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HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWSLETTER MAY 2025

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We have had the most amazing school year!

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BRAD PHILLIPS

WHY CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION?

As fathers and mothers we have an obligation to our children! The expectation for parents is that we would provide for the needs and well-being of our children. I think that expectation is a reasonable one. I think our culture generally agrees with that expectation.

As Christ-followers we have a higher obligation to our children. The Apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:4 commands us to bring up our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Let's take a quick look at two words in Ephesians 6:4, nurture and admonition:

Strong's Concordance:

> **Nurture:** paideia(pahee-di'-ah) in the Greek is defined as the rearing of a child, training, discipline. Properly, instruction that trains someone to reach full development. It is the **whole** (emphasis added) training and education of children.
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> **Admonition:** nouthesia (noo-thes-ee'-ah) in the Greek is defined as a warning or counsel. Properly, setting(placing) the mind through God-inspired warning("admonition")

The English Standard Version renders Ephesians 6:4b this way "but bring them up(children) in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"

The key in this verse is found in the three words **"of the Lord".** Our culture, society, schools, entertainment and electronic devices are nurturing and instructing our children. But little today in culture, society, schools, entertainment and electronic devices are nurturing and instructing our children "in the Lord".

> *"That to suffer a child to grow up without any instruction in religion, is about the same as to suffer a garden to lie without any culture. Such a garden would soon be overrun with weeds, and briars and thorns- but no sooner or more certainly, than the mind of a child would." Barnes Commentary*

Jesus gives a parable of the sower in Mark 4:1-9. One of the main points of this parable is the condition of the soil. The condition of the soil determines the harvest. The condition of the hearts of our children is of upmost importance. Paul's command for us to bring our children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord is our highest obligation in educating our children. For Christ followers, Christ-centered Education isn't a choice but a command!

Thank you for partnering with us in preparing the soil for the seeds of the Gospel and being obedient to the commandments of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for our children!

Pastor Brad Phillips

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

PRESCHOOL

Faye Wirth

Never a Dull Moment
Had a Full Year Of Learning

PRESCHOOL

Bearett Ferree

Loves to Tell Stories
Uses Entire Body to Get His Point Made

KINDERGARTEN

Kerry Borgen

Happy, Handson Young Man
Loved by Friends & His Teacher

FIRST GRADE

Levi West

Exceptional Neatness On Worksheets
Does Beautiful Art Coloring & Cursive Writing

SECOND GRADE

Brysen Weitz

Blessed to Have This Bashful Boisterous Boy in Class

THIRD/FOURTH GRADE

Jaxson Strover

Much Growth in Physical Management
One Who Sticks Up For the Underdog

THIRD/FOURTH GRADE

Liam Wirth

Conquering Personal Mentality
Tremendous Amount of Maturity Over Nine Months

FIFTH/SIXTH GRADE

Mackenzie Lein

Super Smart, Funny & Sassy

HIGH SCHOOL

Temesgen Svitak

Great Friend and Kind to All

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 102 STUDENTS WHO MADE AN IMPACT ON OUR SCHOOL

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Most likely to....

Live in Baker Forever	**DOMONIC REDMOND**	Become a famous artist	**ALEX BACON**
Become President	**CHARLIE HAYDEN**	Lock keys in their car	**DAKOTA ROBERTSON**
Become a teacher	**HALEY RIVERA**	Survive on deserted island	**JAMES BOTTGER**
Never get a haircut	**HUDSON RIVERA**	Become a missionary overseas	**KINGSTON SMITH**
Be most random	**ALEX BACON**	Own the most shoes	**KAYDENCE DYKSTRA**
Be most prepared	**KAYLEE HAYDEN**	Be a friend to all	**CHARLIE HAYDEN**
Have the messiest desk	**KORBAN BROWN**	Become a famous musician	**KINGSTON SMITH**
	TEMESGEN SVITAK	Be most encouraging	**KAYDENCE DYKSTRA**
Be the biggest night owl	**KORBAN BROWN**		**CHARLIE HAYDEN**
Be the craziest driver	**JACKSON ROBERTSON**	Have the best laugh	**CLAIRE BAKER**
Be the most talkative	**DOMONIC REDMOND**		**GRAYCIE KRUEGER**
	CADEN BALLOU	Have the worst case of Senioritis	**LONDYN MCADAMS**
		Be most changed since 6th grade	**AHNA DYKSTRA**

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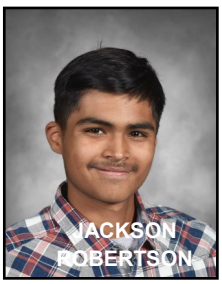

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 22		CAN-AM AND FIREWOOD RAFFLE DRAWING
MAY 18	3:30 PM	HCA CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION
MAY 21	8:30 AM	PRE-SCHOOL—4TH GRADE GRADUATION
MAY 22	LAST DAY	PRESCHOOL
MAY 28	ZOO DAY	KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE
MAY 29	ROARING SPRINGS/WAHOOZ DAY	3RD GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL (COST $35)
MAY 29	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	