

WORDS OF GRACE

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FOR THE STUDENTS BY THE STUDENTS!

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Community Chapel

By: Selena Shaw

Just before break! Grace had a move upstairs into the balcony. Most chapel, it might seem a bit foggy of the Newspaper reporters were considering it was so long ago. But it among those upstairs including sure did happen, and it was *filled* myself. Looking down over everyone, with worship. Mark Walker returned seeing how we worship from a to speak to us again, but only spoke different perspective was for around 20 minutes. Almost all of exhilarating. Seeing from above all the elementary students performed the hands in the air as the students in some way. One that really stood out was the 5th graders' performance. They all had bells and



rang them to "Because He Lives." Mrs. Sanders 4th grade class signed (ASL) "The Resurrection" John 11:22-27.

The sanctuary was so full of worship and people! It was so full that students had to change their usual seating arrangements. Some had to

The 6th and 7th grade girls also got the chance to sing. All of their voices mesh so well together. They sang "Who I Am" all together, and it is a difficult thing to get up in front of everyone and sing like that. Especially in front of so many people. But it was beautiful.

During the K-1st grade performance, they placed groups of children at each microphone to sing different verses of "We Believe", and let me just say it was adorable! They had a group of 4 in front of each microphone, all taking turns singing. Another

adorable performance was when the 3 and 4 year olds sang and danced to "Jesus is Alive" Freeze



Dance. It was adorable!!

After all the groups performed, Mark Walker began his

speech about how important it is to want to share the word of God everyday, to anyone, all the time. To never discount sharing the word with someone because of their status. Finishing up his speech he told the audience to continue to spread our light because it is such an amazing thing, and that we are already doing it so well. So go and continue to shine your light, all over.

Spring Dance

By: Emma Lugo

Grab your friends, get your moves, have fun at the spring dance! On Saturday, April 22nd, middle and high school students traveled to The Lamb's Chapel airport campus for the spring dance. The dance lasted from 6-9pm, and many memories were made. The dance was organized by the PTT. The theme for the dance was Disco Rodeo, and many

people showed up. Many people went out to eat and took photos beforehand. There was a photobooth that everyone loved. There was a lot of food too, until 6th and 7th grade ate it all. Everyone had a great time, and shared a night with their friends that they had all been excitedly awaiting.





To view more pictures from the DISCO RODEO DANCE Scan here:

Soccer Champions

3rd graders, Grayson Croniser and Preston Roberts' soccer team won the championship! Grayson and Preston are both in Mrs. Atkins class.



5th graders, Peyton Roberts, Colton Croniser, Ali Bason, Kaylee Bason, Isaiah Bradley, Emma Grace Adams, Leo Diepert, Josiah Kerr's team recently won the Graham Recreation 12U soccer league championship game 2-0. Colton Croniser and Josiah Kerr scored the winning goals.



Good News

By: Makenzy Ward

This spring break our break lasted 10 1/2 days! Some kids



went to different states and different vacation areas! Tyler McComick spent spring break in Pawleys Island and traveled to

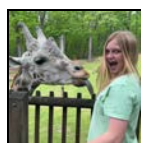
Low Country Zoo in South Carolina. Greyson and Carter Ann Russell had a family getaway to Topsail Beach, North Carolina. They collected over 100 shark teeth! Jefferson and Mattie



Brannock spent time in the sand. Third grader Aiden McNeely went to Myrtle Beach. He went to



a Pirates Voyage Dinner Show. Eli and Zoe Boles went to Seaworld and the Kennedy Space Center. Emerson and Weston Key went to the Zoo and fed Giraffes.



Weston Key and Wake



Mann went to the Harlem Globetrotters game, and Weston went to the Triple Threat Basketball Camp.



Emma and Luke Adams rode horses on the beach! Will McBride went to Gatlinburg, TN. He and his family walked across the s



kybridge. The longest bridge in North America.

Student Spotlight

By: Gabby Jenkins

9th Grade Student Entrepreneur, Jeremiah Workman has started a business! He said that he felt led by God to start this business. It's called New Man Apparell. It is a Christian clothing line that he has created. He sells hats, shirts, sweatshirts, etc. He said that it is a work in progress, but the website is up and running. Check out his designs by visiting

his website at

www.newmanapparell.myshopify.com

Congratulations Jeremiah for creating this awesome business! We wish you much success.

Check out his website by scanning this QR code!



Jeremiah modeling one of his designs that can be purchased on his website.

Pre-School News



The Scholastic Book Fair came to GCA this week and the Pre-School students were so excited! They had the opportunity to visit the book fair last week to make a wish list and then they were able to shop when the fair opened on Monday. The students had a great time shopping and buying the books that they selected. The book fair had a

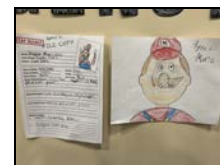
lot of choices for preschoolers such as *Never Pop a Shark*, *Ultimate Rescue*, *Furry Kittencorn* (a furry kitten book that looked like a unicorn). It even had classics like *Goldilocks* and *Little Red Riding Hood*. Of course some of the most popular things at the book fair were the trinkets, stickers, hand pointers and posters. Students from the other grades school enjoyed the book fair, too. It was a very popular and successful fundraiser for our school library. This fundraiser made over \$3600 for the school library!

Elementary School News

By: Selena Shaw



Expressive Elementary! Elementary is back on another exciting mission! And not just any mission, they're going on a secret spy mission with their STEM teacher, Mrs. DeMauro. K-4th grade is learning about how spy technology has changed over time. Also that



the Bible also has mention of spies, like the 12 spies Moses sent out to scout out the land of Canaan for 40 days. The children have 4 stations because the 12 spies had 4 stops that they made on their journey.

Mrs. DeMauro also pointed out that the Bible basically tells you how to be a spy. It talks about time, place, etc. that are needed for a mission. Throughout the years, spies have used things like invisible ink and secret messages. The children also got to go into the school security room to observe the security camera footage. They created spy profiles and I.D.'s for them to scan at their stations.



In their Spanish classes, they have been learning about the piñata and its Hispanic heritage. Being blindfolded represents blind faith defying evil. Piñatas are meant to be beautiful because sin is so often attractive. It entices us if we let it. We can only defeat sin with Jesus. Breaking the piñata open and scattering the candy inside represents scattering the blessings of Jesus.

On Friday, April 21st, the third grade classes went on a field trip to Morehead Planetarium. Mrs. Atkins said that they were treated to a cool stage show on Matter, where they saw lots of neat science

experiments. They learned what happens when you mix certain solutions together and how some solutions change to different states of matter. Then they got to watch a Magic Tree House space show where Jack and Annie's mission was to find the answers to different questions about space. The show ended with a special viewing of what the night sky looks like in our area. They had a great time and learned so much!

Middle School News

By: Holden Wilson



There are many great things happening with Middle School at GCA! In boys Bible class, they are studying about courage. Eli Hebert showed courage by reading the book to the bible class. In middle school technology class, taught by Mrs. Cheryl Sedota, they are creating their own websites.



They are making "books" from a Bible verse and writing about how their verse impacted others. Middle school STEM students are playing fun games, but are also helping with the elementary school kids *Spy Unit* by making tents. Middle school students also made piñatas in Spanish class.



High School News

By: Rayden Thompson



Building Boats! The high school's young men are building lifesize cardboard boats in Mr. Howell's Bible class. They purchased and bought materials like cardboard, duct tape, flex seals, spray foam,

plastic, tar and even foam. When the young men finish building the boats they will take them to Tucker Jones and his family's pond and see if they will float with a person inside them. (Thank you to the Jones family for letting us use their pond.) Do you think their boats will float? **We will report back in the next edition.**

The high school girls' Bible class are preparing for a skit! The girls in Dr. Turner's Bible class are preparing a skit for our last chapel of the school year. They have been working long and hard and even staying after school making props, learning their lines and practicing their songs. They will be taking us on a walk through the Book of Ephesians. It is going to be a powerful skit!



GCA Movie Night

By: Holden Boone



Best Movie Ever! This past Friday was our GCA movie night! It was so fun for me to plan and set up everything. All night I was running around arranging different things and getting everything perfect. It was so fun to organize this event and plan it with all the amazing people of GCA. We had about 155 people attend to watch the movie, Despicable Me 3, with that we made about \$755 in ticket sales and \$229.62 in extra playground donations. In total we made \$1,004.62. This is an amazing outcome for my first ever event that I planned with GCA. I want to thank Karyn Robinson,



Kathryn Crawford, Lesley Gonzalez, Lynette Gonzalez, and Elaine Austin for helping with this event and getting this event off the ground. I also want to thank everyone for coming out to this event and the parents who donated all the snacks and drinks for this wonderful night!



The Running Club training for the Mother's Day 5K



Tim Britt waiting to cool off the runners

Happy Birthday, Kevin Hunter!

Last week we celebrated our wonderful cook, Kevin Hunter! We gave him the day off from his cooking duties to wish him a happy birthday! We presented him with a scrapbook of birthday cards from all of the students, a slideshow and a much deserved birthday gift. Kevin, we love and appreciate all that you do for us at GCA!



Mind Blowing Thoughts

By: Holden Wilson

- Every 'C' in Pacific Ocean is pronounced differently.
 - The purpose of a lock is to turn a door into a wall.
 - At age 30, you've spent a month having birthdays.
 - When you buy and eat half a chicken, you are secretly sharing a meal with a stranger.
 - 'Coffee flavored water' doesn't sound good but that's what coffee is.
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Habits of Grace

By: Rayden Thompson

The Habits of Grace are a thing we do here at Grace Christian Academy. It explains the character traits that we want the kids to show. They are monthly habits that we are challenged to display in our actions. Whether it is excellence, responsibility, or friendship, they show how the kids of Grace truly are. The Habit of Grace for April was loyalty. The definition of loyalty according to Oxford languages is “a strong feeling of support or allegiance.” I asked Emma Lugo what loyalty meant to her and she said, “Loyalty is never betraying someone.” I also asked Thomas Qualls and he said “Loyalty is everything.” Don't forget to show loyalty this month and be loyal to God.



Word Search

By Jackson Brannock



ACADEMY

AMEN

ANGEL

APRIL

CHRIST

CHRISTIAN

CHURCH

DREAM

FAITH

FRIENDSHIP

GCA

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HAPPY

HEAVEN

HIM

HOLY

JESUS

JOY

LORD

LOYALTY

STAR

Upcoming Events At Grace!

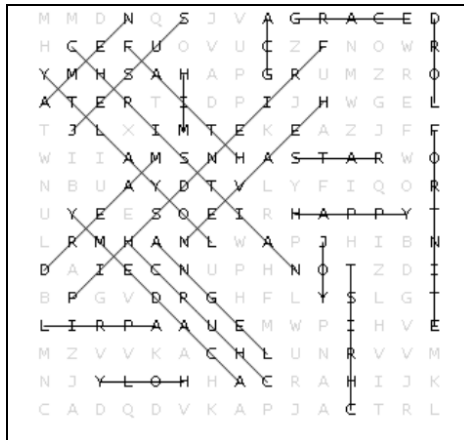
By: Makenzy Ward

New fun and exciting things that are coming up in the next few months!

- May 9th - May 11th Standardized (Iowa) Testing
- May 16th, (Tuesday) Career Day
- May 18th, (Thursday) Feed the Hunger Field Trip
- May 19th, (Friday) Field Day Preschool-4th grade and Early Dismissal
- May 19th, (Friday) 5th-9th grade to Bowling Alley and Early Dismissal.
- May 22nd and 23rd (Monday and Tuesday) High School Final Exams - early dismissal after exams for high school students.
- May 24th (Wednesday) - Kindergarten Graduation
- May 24th (Wednesday) - High School Awards Day
- May 25th (Thursday) - Final Community Chapel and the LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Early dismissal after chapel.
- May 25th - August 16 - SUMMER BREAK

May 2023				
Grace Christian Academy				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
01 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit	02 Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit	03 Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	04 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	05 Taco Salad Fruit
08 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit	09 Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit	10 Beefy Cheese Pie Vegetable Fruit	11 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	12 Pizza Vegetable Fruit
15 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit	16 Carni Dog Vegetable Fruit	17 Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	18 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	19 Field Day Early Release at 12:30 pm Lunch/Field Day details: TBD
22 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit	23 Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit	24 Panckak Smoothie Cheese Grits Tater Tots Fruit	25 Last Day of School Early Release at 11:30 am No Lunch or After School Care Enjoy your Summer!!!	

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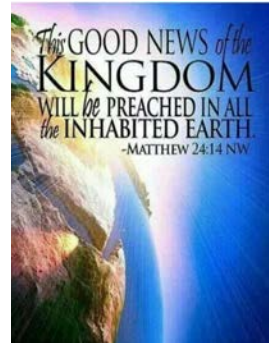


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