

# Building and attling

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

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## 2009 BCSA Essay & Poetry Winners

## A True Friend

Allison Fink

6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Heritage Christian School

### Elementary Poetry: *My Favorite Things*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kathryn O'Brien (NCS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Shelby August (HCS)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Gabby Ross (NCS)

### Elementary Essay: *A True Friend*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Allison Fink (HCS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Savanna Ball (LCCA)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Abigail Carpenter (NCS)

### Junior High Poetry: *Solitude*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Edith Howell (ZCS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Miranda Yorty (NCS)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Tori Smith (LCCA)

### Junior High Essay: *The Opportunity of a Lifetime*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Gregory Tuckerman (NCS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sarah Hutson (ZCS)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sienna Castillo (LCCA)

According to the *American Heritage Dictionary*, a friend is a person whom one knows, likes, and trusts. But a true friend must have the right characteristics.

First of all, in Proverbs 18:24a it says, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly." A true friend would be friendly at all times. A true friend would always be kind, no matter what they might be going through.

Secondly, in Proverbs 18:24a it says, "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." A true friend would stay by my side. The friendship would not be broken up because of a simple argument.

Lastly, in Proverbs 17:17a it says, "A friend loveth at all times." But a true friend would love me for who I am, not just because of what I have.

## My Favorite Thing

Kathryn O'Brien

6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Northside Christian School

When thunder rolls  
And I am all alone,  
I will remember God is with me.

My favorite thing  
Is to remember God is with me.

When sirens blare,  
And the world falls apart  
I will remember God is with me.

My favorite thing  
Is to remember God is with me.

When all else fails

And I hide in terror,

I will remember God is with me.

My favorite thing

Is to remember God is with me.

When trials come my way  
And I do not know where to run,  
I will remember God is with me.

My favorite thing

Is to remember God is with me.

When I face life's hardships

And all forsake me,

I will remember God is with me.

My favorite thing

Is to remember God is with me.

When I am far away

And I do not know the way,

I will remember God is with me..

My favorite thing

Is to remember God is with me.

When the world turns against me

And it is filled with utter chaos,

I will remember God is with me.

My favorite thing

Is to remember God is **still** with me.

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## *My Comforting Friendship*

Edith Howell, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Zanesville Christian School

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There was a way I trudged alone,  
A world of darkness all my own;  
A friendless world, dim and dreary;  
A long, hard path, rough and wary.  
Then, when my weakened hopes did flee,  
A Comforter befriended me.  
He taught my songless heart to sing,  
And gave my flightless spirit wing;  
And bade me walk alone no more  
But follow Him to Heaven's door.  
A faithful Friend, so dear and true,  
He was there to lead me through!

Yet then the brightened sky turned bleak  
As when the stormclouds fury seek  
And high ambitions lost their glow  
As windy doubts began to blow.  
Again I felt despondent plight  
Like one last candle in the night  
As I considered in despair,  
"Am I the only one to care?"  
The Comforter, in loving tone,  
Told me I was never alone,  
Breathing in me a burning goal  
To win another wretched soul.

Then was a bed of wood and stone  
That I was made to sleep upon  
And stilly lie, in darkness sealed,  
Until the dawn was plain revealed  
And I, with tears for wondrous grace,  
Gazed up into my Savior's face.  
He wiped my eyes with loving hand,  
And showed me through the better land  
Devoid of grey that stormclouds wear  
And lonesome planes of earthly care;  
But full of Him, my wondrous Lord  
Who filled my longing with His Word.

Eternity, brightening Word!  
Eternity spent with Him, my Lord  
Who filled by empty life with will,  
Bidding the cloudy doubts be still;  
Changed my life from rags to renown;  
Making hurtful pasts a crown.  
He, in frequent lonely longings,  
Or in time of unjust wronging;  
Or in battling furious strife;  
Or in calmly tranquil life;  
A faithful Friend, so dear and true,  
He was there to lead me through!

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## *The Opportunity of a Lifetime*

Greggory Tuckerman, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Northside Christian School

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Many people have different ideas for the opportunity of a lifetime. But what is an opportunity? By definition, it is a favorable or advantageous circumstance or combination of circumstances. So what circumstance would I benefit from? One that sticks in my head would be a tour of heaven and hell before I died. I would be able to invite as many people as I could.

The first thing this could do is tell unbelievers about God. I would try to invite as many unsaved people as possible. The sights of heaven would at the very least convince them that there is a God, and He wants them to go to heaven. Hopefully, they would be more open to the Bible and the Gospel message. This would be an amazing opportunity because more people would go to heaven. But this opportunity is different. While others will end, this will last even after they die. They could

even spread the news to other nonbelievers.

Of course, I would invite Christians as well. This would truly be the opportunity of a lifetime if you are saved. Looking at what God made for us would be amazing, but seeing God would be the best part. It could boost Christians' faith and make them stronger for God.

After that we would go to visit hell. This would only be for the people who aren't saved. Seeing hell would get anyone to believe in God. They would figure out they need God or they go to that place of death.

When all that was done, we would go home. Seeing both heaven and hell would be amazing for me, but it could save others as well. That would be the best part.

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## *The Blessings and Benefits of the Christian School Ministry – Part IV*

By Paul Shaver

In the previous three newsletters, we have seen that the Christian school ministry is a place of philosophy, a place of principles, and a place of provision. Now for the concluding thoughts concerning the blessings and benefits of the Christian school ministry.

Fourthly, the Christian school is a place of protection. All through the Old Testament, God gives instructions to Israel not to make covenants with the heathen, not to intermarry with them, and even at times to totally destroy a particular heathen nation. One might ask "Why?". One reason that can be seen in the Scriptures is that God is providing a means of protection from the influence of an ungodly culture with all of its idolatrous practices. Our God is a jealous God who desires that His people worship Him and Him alone. (Exodus 23:20-33) The same thought can be seen in the New Testament as Paul instructs the Colossian believers to "*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*" It is necessary for Christians not to be influenced by the humanistic society. The Christian school then provides one means of protection from the influences of humanism. Sometimes people will say to parents who send their children to the Christian school that they are overprotecting their children. They say that the children are living in a greenhouse. Dr. Charles Walker in an article titled, *The Greenhouse Theory – Are We Overprotecting Our Children?*, addresses the issue of overprotection. Dr. Walker says, "Critics consider the greenhouse sheltering approach to education...to be unnatural and unnecessary...Is such an accusation valid?...Sheltering children from potential harm has always been a concern of responsible parents. Protection, however, is not limited to

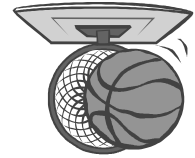
guarding children from physical dangers; it also includes protecting children from unbiblical teachings and personalities. To ignore the danger of non-Christian influences in the development of a child's value system would be spiritual apathy or willful ignorance on the part of the parents...What then is the meaning and significance of "The Greenhouse Theory"? A greenhouse is a place where young plants are protected from undesirable and potentially dangerous climatic conditions. The environment is carefully controlled in an effort to maximize the plant's survival and growth rate when transplanted to the outdoors. The greenhouse analogy expresses how Christian school parents feel about Christian schools. To them, Christian education is an extension of the Christian home. Since Christians are to honor Christ in everything they do, Christian school advocates feel it only stands to reason that education is also included in this Biblical mandate. They want to protect their children from the influences in the public schools that could be harmful to their children's social, physical, educational, and spiritual development...The purpose of a Christian school, like a greenhouse, is to protect and to nurture. Children need protection during their formative years. If protecting our children from unregenerate teachers, humanism, abusive habits, sex education, New Age teachings, and rebellious attitudes is overprotection, then let all Christian parents stand guilty!"

Lastly, the Christian school is a place of privilege. It is a privilege for the student to be taught in God's Word, to be in a Christian environment protected from humanism and its philosophies, and to be in a place where the teach-



## 2009 BCSA 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Paul Davis, Tournament Director



The 27th Annual BCSA Basketball Tournament was held at Licking County Christian Academy on February 27-28. The following teams participated in the tournament: **Division I**—Carroll County Christian Academy, Licking County Christian Academy, Veritas Academy, and Wayside Christian School; and **Division II**—Fayette Christian School, Heritage Christian School, Licking County Christian Academy, Lima Christian Academy and Zanesville Christian School.



The tournament started with a playoff game Friday, February 20, with Lima Christian playing Fayette Christian. The Lions of Lima won the game 43–26. The next Friday, the tournament started at 1 pm with Division II teams. In the first game, the LCCA Eagles narrowly defeated the Minutemen of HCS by a score of 49–47 to advance to the championship game. Then, the ZCS Warriors earned a spot in the Division II championship game with their victory over Lima Christian. The first Division I match-up was between the Warriors of Wayside and Veritas Academy. The low scoring game was won by Veritas by a final score of 49–39. In the second Division I game, the Eagles of LCCA defeated Carroll County 82–45 to advance to the Division I championship game.

On Saturday morning, the Minutemen won 3rd

place in Division II by edging out the Crusaders of Fayette by only two points, 47–45. The Wayside Warriors took 3rd place in Division I with a victory over Carroll County by a final score of 75–61.

The Division II championship game was between the ZCS Warriors and the LCCA Eagles. The game was dominated by the Warriors. Zanesville flexed its muscles in every aspect of the game. Three ZCS players scored in double figures—Eric Brown, Tyler Collins, and Michael Riggs. The final score was ZCS 55 to LCCA 28. The championship game for Division I was dominated by the Eagles of LCCA. The halftime score was 34–14. Part of the Eagles early success was because the best player from Veritas got into early foul trouble. The Eagles won the Division I championship game by a score of 54–35.



### ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS:

#### DIVISION I

JAMES AMICONE (WCS)  
MICHAEL JUNKER (VA)  
NEIL LEONARD (VA)  
KEITH SMITH (WCS)  
DANIEL STOVER (CCCA)  
**MVP**—NATE HUMPHREY (LCCA)

#### DIVISION II

STEVEN ANDRUS (HCS)  
ERIC BROWN (ZCS)  
JOEL CAVE (LCA)  
ANDREW MARTINDALE (LCCA)  
MICHAEL RIGGS (ZCS)  
**MVP**—TYLER COLLINS (ZCS)

THE FINAL STANDINGS WERE  
AS FOLLOWS:

#### DIVISION I

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

#### DIVISION II

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

### BCSA Basketball All-Star Competition

This year the BCSA All-Stars, along with some coaches picks, played against the Ohio Christian Athletic Conference All-Stars at Malone College on Saturday, March 21st. Coach Paul Davis from the Division I champion, LCCA Eagles, coached the team. He was assisted by Greg Dolbow—LCCA, Matt Smith—WCS, and Paul Shaver—ZCS. It was an excellent opportunity for the schools to play each other and get to know one another better.



## BCSA JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Tom Richardson, Tournament Director

Northside Christian School hosted the BCSA Junior High Basketball Tournament on Saturday, February 21. The early game pitted the second seeded LCCA Eagles against the third seeded Warriors of Wayside. The game was decided early with the Warriors jumping out to a 14–4 lead in the first quarter. The Warriors never relinquished the lead and won by a score of 38–24. In the second game, the top-seed, the Minutemen from Heritage Christian, played the fourth seeded Northside Lions. The Lions took control early, went into halftime with a 19–6 lead, and never looked back. The Lions advanced to the championship game by the final score of 25–13.

In the consolation game, the Eagles of LCCA took a halftime lead of 17–8 over the HCS Minutemen. The Minutemen were able to hold the Eagles to only two points in the third quarter and closed the gap to 19–15. The Eagles took control in the fourth quarter and won the game and 3rd place by the final score of 32–25. The championship game was close for most of the game with the NCS Lions leading the Wayside Warriors 17–10 at halftime. The Warriors closed the gap in the third quarter; but in the end, the Lions overcame the Warriors and won the championship game 29–20. The Sportsmanship voting ended in a tie between the HCS Minutemen and the NCS Lions. It was a job well done by all the teams! The final standings were:

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

### *The Blessings and Benefits....*

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ers care about him spiritually, academically, and in every other way. It is a privilege for parents to know that they can send their children to a place which complements the teaching of their home and of their local church. It is a privilege for teachers to know there is a place to which God has called them to minister in the lives of young people. I Timothy 1:12 says, "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." When I first became a teacher, I was amazed that God allowed me to do what I loved to do (work with young people) and paid me for it, too. What a privilege! There is no greater reward than to be in His service. It is a privilege for me as a principal to watch the Holy Spirit use His Word to work in the lives of the students. It is a joy to see former students being faithful to the local church and then serving in the local church. It is a joy to

see the impact that the students have in the lives of others. This impact can be illustrated from the responses of the elderly after ZCS students have ministered to them. Comments that have been made are as follows: 'This is the hope for America.' 'They didn't need to say anything. It was such a blessing having young men looking like young men and young ladies looking like young ladies.' 'Whatever you are doing, keep it up.' and 'Come as often as you can.' I can say with John, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." Praise God for the privilege of ministry available in and through the Christian school!

In conclusion, when the 'alligators' come and they will come, let all of us involved in the Christian school ministry remember the blessing and benefits of the ministry. As we focus upon what God has done, is doing, and wants to do, the 'alligators' will become less distracting and we therefore will be able to continue with our whole heart in the ministry to which God has called us.