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From Pastor Bill . . .

Hello, Dear Ones ~ When Cathy and I were married (in our late teens), we had “Troy,” who sobered us up, and matured us about responsibility and life. **We decided that he would “never” be educated by the “heathen,” and not one day of secular education would fall on his ears.**

Well, that was a huge decision, and costly. I used to tell Cathy (and remind myself in the process), that if we had to eat “Mac and Cheese” the rest of our lives, we would pay for Troy’s Christian education, and sacrifice whatever we had to. That became a reality for a number of years.

I drove a beat-up, old “Datsun” pickup, that had been “brush painted” white. It had dents in it, and was something that people parked clear of when in a group of cars (ha)! Troy’s payments to his school were about \$360.00 per month, when that would have bought a new 4X4, full-size, diesel pickup, loaded to the gills. (Don’t think the Devil did not remind me about this a few hundred times.)

Why in the world did we decide that this was so important? **Jer. 10:2** - *Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.* **Deut. 6:5** - *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.* **Deut. 6:6** - *And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:* **Deut. 6:7** - *And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.* **Deut. 6:8** - *And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.* **Deut. 6:9** - *And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.* **Prov. 19:27** - *Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.*

These verses, to name a few, were clear enough for us, and we, just in good conscience, could not allow the most important responsibility given to us in this life (children) be relegated to some evolution-spouting, Christ-denying, Bible- mocking, prayerless heathen for 35 hours a week. It just does not make good sense. As young teens, we *knew* better than to do that.

Christian education is not a “cure all” though. It does not guarantee that your kids will turn out well. It simply gives them the “opportunity” to “choose Jesus” and his way. It also takes the “blood of your responsibility to keep them from the heathen’s educational influence, off your hands.” You did what was necessary and obedient to the Bible concerning your kid’s education, and at least in this area, you fulfilled your duty.

Christian education is just “one” area of parental responsibility, but it is a big one (35 hours a week for 14 years or 17,640 hours of instruction).

If you are a parent or grandparent, **public education should not be an option anymore.** It is just too corrupt, bias, anti-Christian, anti-Bible, anti-Christmas, and pro-evil to allow your kids to be saturated in. Dear Ones, **pay the price, sacrifice what ever it takes, and one day you will be happy you did.**

Love you all

Testimony of Laura Swaggerty, Mother of a Second Grade Child at GBCS

Gospel Baptist Christian School is an institution raising up children with uncompromising character and faith. If you are looking for an environment for students that is safe, disciplined and loving, this is the place for your family.

The staff and teachers are not just doing a “job,” but are **fully committed to guiding and leading the student body in the principles of good values and excellence in their academics and personal convictions,** so they may go forth and be the light in a world of darkness, as they are called to be.

The leadership works closely with the parents to accomplish these goals by setting a high standard of discipline, keeping the classes at a reasonable size and the tuition extremely affordable.

GBCS is a blessing in my life as a single mom. I can truly say that I could never have raised my son to be the fine young boy he is without the support of this marvelous staff and teachers who truly care and have dedicated their lives to our children. This is a rare find in today’s uncertain culture and I am extremely grateful, as I know you will be, too.



From left to right: Aimee Richards (3rd-4th), Carolyn Miley (1st-2nd), Jessica Rivera (K3), Pat Ott (K4), Alicia Cavazos (Secretary), Carol William (5th-6th), Darla Boutchia (K5), Kim Santangelo (1st-2nd), Regina Brown (7th-12th)

From Pastor John Boutchia, Assistant Pastor

May & June are the months where many activities draw to a close for the season. The Awana program for boys and girls, which is held most every Wednesday evening, had its annual Awards Night on May 31st. We had many parents show up and the Gospel was presented to them at the close of the ceremony. On June 1st, Gospel Baptist Christian School held its fourth Senior High Graduation. Two girls (Sarah Brayton & Erica Sanchez) and one home school student (Crawford Wiley) walked the aisle to receive their long awaited diploma. On June 7th, we had 10 kindergarten students walk the aisle to receive their diplomas for passing the tough grade of kindergarten.

Also, in the month of May, the ladies had a great day with the Mother-Daughter Banquet. Much thanks goes to Danelle Carbon & Ruth Hood for making all the preparations for that day. Pastor Lytell, Tom Cronin & Pastor Moon all took a motorcycle trip for two weeks. They all made it back in one piece and we are glad for that.

This newsletter will give you pictures of our graduates. Please pray for these kids as they move on to college.

We covet earnestly your prayers as we wind down on preparations for **Vacation Bible School** scheduled for June 18-22. *“Wild Bill’s Western Rodeo”* is the name and we have already had a lot of fun in decorating and planning. **The thrust of all this work is to get boys and girls in to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be afforded an opportunity to respond to that.**

Please pray for the following: safety for the buses, the teachers, the workers, a great in-gathering of kids and spiritual fruit for the labor invested.

The newsletter for July will be devoted to the events of that week. God bless you folks and keep in touch with us. Your servant

From Pastor Marty Moon, Youth Pastor

June is here and so are the summer heat and love bugs. I pray you and yours in the cool north are well. This month started out with the graduation of three teens from our church and school, Sarah Brayton, Crawford Wiley and Erica Sanchez. It has been such a privilege to see these three teens “grow in the grace and knowledge our Lord, Jesus Christ.” *Please pray for three graduates that God will direct them and provide for them as they enter college.*

While on a recent motorcycle trip with Pastor and Tom Cronin, I had lots of time to meditate on the things of the Lord. The Lord re-emphasized to me *the importance of living by faith and not fear.* I recently challenged our teens in this area. The Lord reminded me of Hebrews 11:6: “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

We are often afraid when we see difficulty or hear negative words. The world, the flesh, and the devil tell teens that they cannot live for God or they cannot share their faith. Paul wrote, in Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” The question really is, “How big is your God and is He able do what He said?”

Next month, the youth ministry travels up to camp Mount Moriah in Powell, TN. Angie and I are asking the Lord to direct us to the teens that need to go to camp this year. Each year campers make many decisions for Christ.

Please pray that the Lord will give us safety, no trouble with the buses, but most importantly, young people who give their lives to Christ. By His Grace

Graduating Seniors - Class of 2007



Sarah Brayton

Sarah attended GBCS for 11 years. She will be attending Bob Jones University in the fall to major in Missions.

Erica attended GBCS for 5 years. She will be attending a local college next spring to major in Business.



Erica Sanchez



Crawford Wiley

Crawford has been home schooled his whole life. He will be attending Bob Jones University in the fall to major in Organ Performance.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Graduating Kindergarteners - Class of 2007



**Mrs. Darla Boutchia with the
Class of 2007 K-5 Graduates**

For thou art my hope,
O Lord GOD:
thou art my trust from my youth.
Psalm 71:5

Upcoming Events

June 18-22, 2007	Wild Bill's Western Rodeo VBS
July 9-13, 2007	Youth Group @ Camp Mt. Moriah, Knoxville, TN
July 25, 2007	Academy of Arts, Greenville, S.C. @ GBC
October 28-31, 2007	Creation Seminar w/Grady McMurtry