



MCA Newsletter

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Created By God to Be Used By God

Principal's Corner—Reflect God's Glory

February is the month Hallmark has deemed the month of LOVE – Valentines. It is only fitting that we take a look at our relationship with Jesus. I heard Jarrett Stephens, the Singles Pastor at North Point Community Church share a message on four words that define our relationship with Jesus. The question it raises is where do you find yourself within the continuum of these words?

In Genesis 1:27 "... in the image of God, he created him, male and female..." Here we find that man was made in the image of God. OF is defined as "created of, belongs to, or comes from". Man is created in the image OF God. We carry His DNA within us and we belong to God since we are created from Him. However, mankind made a choice that altered the close relationship God desires.

This separation is not the relationship God desires so, through the story of Moses, we witness how God continues to pursue us. God *frees* the Israelite people and *provides* a leader, Moses. In Exodus 33:18-23, Moses asked God to *reveal His glory*. God, knowing Moses could not withstand seeing His glory, shows him His goodness. The relationship between "Moses AND God" illustrates a change in the relationship between "man and God." God has not forsaken His people—the *intimacy* He desired when He created man in His image is evident. The ultimate relationship—God and man!

With the birth of Jesus the opportunity for our relationship with God changes. Matthew 1:23 tells us Jesus is Emmanuel – God with us. Now a bridge has been created by bringing God and man into a closer

relationship. God never left or abandoned His people. Now because of Jesus, He is with us. He is in the same place. Many of us have Jesus with us. He is almost like a shadow or "tag along" in our day. We call for Him when we are in trouble because He is close by. He is our partner.

The final word in describing our relationship is found in Colossians 1:26-27 "...Christ in you..." If we have given Jesus this level of intimacy, we don't run to Him in times of trouble – He is IN us at every moment for every event. The Holy Spirit is active in us. By the power of Jesus we can do all things. is a cursory overview of the relationship God desires from each of us. Throughout Scripture, we see how He has chosen us above the angels for this connection, pursued us relentlessly despite our choices. Four words: OF, AND, WITH, IN – Ponder your relationship with Christ and allow Him to be your all in all – God in you.

Just a Reminder:

February 1	Bryan Jackson leads Chapel
February 4	PTF Meeting 7:00
February 5 -6, 12-13	Variety Show (MCA students perform 2-5-10)
February 7	Shower for Adelines (3:00-5:00)
February 11	Pastor's Brunch
February 15	No school—President's Day
February 16	Re-Enrollment for current families
February 18	4 th /5 th Grades -- Field Trip –
February 21	MCA Open House
February 22	Open Enrollment



Registration

Our registration for next year (2010-2011) begins this month. Those of you who have been with us this year only need to complete the re-enrollment form and submit \$60.00 per application. Thankfully, you are not the "new" student this year and therefore do not have to make that payment as well. Your Student Resource Fee will be due in June. Re-enrollment forms, new tuition and financial sheets,

and a school calendar have been sent home to each family. If you did not receive yours please contact the office and one will be forwarded. If you have any reservation about re-enrolling, please come talk it through with me. An open dialogue is necessary for MCA to grow as God desires and I need to hear from you. New student applications are available online and through the

office. Please encourage new families to visit our open house on the 21st, set up a visit during the week or even have their child shadow one of our students for a day as a way to better learn what we are all about. Your conversations within the community have been such a strong advertisement for MCA. Please continue to encourage those you know to check out what MCA offers for their children.

Upcoming Events and Information

Variety Show – Thank you for selling tickets for the 5th. We are excited about this fundraiser. If you know of anyone in need of tickets, please check with the office for availability on the dates listed above. Seats are on a first come basis, so come early to the sanctuary and you will then be released to the fellowship hall about 6:30. MCA students will be performing February 5th and need to meet in the church choir room at 6:45. They will perform in the first act and be released to you after they perform. Please plan accordingly.

Book-It – Turn in your Book-It logs Monday February 1,

2010. If you happen to lose your log, please write down the books you have read on a sheet of paper, or you may get another log from the office.

Wedding shower: PTF is hosting a wedding shower for Mr. and Mrs. Adeline on February 7th from 3:00-5:00. We are excited about their union and want to welcome them to the Mintz family. Mark your calendars and come enjoy this time to welcome them and “shower” them with our love.

Pastor’s Brunch: We have invited Pastors from churches within this area to join us for a brunch February 11th to make them aware of God’s work here

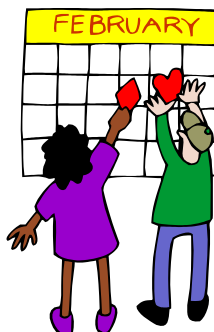
at Mintz Christian Academy. MCA works as an extension of the family and church in preparing these students for His service. If your pastor did not receive his invitation, let me know so I can get one out to him. Pray for this event, we need these church leaders to come out and better understand our ministry to Sampson County.

Open House: We will host an Open House February 21 from 3:00-5:00pm. Encourage those you meet to come and see our school, our plans for the future, and see how they can be part of God’s great and exciting work at MCA. New student applications will be accepted at this time.

February Focus

Matthew 12:34 states, “For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” These words are words that stop all of us in our tracks and remind us of the significance of our speech. During the month of February, we will conduct an experiment in hopes of making the students more aware of the words they speak and the messages being conveyed. James acknowledges the difficulty we have in controlling our tongue.

(James 3:5), and Proverbs reminds us that wisdom is found in those who DO control it. (Proverbs 10:19) In our experiment, we are listening to words that build up, show kindness, or reflect Christ. You may want to extend this at home as well.



PTF Report:

Thursday February 4th at 7:00 is our next meeting. Please plan to attend; Dr. McBride will update the school families regarding the building plan. Our plans for next year are very exciting.

Amy Fann, President

Heaven’s Gates & Hell’s Flames

A real life drama presentation you will never forget!

Sunday, February 7—6:30 PM
Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 8 & 9—7:00 PM
Clinton Pentecostal Holiness Church
Beside Sampson Community College
Nursery & Children’s Ministry Provided

If you are interested in free tickets, please let Mrs. White know. She can get those for you.