

WORDS OF GRACE

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• FOR THE STUDENTS BY THE STUDENTS! •

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Not of This World Chapel!

By: Selena Shaw

Grace had another memorable chapel last week. Judge Larry Brown returned, for those of you who do not know, he was a guest speaker last year as well.



If you missed last year's chapel, then his personality could have been just a little intimidating. Not in a bad way, but he is very

enthusiastic and loud. He has a great aura that captivates everyone in the room.

After a bad morning, he was excited to visit Grace once again. He told the students of all the crimes he heard about, just this morning. He asked God, "GOD.. WHERE IS THE GOOD IN THIS WORLD?"

Then he looked at everyone and said, "...And Grace..you want to know what is good in this world? Each and every one of you." As the students and teachers cheered, he began walking around the sanctuary.

Then he brought up a favorite verse of his, Roman 12:2, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." He put this verse on the board, and went out into the audience to get a student to read it. After getting a little girl to read the verse, he gave her \$20.00, and said, "You get paid for what you know, not what you think." Her friends started cheering around her, and that got the crowd quite ecstatic. He began to speak of how much we should love each other. Saying, "Who does God hate?" Nobody. "So who should we hate?" Nobody.

He spoke of Christians, "As a Christian, you live in this world, but not of this world." He said we all have to live in this world, but we do not have to be mean to each other. He had a big bottle filled with water, the water representing the world. A cup of oil, representing us as Christians. He got a volunteer, a 6th grader named Miranda Logan, to pour the oil into the water.

The point of this experiment was to show that when you mix oil and water (Christians and the world), they will always be separate. He even shook the container to show that no matter what, the Christians will always be separate from the standards of the world.

When the questions were asked, one of the first questions was asked by a little boy, "Do you like being a judge?" He replied saying he very much enjoys it, saying he cannot judge people, for only God can do that, but instead he judges their actions. This is a form of service to the people. He must hear both sides to every story because there are always two sides to every story. Ending that statement with, "...And for that, I am thankful." The child who asked the question then said his mother used to be a lawyer. Judge Brown replied, "Tell your mom I said thank you for serving others." After that he shook the boy's hand and ended his presentation with, "I hope you all have a wonderful day, God bless you all." He got a huge round of

applause from the audience as he exited, just as a child yelled out, "Are you afraid of Judge Judy?" Waiting for the audience to stop laughing, he replied, "Well hopefully none of you will have to see Judge Judy, and you won't have to if you don't break the law."

That ended his section of the chapel, the students and teachers then went on to worshipping. It is such a powerful thing, worshipping; it brought some people to tears. The teachers had their hands surrendering to the Lord. It brought children together. The lead female vocalist had so much power and strength behind her voice. You could tell she was giving it her all, just as she does every chapel. You could feel the spirit in the room. Mr. Bowman ended the chapel with a speech, speaking of how wonderful it is to have the opportunity to worship freely like that. It truly was a beautiful scene.

Judge Brown with Miranda Logan



100th Day of GCA

By: Holden Boone and Makenzy Ward

The 100th day at GCA! Once upon a time here at GCA we had old people running around the school. Oh wait, it's the students! February 1st, at GCA was the 100th day at school. Many of the students here are dressed as older people. It's hilarious to see kids with canes and walkers. Some kids are dressed up as old men or women and some are wearing 100 pennies on their shirts. There were even a few kids who had 100 cotton balls on their shirts. It was so fun! It does not even feel like the 100th day of school. Time flies whenever you are with your friends and having a blast while you're learning.

Some kids had flour in their hair so they could have white hair. We had four highschool teachers dress up as the Golden Girls. They were spot on with them, they had the attitude and the whole outfit. We had only a few high school students dress up for the day. Most of the people that dressed up were in elementary and middle school. It was an amazing day! The little kids were doing a lot of crafts all day. The little kids were so cute acting like old people! They were adorable.



The Golden Girls here at GCA

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Contributed by: Elaine Austin, Newspaper Staff Adviser

Today will be an important day etched in the history books of GCA with the publication of the very first student published newspaper *Words of Grace*. The newspaper staff is excited to bring you the news as it happens every 2 weeks in a printed format. They are enthusiastic and focused on the happenings at Grace Christian Academy. The staff of 8th graders has only worked together for only a couple of weeks, but you would never know it! They have worked like professionals and hit the ground running to put together this inaugural edition of the ***Words of Grace*** newspaper.

They have worked closely together deciding all aspects of the newspaper and they truly depict the newspaper's slogan *for the students by the students*. I am very proud of their hard work learning the process, gathering the stories, taking the photos and meeting the deadlines necessary to complete this edition by the publication deadline. My prayer is that the students will grow in their friendships, learn important life skills and stay hungry to bring you positive and encouraging *Words of Grace*!



GCA's very first newspaper staff of eighth graders. Back row: Holden Wilson, Rayden Thompson, Makenzy Ward, Emma Lugo, Gabby Jenkins, Jackson Brannock. Front row: Holden Boone and Selena Shaw

Ready to Wrestle

By: Emma Lugo

This school currently has a couple sports, like volleyball and cross country. One of my favorite sports is wrestling. Wrestling is coached by Mr. Georgevich, AKA Mr. G, the middle school science teacher. Students get to condition their bodies with exercise and learn new moves. Practice occurs two days a week; Tuesday and Thursday. An average day at practice usually starts out with a warm-up. They either do a workout or a mile run. After getting warmed up, they head to Mrs. Fenton's room to stretch and practice. On Tuesdays, the middle and high schoolers help the students in Kindergarten through fifth grade.

"Wrestling is the best sport ever," Mr. G stated. "No matter your size, you can still compete. In 8th grade I was 85 pounds and 4' 6."

As someone who has been in wrestling since last year, I can assure you that wrestling is quite an exhilarating sport. Be sure to ask Mr. G for more information!



GCA's middle and high schoolers helping out the students in elementary school.

Habits of Grace

By: Rayden Thompson and Holden Wilson

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. There are monthly habits that we are challenged to display in our actions. Whether it's excellence, responsibility, or friendship, they show how the kids of Grace truly are. The Habit of Grace for the month of February is integrity. Integrity is doing the right thing when no one is watching. Show integrity this month!

Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things".



Jesus Jokes

By: Gabby Jenkins



Q: What was Jesus' favorite exercise routine?

Q: Jesus opened a brewery. Do you know what he called it?

Q: Do you know why Jesus loves Donuts?

GCA Pledges

By: Holden Wilson

Every day before class, every student recites the three pledges that they have memorized while here at GCA. We say these three pledges to help us remember what this school is about.

Pledge of Allegiance- I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Christian Pledge- I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

Bible Pledge- I pledge allegiance to the bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and I will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.



American Flag



Christian Flag



Bible

Mind Blowing Thoughts

By: Holden Wilson

If you buy a bigger bed, you're left with more bed room but less bedroom.

When you clean a vacuum cleaner, aren't you the vacuum cleaner?

Actors pretend to work.

Why is bacon called bacon and cookies called cookies, when you cook bacon and bake cookies?

A fire truck is actually a water truck.

<https://nik.art/funny-shower-thoughts/>

FAMILY FUNdraiser at HURSEYS

By: Gabby Jenkins

On Tuesday, January 31st, GCA hosted a fundraiser at Hershey's BBQ, located in West Burlington and Mebane. The purpose of this fundraiser was to raise money to go towards the school playground. So, if you bought food, they would put your receipt in a bucket and the money would go towards the playground. A lot of Grace family members showed up to the fundraiser. We got so many great pictures! You can go to the GCA Facebook to view them. We are so thankful that we were able to have this fundraiser and raise money. We are all grateful for GCA and each and every one of the school staff. At press time, the amount raised was unavailable.



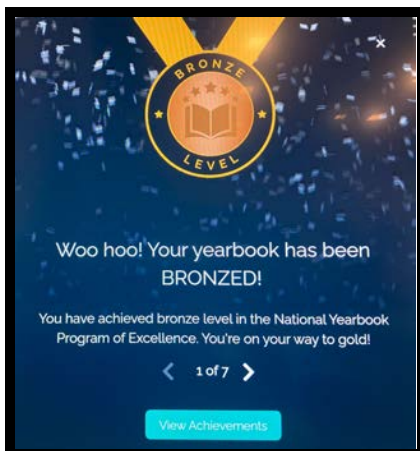
Additional 100 Days of School Photos



Answers to Jesus Jokes on page 4: 1.) Crossfit 2.) HeBrew 3.) Because they aren't self-centered

Congratulations to the GCA Yearbook Staff for achieving Bronze status in the National Yearbook of Program of Excellence. They are well on their way to reaching Gold status. If you have not purchased a yearbook, you can still do so until February 24. Purchase by using this link:

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Word Scramble Solution

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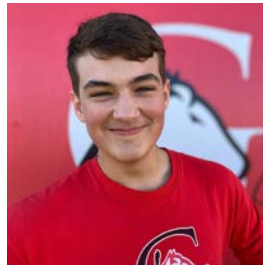
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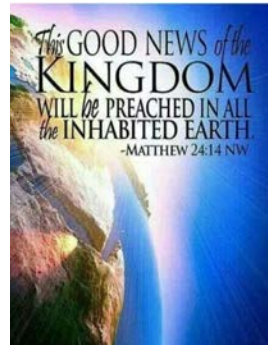


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Note from the Adviser

We hope you enjoyed the very first edition of the student published GCA Newspaper, **Words of Grace**. If you have events or stories that you would like to see covered in future editions, please email Elaine Austin, elaine.austin@gca-nc.com. The next edition will be published Thursday, February 16th (due to the teacher workday on Friday, February 17th).

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