



Pines Christian Academy News

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From The Pen of the Administrator

WOW! We have less than three months of school left. Our school is doing well academically and the student are learning. I am so proud of the progress our students are making.

We received two new student this semester: Bradley Drebert (6th) and Brandon Seaton (7th). To them I give a welcome to Pines Christian Academy. When you come on campus to Magalia Pines Baptist Church, please take time to visit the students and say hi to them. God has given us wonderful students and parents who trust us in their journey to higher education.

Please pray for Pines Christian Academy this coming school year (2009-2010): for guidance and the will of our Father.

As you all know, Pastor

Wayne Livingston declined the invitation to become our Senior Pastor. My Father in heaven knows what He is doing. I pray that my brothers and sisters in Christ will encourage each other to continue praying and asking what God has in store for Magalia Pines Baptist Church and Pines Christian Academy.

Pines Christian Academy extends an invitation to our alumni who graduated from Pines Academy, Magalia West wood Charter. This year will be our first graduating class of Pines Christian Academy. We will have 5 graduates: Mikayla Sparks, Jessica Heitzman, Joseph Johnston, Jesse Schwengel and Jacob Barrett. These young people work so hard and I am so proud of them.

If you know of any students who can benefit from a small school environment and who like to succeed in their edu-

cation, please direct them to me and allow me to minister and teach them and love them.



School Administrator
Mr. Martin Glasenapp

Special Dates

- March 13- No School, Mission Project
- March 27-3rd Quarter Ends.
- April 6-13 No School, Easter Break
- May 28-No School, Memorial Day
- June 1st-4th Quarter Ends (For Seniors)
- June 4th -Senior trip (TBA)
- June 5 -Last Day and Graduation



WHY A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL?

A Christian school is a place where Christian parents can have their children educated in an atmosphere where the sovereignty of God and the individual's responsibility to Him can be revealed in every area of life and education. A Christian school will help parents fulfill the scriptural instruction to "train up a child in the way he should go." (Proverbs 22:6) Since education seeks to impart truth and knowledge to students, since the "fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge", and since Jesus Christ is "the Way, the Truth and the Life," a Christian school never needs to make apology for teaching students these truths. A Christian school is uniquely equipped to help parents achieve their goals.

Will a Christian school pro-

duce "hot-house Christians," unable to face the world? Absolutely not! The world, the flesh and the devil are still present to tempt the student. But, instead of socialistic, humanistic and evolutionary instruction, the Christian school students will learn to relate biblical principles to their exposure to the world, to every subject. These teachings will help the student to withstand the pressures of today. A parent's greatest responsibility in educating his children is to introduce them to Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Once the child has come to know Christ, he/she must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. This is achieved through the three-fold efforts of the home, the Church and the school.

A Christian school must reach out to all students so they have

the opportunity to reach the community around the school and teach Jesus Christ .

I received this Article from Grace Baptist School in Redding, CA from the parent's hand book.

Martin



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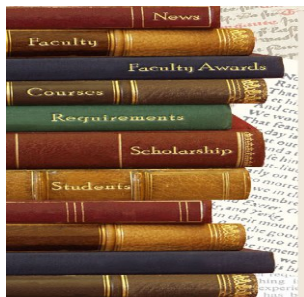
English Class– Mrs. Cathy Page

Currently our class is reading and studying Nathaniel Hawthorne’s Scarlet Letter. We are analyzing the complicated plot, looking at the characters and how their lives affect them, and attempting to understand the symbolism in the story. It’s a challenging read, and I need grace to temper the stern puritan mood of the story.

When this is completed we will venture into a unit of grammar practice (oh boy!)

Please pray for me and for the students as we work together

Kathy



“Save Mart’s cards are in! Pines Christian Academy earns 3% on every dollar you spend”

Bible, Speech and Spanish I-Chris Jensen

This quarter in High School Bible class, we have recently finished a study entitled "Vintage Jesus" where we took a look at the life of Christ and who He is to us. We also spent some time looking through the books of First and Second Thessalonians and are about to look through the book of Isaiah.

actually that, essentials to communicating effectively. Together we have been learning about different types of communication, appropriate responses, and how to listen well. We are looking forward to beginning Unit 2 soon.

In Spanish we have been learning many new verbs and how to conjugate them. Recently we have been looking at joining phrases and are about to have a test in the coming weeks.

We have finished our Family and Consumer Sciences class and have begun "Essentials to Communication" where we learn ex-



Younger Elementary-Mrs. Linda Glasenapp

During the past three months our class as been busy with the book “What Would Jesus Do?”. Each day we read a chapter and discuss ways we can be like Jesus.

Hannah Baus has finished her Kindergarten math book and is really eager to start her first grade math book

Mathew Carpenter, our 5th grader, is reading the story “Pilgrims Progress.”

Nathaniel Baus has done and excellent job in Spelling an Math.

We want to encourage our students everyday when you come on campus for church business.

One of our activies this month was Dr. Seuss’s birthday. The children enjoyed making green eggs and ham. After we cooked our food, we came together and picked out one of Dr. Seuss’s books and read one book each and read it out loud to each other.

Ryan Gadberry (A child from Team Kids) and his mother, while picking up Keith Gadberry, visited my classroom and read “Go Dog Go” to my students.

What a blessing to see each child read these great classics that I had read when I was a child.

Teacher Linda

It’s All About Jesus



The Mission of Pines Christian Academy

Dear Member of Magalia Pines Baptist Church:

I put an article on the front of this newsletter stating "Why a Christian School?" As I ponder this article I start to think about our own school and where it would like to be.

I will have been here 4 years as of July 4, 2009. It has been a challenging and a rewarding time for me; working with staff and parents, and grandparents in educating the student of the 21st century. I really love my job.

As the Administrator of Pines Christian Academy, who is looking to the future, I personally love to see us grow into a wonderful "Christian School." But I see God working in a different way. Every one of our students has a handicap in some way or another. Some socially and some mentally and some lacking educational structure. But they all have one thing in common, that is God's love for them. Our goal is to share Christ's love to them through the Bible and our walk with our Savior.

I have seen students grow into mature young women and men, who are going to college and working and caring for family needs and helping out through the needs of Magalia Pines Baptist Church.

Over the last four years I have seen us transitioned from a charter to a private school where the money has not always been in abundance for accomplishing our goals to become the best school on the Ridge. God has blessed us in so many ways.

As I continue to strive to make the Academy the best school on the Ridge. I want what God wants and that is to share and minister to the students whom He provides us to minister and meet the needs of families of the students and the students themselves.

Pines Christian Academy can become the best Christian Education Ministry on the Ridge if we show the love we have through Christ in our actions and not just in name. I believe I have a Christian Education Ministry rather than a Christian School because not only do we disciple the Christian students and the families. We have urgency and a glorious opportunity to reach out to the non-Christian students in our community to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As I searched the Internet to check out what other Christian educators are writing about, I also wanted to know what others had to say in the area of Christian Education and Christian Schools. I came across this article on the next page. Please take time to read this article. I believe after reading what I had written plus the articles, you will have a glimmer of my own heart.

Pines Christian Academy Administrator

Mr. Martin Glasenapp

Save Mart Receipt & Cards And Holiday "WOW" Cards

Pines Christian Academy collected over 9000 dollars in receipts from SaveMart. We earned ninety points through this program. I know it doesn't sound like a lot but we are able to buy some P.E. equipment with these points and not have to buy this equipment out of other funds. Thank to all who participated in bring the SaveMart receipts. I also again remind everyone that the SaveMart cards are in. Stop by my office and pick one up. Pines Christian Academy earns 3% on every dollar spent. All you have to do is swipe the card and it's DONE.

Holiday Market WOW points do well toward our school. Last month the school received a check for \$140.00 dollars. That was the biggest check yet!! Thanks to all those who choose to support our school through the WOW points program.

Thanks to Linda Kepley for the hard work of totaling all those Save Mart receipts and putting them on a spreadsheet for me. This saved me a lot of time and energy. Good job, Linda.

Mr. Martin Glasenapp



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The Ministry of Christian Education

by **Richard H. Gentzler, Jr.**

"A married couple attends worship and church school on Sunday morning. The next day, the husband is rushed to the hospital. He dies two days later.

Across town, a nine-year-old girl is kidnapped and brutally murdered.

A single parent, raising her three school-age children, is told by her supervisor that she and 500 of her fellow employees will be laid off at the end of the month.

A young couple coping with the stress of being newly married and facing financial burdens wonder if divorce is a solution to their problems.

A young boy is taunted and teased by other children because he is not a good basketball player.

A husband and wife, both recently retired and preparing to spend time traveling, learn that the woman's mother has Alzheimer's disease and is no longer capable of living alone.

Life isn't easy for many people in these rapidly changing times. Loved ones die. Relationships end. Dreams go unfulfilled. The desire to remain faithful is a constant struggle. People stumble along, uncertain about today and fearful of tomorrow. Cynicism, suspicion, and anger rule many people's lives.

When people are confronted with the struggles that are part of the human condition, some may feel that life is hopeless. Some turn to drugs or other means of escape. Some people just give up.

It is within this context that many people in our world are looking to religion for help. People want to know that God exists and that God will help them in times of need. Whether they know it or not, many people are on a spiritual quest.

Although many people see no reason to have faith or hope, they still want something more out of life. Despite the violence that pervades society, the greed that tempts persons, the rampant sexism, racism, and ageism, and the addictions that threaten to

destroy them, people want answers to their basic questions: "Why do we live as we do?" "How can our future be assured?" "Where can we find answers to the questions that frighten us?"

Our high-tech society cannot answer questions about the meaning of life. While we may be able to transmit entire books by computer and eat meals on three different continents in the same day, we find ourselves disabled before the fragmentation of God's people. Although the "information superhighway" and scientific advances are impressive, they have no real answers for the substantial longings of the human heart. People live in communities, not as friends, but as strangers or even enemies. Many neighborhoods are ruled by chaos and fear. Wholeness continues to escape us as individuals, communities, and congregations. Disillusionment, disappointment, and discouragement disrupt and often threaten to destroy lives.

How can people survive — much less thrive — in such a world? Where do people find the courage and faith to keep going?

Christ Offers Hope

As Christians, our answer is found in the reality and truth of God in Christ, the Christ revealed in the Bible and revealed as the living Christ in the minds and hearts of women and men throughout the ages. Our hope is in the One who ate with sinners, healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and set the captives free. Christ offers hope to all who live in fear, despair, or discouragement. God's Spirit strengthens and encourages us in our Christian lives.

However, the Christian life and the assurance one has in and through Christ cannot automatically be achieved. Individuals must grow in their faith. It is only wishful thinking to believe that children, youth, and adults become Christians without careful thought and planning. We cannot leave faith to chance. As Christians, we are called to teach others the faith. Christian education is the guided process of helping persons grow in faith.

Through Christian education, we invite people and communities to be transformed as they are inspired and challenged to:

- Know and experience God through Jesus Christ,
- Claim and live God's promises and
- Grow and serve as Christian disciples.

(from *Foundations: Shaping the Ministry of Christian Education in Your Congregation*, Discipleship Resources, 1993, page 5)

While it is important for persons to know about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, sin, salvation, and the Bible, Christian education invites persons to be transformed by God's love. Christian education helps persons come to know God personally through Jesus Christ, to accept God's love, and to grow in faith as disciples. The life in Christ is the goal of Christian education.

Christian education teaches children, youth, and adults the truth of Jesus Christ and equips them to be in ministry both within and outside the church. As people's lives are transformed by Christ's love, they understand the responsibility of using their gifts for the good of all people.

The need for Christian education has never been more urgent than it is today. Adults are searching for a life that has meaning. Youth are searching for identity and acceptance. Children are searching for love and security. The need for Christ is real.

Christian education is more than the Sunday school program. Christian education must be a central commitment of the congregation. It should permeate the life of the community of faith.

Of particular importance to Christian education is the teacher — whether pastor, professional staff, or volunteer. The teacher, who is growing in Christ, helps children, youth, and/or adults know what Christ did, who Christ is. How the teacher models and lives out her or his faith is as important as what he or she teaches....."

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