include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Samuel Adams. Over two hundred years ago, they shook off the chains of tyranny from Great Britain, and citing twenty-seven biblical violations, they wrote the Declaration of Independence. Fifty-five men formed the Constitution; fifty-two were active members of their church. Our nation was established on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Founding fathers like Noah Webster, who wrote the first dictionary, could quote the Bible chapter and verse. James Madison even said, "We've staked our future in the ability to follow the Ten Commandments with all our heart." These men believed that you couldn't even call yourself an American if you did not obey the Word of God. Would they be satisfied with the sacrifices they made if they were to see our country the way it is now?

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2007 BCSA 25th Annual Basketball Tournament

Paul Davis, Tournament Director



This year's State Basketball Tournament was held at Licking County Christian Academy on February 23-24. The following teams participated in the tournament: **Division I Invitational**—Harvest Temple Christian, Licking County Christian Academy, Mentor Christian School, and Zanesville Christian School; and **Division II**—Fayette Christian School, Grace Baptist Academy, Heritage Christian School, Licking County Christian Academy, Lima Christian Academy, Northside Christian School, and Wayside Christian School. On Tuesday, February 20th, there were three first round Division II playoff games. Northside Christian prevailed over the Warriors of

Wayside by the score of 51 to 43. The Eagles of Licking County edged out Heritage Christian 48 to 46. Fayette Christian lost to the Conquerors of Grace Baptist Academy by the score of 68 to 55. The three winners advanced to the second round on Friday, February 22nd.

The tournament started on Friday at 1 pm. There was excitement in the air for all the teams that advanced to the semi-final round. On Saturday, the consolation games were played in the morning session to determine 3rd place. The scores of these games are as follows (the winners are in **bold** print):

<u>FRIDAY GAMES</u>	<u>SATURDAY GAMES</u>
DIVISION I ZANESVILLE VS. MENTOR, 77-31 LCCA VS. HARVEST TEMPLE, 90-37	DIVISION I HARVEST TEMPLE VS. MENTOR, 90-37 (3 RD)
DIVISION II GRACE VS. LIMA, 73-56 LCCA VS. NORTHSIDE, 51-46	DIVISION II LIMA VS. NORTH SIDE, 62-46 (3 RD)

The Division II Championship game was between LCCA and Grace Baptist Academy. It was an exciting game to watch. LCCA won the game, 64 to 55.

The Championship game for Division I was even more exciting. LCCA took a ten point lead in the second

quarter and kept it through the third quarter. The Warriors of Zanesville went on an 11 to 1 run in the fourth quarter to tie the game. The

Eagles of LCCA had a chance to win the game with the last shot, but missed. The overtime gave everyone a chance to cheer even louder.

LCCA pulled out the victory in a hard fought competitive game against Zanesville by the final score of 60 to 54. The Sportsmanship Trophy was

awarded to the following teams: **DIVISION I**—Licking County Christian Academy and **DIVISION II**—Northside Christian School.

<u>ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS:</u>	
DIVISION I ERIC BROWN (ZCS) NATE HUMPHREY (LCCA) BART LOY (LCCA) NOAH MEDICH (ZCS) BEN SMITH (ZCS) GRANT STINSON (TEMPLE) MVP—MAX HAHN (LCCA)	DIVISION II BRYAN KAFFENBARGER (GBA) DAVID KAFFENBARGER (GBA) JORDAN MITCHELL (LCCA) BEN PANNELL (LCA) JONNY STECKEL (NCS) MVP—SCOTT CALDWELL (LCCA)

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 March 2, 2007. 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.



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Things have drastically changed since the birth of our nation. For instance, the Bible used to be considered “the chief cornerstone for American liberty” and was used in most schools. Today the Bible has been taken out of the public educational systems, and the change in the school atmosphere is unbelievable. For example, in the 1940’s and 1950’s problems in school were chewing gum and talking; now rape and murder are dealt with almost daily. Abraham Lincoln said, “The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.” Therefore, when we remove the Word of God from our classrooms and politics, we eliminate the nation that Word defends. America in now number one in teen pregnancy, violent crime, illiteracy, drug use, and divorce. Everyday thousands of unborn children are ruthlessly murdered, while pornography and godless music is found for sale in almost every store. We’ve eliminated God from the equation of American life, thus eliminating the reason this nation first began. While everyone may not know it, their only hope is to turn to God. As our country moves further away from God, we will only continue to see more problems, and things will only worsen until every American realizes their vital need to repent and turn back to the Saviour. It is time for all Christians to wake up, and take action for the Lord while the opportunity is still available. Although many are ignorant of Jesus’ return to earth, when He comes back there will be no second chances. Everything will end, and the world will be no more. What will you have done to help make America “one nation under God” once again?



BCSA JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Judy Crowe, Tournament Director

Lima Christian Academy hosted the BCSA Junior High Basketball Tournament on Saturday, February 17. The tournament started on Monday, February 12, with a play-off game between Heritage Christian and Northside Christian which the Lions of Northside won to advance to Saturday’s tournament. The first game of the day was between the Eagles of Licking County Christian Academy and the Warriors of Wayside Christian School. The Eagles won by a score of 38 to 21. The Eagles then waited for the winner of the second game between the ZCS Warriors and the NCS Lions. Zanesville knocked off the Lions by a score of 37 to 7. This set up the consolation game between Wayside and Northside. The Lions prevailed to earn 3rd place by a score of 44 to 18.

In the championship game between LCCA and Zanesville was tied at 10 at halftime. In the third quarter, both teams stepped up their defense—Zanesville only scored four points and the Eagles were held to two points. However, in the fourth quarter, Zanesville went on a 12 to 0 run to win the championship 26 to 12. Wayside Christian School won the Sportsmanship Trophy.



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shine before men...”*

Matthew 5:16

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