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"I don't like this tradition..."

My youngest daughter, Faith, uttered these words after our annual trip to cut down the family's Christmas tree was prolonged by a wrong turn, a mistake of 45 minutes. Our family, I am sure like yours, has many traditions during the holiday season. Our traditions include the family football game Thanksgiving morning; the Christmas picture; collecting the delivered Christmas cards so we can pray for one family each night at dinner; decorating the tree in a semi-organized fashion; and on Christmas morning opening one gift at a time. Each of these traditions brings back fond memories and creates the fabric of our family, but I am sure that my children at times have wondered why we bother with these rituals.

Schools, like families, are full of traditions. I have enjoyed my first year as I have learned about the traditions at Charlotte Christian. Some are common to most Christian schools, like chapel or Friday night football, and others are very unique, for example Windy Gap, the Lamb Loonies or the Hendrick Scholarships and chapel service.

The traditions of Charlotte Christian should remind us of where we have come from as well as lay the foundation for our collective vision for the future. Traditions fondly recall the past, celebrate the present, and prepare us for the future. As our school community enjoys our 60th year of Christian education we thank God for the tradition that our school rests on, a tradition that includes:

- faculty, staff, and administrators committed to modeling a Biblical worldview each and every day
- academic excellence that simultaneously pursues Christ and knowledge
- co-curricular programs that develop a student's God-given talents and gifts
- a dedicated and generous board of trustees that prayerfully seek God's guidance
- a supportive parent community that partners with our faculty and staff
- a student body who graduates prepared not only for college but more importantly for life

This edition of the Voice celebrates the tradition of Charlotte Christian. I hope you enjoy a look at the past, a celebration of the present, and a vision for the future.

As always your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

God Bless,

Barry Giller
Head of School



Charlotte Christian Turns 60!

Founded in 1950, Charlotte Christian School is celebrating 60 years of excellence in Christian, college preparatory education. The 2010-11 school year marks six decades of educating the whole child in a Christ-centered environment.

The school first opened its doors in 1950 as a Christian day school for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Dr. L. Pointdexter McClenny of Calvary Presbyterian Church had a vision for local Christian education and established what was then known as Calvary Christian Day School. Later in 1958, following a month-long Billy Graham crusade in Charlotte's Ovens Auditorium, a group of local businessmen came away

from the revival with a heart for Christian education and organized Christian High School in 1960. The two schools then merged in 1969 to become Christian School Association of Charlotte, Inc. and the school was soon relocated to its present location on Sardis Road in 1972.

In talking to members of the school community about what makes Charlotte Christian School special, there is one resounding theme that stands out - its people. Here are a few different perspectives of what the school has meant to legendary employees, long-time faculty, and current students.



Ken & Joyce Flenniken

Ken and Joyce Flenniken breathe Charlotte Christian. The two worked a combined 69 years for the school. In 1970 Joyce was one of the only secretaries for the school, and Ken came on board in 1974 as the school's only custodian for many years. They recall different buildings constructed and land purchased, but remember the people as being what made Charlotte Christian special.

"People didn't come for the facilities," said Mr. Flenniken. "They wanted Christian education and our caring and qualified teachers."

They believed in Christian education so much that four of their five daughters attended Charlotte Christian. Jane graduated in 1974, Sharon in 1984, Susan in 1985 and Margaret in 1989.

They fondly recall stories of how the school began.

"We used to have a white construction truck where the students would purchase their lunches. We had registration in the gym with parents lined out the door to pay for tuition and pick up their children's text books," they recollected.

"Headmaster Fred Chase and Business Manager Bruce Bucholtz rode a scooter down the hall during spirit week and the students loved it.

In 2003 the Flennikens were honored for their many years of dedication and service to Charlotte Christian. At that time the remodeled dining hall was renamed for the Flennikens, and they celebrated Joyce's retirement after 33 years with the school.

The Flennikens emphasized that the school has stayed on mission and wouldn't be where it was today without a legacy of parent participation.

"The camaraderie of parents was great. They were so involved. They would hold bazaars and fundraisers that would supplement the school's budget," said Mrs. Flenniken. "If it wasn't for giving above tuition, the school wouldn't have grown like we did. Parents would pitch in to do whatever needed to be done," said Mr. Flenniken.

"It is wonderful to see how it has grown over the years."

In the last 60 years...



A group of local businessmen came away from a month-long Billy Graham Crusade at Ovens Auditorium with a heart for Christian education in Charlotte and faithfully organized Christian High School at the current site of Central Church of God. Christian High School merged with Calvary Presbyterian Church to form Christian School Association of Charlotte, Inc., creating a kindergarten through twelfth grade institution. In 1964 Christian High School graduated its first class with seven seniors.

In the last 40 years...



The board purchased 15.5 acres at 7301 Sardis Road. Over the next 38 years, the board continued to purchase property and grow the campus to its current size of 54 acres. On March 12, 1972, ground was broken for the first building at the current site, now the Middle School Building, named for Harry Graham, one of the businessmen who founded the school. In 1976 the school was renamed Charlotte Christian School with the Knight as its mascot. In 1982 Charlotte Christian School earned accreditation from SACS.

FACULTY PERSPECTIVE

Vicki Nelson

Second Grade Teacher



"Charlotte Christian is about the people," said Vicki Nelson, second grade teacher. "It is about the God-centered relationships and the prayer for one another."

Mrs. Nelson was hired as a fifth grade teacher in 1983, and not including a five-year sabbatical to stay home raising her son, she has been teaching children in the lower school for 22 years. She taught fifth grade, fourth grade, worked in the library, before settling in to the second grade.

She is among the 15 faculty and staff that have served at Charlotte Christian for more than 20 years. Others include Ken Flenniken (36), Janet Aldridge (31), Jean Fogle (30), Marcia Craig (28), Paula Hodges (26), Edy Holmes (26), Libby Smith

(26), Freida Thomas (24), Jenny Ramsey (23), Kevin Buchanan (22), David Flenniken (22), Mike Brooks (21), Greg Simmons (21) and Betsy Windham (21).

"For me, it is freedom. We are free to teach the whole truth and teach God's word. We are able to pray with our kids and share the Good News. People that come here are seeking the Biblical integration and strong foundation."

Central to the second grade are the outreach and community service programs that allow Charlotte Christian to minister to those in need. These students learn to pray for countries around the world.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Jay Putnam

Senior, Charlotte Christian lifer



Senior Jay Putnam is one of 30 seniors in the Class of 2011 that has attended Charlotte Christian since kindergarten. This year's graduating class of 107 is slated to be the largest in school history. He has found his niche in the fine arts as a member of the ACT 1 drama troupe since his freshman year and in his second year as a member of the Knights News broadcasting team.

"It has been a great place to be," said Jay. "It is a good constant place with friends and great teachers. Everything comes from a Biblical perspective that prepares you to go into the world and be 'in' the world as a Christian rather than outside of it."

Other students weighed in on what makes Charlotte Christian special.

"Charlotte Christian is special to me because I can pray. I also have lots of friends. There is great and nice teachers. It is very educational."

Ben Boone, grade 3

"I love Charlotte Christian School because of all my friends and academics and options of sports to play. But most of all it is wonderful that we can learn about Jesus and read the Bible in class and are able to pray to the Lord."

Adam Lewis, grade 6

In the last 20 years...



The Lower Gym, Early Education Building, and Dining Hall were completed. The Knights earned 24 team state championships. Fine arts started selling season tickets to theatre productions. In 2008 enrollment reached 1086 students with 98 graduating seniors.

SAVE-THE-DATE Community-Wide 60th Anniversary Celebration Friday, April 29, 2011

The entire Charlotte Christian community is invited to attend this special afternoon celebration honoring a 60 year tradition of excellence in Christian education. Make plans now to join us as we rejoice in God's abundant blessings on our school over the past six decades.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

The Knights Knews, Jr. recently hit the newsstand and is drawing rave reviews. A newspaper created by and put together entirely by lower school students, Knights Knews, Jr. is the creation of students currently enrolled in Kids in Print, one of the lower school's after school enrichment opportunities.

The original idea was to form a creative writing club. After some brainstorming it was decided that a lower school newspaper was the way to go and from there the project took off. Led by fourth grade teachers Mrs. Sarah Cline and Ms. Brooke Dunning, the Kids in Print class meets Thursdays after school. There are 25 students currently enrolled in the club with an additional 25 on a waiting list if the club is offered again.

"We were shocked at how many kids wanted to be a part of Kids in Print," said Ms. Dunning. "We had hoped to make the minimum of 10, and in less than 24 hours we had more than 50 kids sign up."

From choosing the paper's name, to deciding what they were going to write about, the students took ownership of the paper from the beginning.



"The students have taken complete responsibility in putting the paper together," said Mrs. Cline. "They have come up with story ideas, made appointments with subjects they wanted to interview, and put the paper together from start to finish."

Students are using Netbooks to write their stories and then saving them on their flashdrives. The first issue includes articles about Head of School Barry Giller, the new lower school teachers, lower school artwork, and Charlotte Christian parent Kevin Donnalley who recently traveled to Africa on a mission trip.

Most students acted as writers/reporters but a few students put their creativity to use by drawing comic strips and designing word searches and crossword puzzles. Students created press badges and

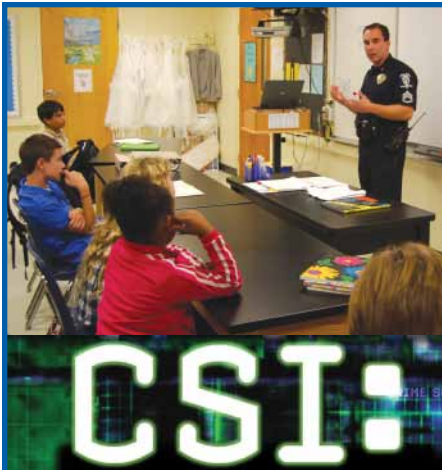
combed the campus taking pictures and setting up interviews. They came up with the headlines for their stories and were responsible for meeting the deadlines before going to print.

Fifth grader Terelle Brown wrote an article on the InterFaith Basketball League and was a contributor to the story on Mr. Giller.

"I had fun getting to go around campus to interview people," said Terelle. "I learned that putting together a newspaper takes a lot of hard work."

Based on its popularity and waiting list, Mrs. Cline and Ms. Dunning hope to offer Kids in Print again this year.

"We expect this will continue to be enjoyed by the entire lower school," said Mrs. Dunning. "It is all about their peers and it gives them something to call their own."



Like the popular CSI television show indicates, science is used every day in our world. Students in the CSI class, a middle school elective, participate in hands-on science activities that require critical thinking skills to create, build, write, and solve problems related to crime scene investigations.

The class, taught by middle school science teacher Julie Bartlett, was born out of a

desire for another science enrichment to offer as a middle school elective.

"This class is good in developing so many different scientific skills including inferences, observations, predicting, and hypothesizing – skills all detectives use," said Mrs. Bartlett.

"We have learned things like: how to conduct a search; tire printing; fingerprinting; trace evidence (glass shards, hair, soil); arson; weapons; striations of bullets and how to trace them back to a gun; facial reconstruction; handwriting; voice analysis and more."

Mrs. Bartlett has worked to creatively engage the students in her class. To encourage her students' detective skills, She set up a "crime scene" in a small office space in the middle school. She planted a "bloody" hammer, keys on the floor, a crumbled up note and more as evidence and then asked her students to investigate what had happened.

During the study of DNA, students recreated DNA molecules using toothpicks, twizzlers and marshmallows. When it came time to learn fingerprinting, Mrs. Bartlett had her students look under microscopes to examine the swirls and patterns of each of their fingerprints to see what makes them unique. Students also dusted for and lifted fingerprints using the same equipment as professionals. Mrs. Bartlett has brought in police detectives as guest speakers and they have been able to build on the things she has taught her students.

Seventh grader Amber Haridopolos is one of the few girls currently taking the class, and according to her, the class has been a wonderful experience.

"Mrs. Bartlett makes the class so much fun," said Amber. "I have learned things I never knew about – like for example when you see a blood drop there are ways to tell exactly from which direction it came from. I am definitely interested in learning more about this subject."



Susan Jones: Impacting Our Community

In the year and a half Upper School Teacher Mrs. Susan Jones has been at Charlotte Christian, she has made quite an impact on the school community. Mrs. Jones is head of the upper school math department, currently teaches Pre-Calculus, Algebra II Honors and Advanced Functions and serves as the junior class advisor.

Mrs. Jones has been an educator for almost 25 years and has taught in both public and private schools. She graduated from Salem College with a degree in Economics and Economic Management and then later attended University of Miami where she received her masters degree in Math Education. Mrs. Jones spent 13 years at Hilton Head Christian Academy where she taught prior to coming to Charlotte Christian.

Upon her arrival, Mrs. Jones made an immediate impact on the upper school's math department when she helped develop and implement the idea of MathWorx, a collaborative effort of upper school math instructors targeted toward students who need additional support in math. During help sessions, teachers are prepared to assist students needing help in any math class, not just their own. The math department works daily before school, during lunch and after school to help any student that needs a little extra assistance.

Alongside her teaching responsibilities, Mrs. Jones's passion is traveling with her students and engaging them in life-changing mission trips. Whether it be for church youth groups, or school students, she has led trips to Belize, India, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Mexico and the Dominican Republic – just to name a few.

"I thank God I have the 'in' of teaching to form relationships with students that I can then take on mission trips," said Mrs. Jones. "When you take kids to a third world country their eyes are opened to things they have never seen. They really learn that to those whom much is given, much is required. Even the poorest students I have taken realize how rich they are when compared to the rest of the world."

Plans are underway for Mrs. Jones to once again lead a group of Charlotte Christian upper school students to the Dominican Republic next summer.

"I am so excited about this trip," said Mrs. Jones. "As soon as we made the announcement we had 50 kids sign up immediately."

Mrs. Jones has received many accolades during her years as an educator. She received the Educator of the Year award in Beaufort County and was also profiled as an Educator of the Week on local news channels in the area. She has served as an AP Reader and was nominated as Disney's Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Jones's desire to give back to others was reflected when she was nominated to and served as part of the Teaching Teachers How to Teach program. Mrs. Jones spent her summer attending seminars and learning tips on how to educate her fellow teaching professionals. During the school year she then took what she had learned and went into rural schools and spent time instructing them – an experience she calls both "challenging and rewarding."

Mrs. Jones's family includes her husband Frankie, daughter Stewart and son Michael, a junior at Charlotte Christian. They attend Elevation Church. In her spare time, which isn't as plentiful as it used to be, Mrs. Jones enjoys photography and playing the flute. In Hilton Head, Mrs. Jones had a small photography business and played the flute every week at church.

Mrs. Jones is quite aware how God's hand led her to Charlotte Christian when her family moved to Charlotte for her husband's job. She has enjoyed becoming a part of the Charlotte Christian community both as a teacher and as a parent.

"The faculty at Charlotte Christian School is amazing," said Mrs. Jones. "I don't think people realize how incredible they are. There is absolutely no weak link here. I also love the different things our school offers the students. The diversity in opportunities is great."

PREPARING ATHLETES FOR COLLEGE

In the last five years, Charlotte Christian has graduated 59 student-athletes that have received scholarships to play a sport in college. In addition to preparing these students with a college preparatory education, the coaches at Charlotte Christian prepared these athletes to compete at the collegiate level.



Meredith Mielke graduated from Charlotte Christian in 2006 and earned a softball scholarship to play at Furman University. She was a three-sport athlete for the Knights running cross country and playing basketball and then softball during the spring and summer. Meredith played softball for the Furman Paladins, advancing to regional play her freshman year by winning the Southern Conference Tournament. After

her junior season, Meredith's playing time became limited due to undergoing two back surgeries before she graduated in 2010. Despite struggling with injuries during her college career, Meredith credits the environment and coaches at Charlotte Christian that prepared her for Division I competition.

"I would like to thank Coach Estep for believing in me and taking the time and energy to teach me about weight lifting and nutrition. I arrived at Furman able to jump right in because of the preparation of Coach Estep in the weight room. Attending Charlotte Christian was a huge blessing in my life for the daily emphasis on the gospel in the classroom and on the athletic playing field. I had some of my most influential high school memories playing sports alongside more mature believers and seeing them strive to glorify God through how they played; that is where I am most grateful. Charlotte Christian prepared me to represent Christ while I played sports and that is what I took to Furman. I took a new outlook on life and sports that is priceless in comparison to my scholarship. I am eternally grateful for how Charlotte Christian invested in me spiritually, educationally and athletically."

Meredith is now a resident on staff at Grace Church in Greenville, S.C. working with student ministries in grades 7-12.



Jake Watson graduated this past May with a baseball scholarship to the University of South Carolina. He will fill infield positions of second base, shortstop or third base for the Gamecocks this season. While he has not officially played a game in his freshman season, he can already see how Charlotte Christian has prepared him for this next step.

"Charlotte Christian definitely prepared me athletically and academically. Coach Simmons is a very talented coach that taught me about college coaching. We had many conversations about where I should go and what would be the best fit for me. Coach Simmons and (South Carolina) Head Coach Tanner have similar coaching styles. We work on the fundamentals a lot. We get in the routine of doing the small things correctly so we can do the big things.

"The English department helped me out a lot - all the way from Mrs. Ramsey to Mrs. Dean. What they are teaching is very important in college. It is really helpful and has benefited me to learn all kinds of writing styles. I went back a couple of weeks ago and thanked them for helping me."

BY THE NUMBERS

- 59 student-athletes signed national letters of intent
- 23 baseball scholarships
- 17 football scholarships
- 14 to Southern Conference
- 12 basketball scholarships
- 7 to Atlantic Coast Conference
- 4 soccer scholarships
- 3 inductions to military institutes
- 2 Ivy League Schools
- 1 gymnastics/softball/swimming scholarships

SIGNINGS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

2009-10

Nick Agrawal	Baseball	Macalester College
Parker Blazeovich	Football	Virginia Military Institute
Kelby Brown	Football	Duke University
David Durham	Football	The Ohio State University
Sam Fulginiti	Football	Elon University
Brittany Gendron	Soccer	Western Carolina University
Mitchell Hargett	Basketball	Pfeiffer University
John Kincaid	Baseball	Appalachian State University
Trey Laney	Baseball	Western Carolina University
Ty Linton	Baseball & Football	UNC-Chapel Hill
		Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB)
Reynolds Maharajh	Basketball	Guilford College
Akil Mitchell	Basketball	University of Virginia
Erin Sayson	Gymnastics	University of California-Davis
Jake Watson	Baseball	University of South Carolina

2008-09

Luke Bard	Baseball	Georgia Tech
Andy Clifford	Baseball	Furman University
DJ Faris	Football	Princeton University
Scott Glover	Baseball	High Point University
Will Grey	Soccer	Mercer University
Willis Hall	Basketball	College of Charleston
Wil Kamin	Football	University of Richmond
Jonathan Miller	Football	Georgetown University
Michael Selan	Football	Muskingum College
Carson Sullivan	Basketball	University of Pennsylvania
Taylor Wagener	Basketball	Wofford College

2007-08

Mason Bradley	Baseball	Wofford College
Tyler Brown	Football	Appalachian State University
Seth Curry	Basketball	Liberty University - Duke University
Jordan Edwards	Soccer	North Carolina State University

MEASURING PERFORMANCE ONE BEAT AT A TIME

This fall season cross country athletes focused on new tools and performance measures to improve their abilities on the course. First time coaches Bryan Gud and Tara Davis brought fresh ideas to the 18-member squad emphasizing the importance of hydration, core strength work, and even the use of heart rate monitors.

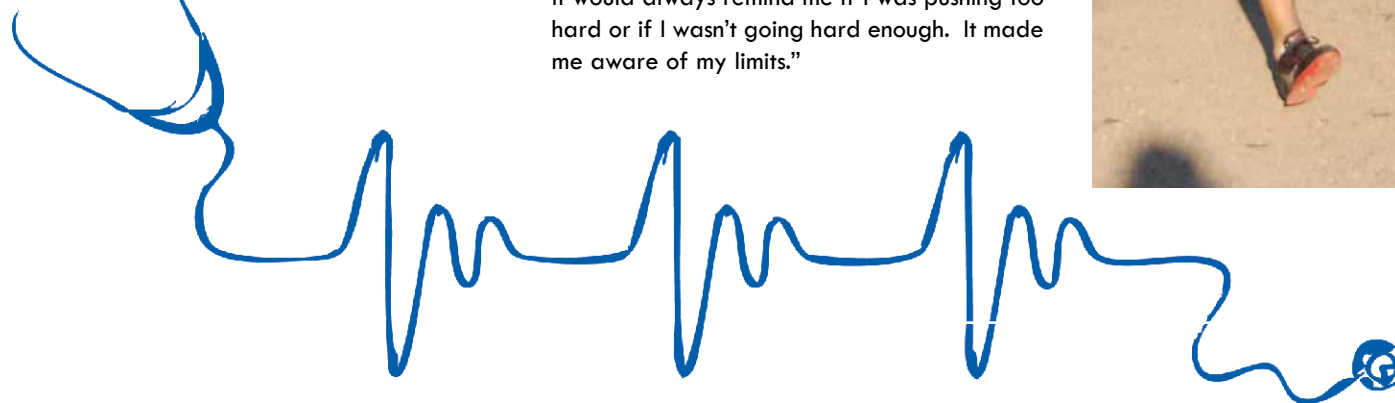
"We were very blessed to have a cross country family donate one heart rate monitor per athlete," said Coach Gud. "In coaching it is hard to tell an athlete to run at 50 percent of their maximum heart rate. Using these monitors takes guessing out and helps the athlete judge their running."

The use of heart rate monitors is a great tool to train runners. Combining age and resting heart rate calculates a peak performance heart rate. Coaches are able to use these devices to help runners raise their pain threshold, endure a run, and then recover quickly to their resting heart rate.



Student-athletes were encouraged to wear these during practices and meets this year. Every runner on the men's side improved their times from the beginning of the season and reached their goals and received personal records. Senior Luke Robinson and junior John Good were all-conference runners, and placed fourth and fifth respectively at the conference meet this season.

"The monitors helped us realize how hard we should push ourselves and how to be safe when running," said Luke. "When I wore my monitor it would always remind me if I was pushing too hard or if I wasn't going hard enough. It made me aware of my limits."



Adam Hill
Chris James
Will Luoni
Alexa Richardson
Brandon Robinson
Lee Rose
Josh Thompson

Baseball
Football
Basketball
Swimming
Football
Football
Football

Air Force Academy
University of Richmond
Roanoke College
Davidson College
Liberty University
University of Richmond
College of William & Mary

2006-07

Omar Carter
Marcus Connor
Graham Fronk
Clint Irwin
Thomas Nichols
Kentrel Owens
Will Wade
Zenus Wilson
Brandon Yeargan

Basketball
Basketball
Baseball
Soccer
Baseball
Soccer
Football
Football
Football

Charleston Southern University
Methodist College
Campbell University
Elon University
Wofford College
Wofford College
UNC-Pembroke
Davidson College
Davidson College

2005-06

Jared Bard
Charles Bradley
Stephen Curry

Baseball
Baseball
Basketball

Keenan Farley
Kurt Fulginiti
Max Fulginiti
Bryant Gaines
Matt Gantner
Daniel Hill
Tyler Kirkpatrick
Chase Martin
Mason McVerry
Meredith Mielke
Chris Whitley

Basketball
Baseball
Baseball
Baseball
Baseball
Baseball
Baseball
Baseball
Baseball
Softball
Baseball

University of Richmond
Harding University
Davidson College
Golden State Warriors (NBA)
Covenant College
Gardner-Webb University
High Point University
UNC-Chapel Hill
High Point University
Presbyterian College
Western Carolina University
The Citadel
Presbyterian College
Furman University
Lenoir-Rhyne University



ACT 1 CAPTURES SECOND STATE TITLE

Congratulations to Charlotte Christian's ACT 1 drama team, recently named 2010 North Carolina Theatre Competition (NCTC) state winners at the NCTC High School Play Festival, capturing their second state title since 2008. More than 120 shows from 90 schools competed at the regional level with the top 16 shows advancing to the state festival held at Greensboro College, Nov. 18-19. The ACT 1 performance of *Into the Woods, Jr.* was chosen as one of two distinguished plays at the state competition and will now advance to the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) in Atlanta, Ga. In addition to state honors, their production also won excellence in set design and senior Polly Hilton was named best actress in the state.

At the earlier regional competition held in October, the group performed both *Into the Woods, Jr.* and *The Taming of the Shrew*, winning numerous awards. Claire Hilton and Polly Hilton won Excellence in Acting awards; Michelle Long won Excellence in Directing; *The Taming of the Shrew* won Best Acting Ensemble; and *Into the Woods, Jr.* received both the Technical Management Award and the Distinguished Play Award.

Many of the students on this year's winning team were also members of the 2008 state championship team when their production of *As You Like It* won the NCTC state title. The ACT 1 drama team is a 32 member audition-only competition drama team under the direction of Michelle Long, fine arts director at Charlotte Christian, and Mindy Damon, upper school choral music and drama teacher.

"There is a great mentorship between the students and a tremendous sense of camaraderie," said Mrs. Long. She shared that the students not only enjoy competing at the NCTC festivals, but gain the knowledge of professional adjudication that can be applied to their next performance. "Our team did very well at the regional competition, but they really stepped it up at the state competition," she said. "The audience responded to every twist and turn of the story, and jumped to their feet at the conclusion. Our students were so excited and encouraged by their response."

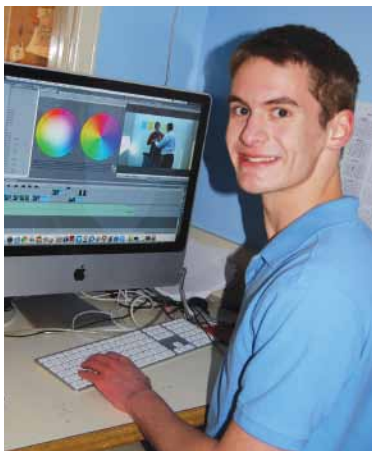
Seniors Polly Hilton and Jay Putnam have both been members of the ACT 1 team for four years, and this year Jay is serving as team captain. "It is great to end our senior year on such a high note," they both agreed. Polly played the role of "Little Red Riding Hood" in the production, for which she won the State Best Actress award. "There was so much amazing talent at the competition and I was honored to be recognized for a role that I enjoyed so much," she said. Polly also took on her first costume design job for the show, choosing modern teen dress over traditional fairy tale attire, and was delighted when the updated change was "accepted with open arms" at competition. Jay shared how the team members apply positive support and encouragement to one another for a truly winning combination.

The team will take their award-winning production and represent Charlotte Christian School and the State of North Carolina as one of 20 schools at the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Atlanta in March of 2011.

Visual Art Students Win **PATRIOTIC** Competition

Junior Kevin Ramsey became the fourth Charlotte Christian visual arts student in a row to win a top award in the Carolinas Freedom Patriotic Art Competition. His piece, entitled "The Face of Courage," won the Independent High School Grand Prize in the competition held this fall. Kevin received the honor alongside his parents at the US Airways Freedom Breakfast held Nov. 5, where his art was featured on the program cover and he was awarded the grand prize of four roundtrip tickets to Washington, DC aboard US Airways. The breakfast was a celebration of our nation's freedom and included the swearing in of new U.S. citizens and honored nationally known artist, Kaziah Hancock, for her portraits of fallen soldiers.

Charlotte Christian visual arts students have been honored to win four of the five years that the Patriotic Art Competition has been held. Former winners include Anne Marie Gaines (2007), Meredith Haake (2008), and last year's grand prize winner, Jake Younts (2009). This year, sophomore Carson Kowar also won second place and sophomore Ashley Tiess received honorable mention. In addition to prizes awarded to the students, the school also received monetary awards to be used for supplies in the visual arts department.



Windy Gap Video Produced By Senior Broadcasting Student

Senior Matt Benson is one of 15 talented students who are learning the exciting and challenging art of producing, editing, and broadcasting as part of the Knights Knews Broadcasting team, taught by Mr. Chad Fair. Matt recently used the skills he learned in the class

to film, edit, and produce both the middle and upper school Windy Gap videos that were shown in the all-school chapel held Oct. 27. For more than 15 years, the three-day retreat at Windy Gap has kicked off the school year for all middle and upper school students and is held at a Young Life camp in the mountains of North Carolina, near Asheville. Matt volunteered to take on the huge job and readily filmed the happenings of the week for upper school and then stayed over to capture the middle school fun. The special week sets the spiritual tone for the school year and is the perfect opportunity for new students to integrate in to the Charlotte Christian community. Matt was able to chronicle team building challenges like egg tosses, dizzy bat relays, and lip sync contests along with fun on the famous "blob," chapel services, and just hanging out times.

The two videos together total seven minutes, however the work behind the finished product took an astounding four weeks to complete. "Editing is the actual telling of a story," shared Matt. "It takes all the video clips like sentences and makes them into a cohesive story line, just like a paragraph." For someone who just began learning broadcasting as a junior and had never worked with film before, he has had made amazing strides in the field. This past summer, Matt attended the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) where he won the prestigious 2010 Editing Award. More than 50 students from all over the southeast attended the five-week camp, and Matt credits the knowledge he gained from his one year in the broadcasting class for his success. "Mr. Fair taught me everything," he said. "I went to UNCSA



knowing more than any other student there simply because of what I have been able to gain from my studies here at Charlotte Christian." Matt calls the Knights Knews program quite "unusual" in comparison to others because all of the students are given the opportunity to cast, direct, write, and edit their own pieces, using state-of-the-art industry software called Final Cut®, the same used by television and movie professionals.

Matt's personal favorite is the introduction that plays before each of the Knights Knews broadcasts. The segment, though less than one minute long, took Matt even more time than the Windy Gap video to produce and edit because of the intricate features he used to individually introduce each student on the 15 member team.

His first choice for college is the Savannah School of Art and Design (SCAD), where he has already earned a \$10,000 annual academic scholarship and is now in the process of applying for an artistic scholarship. Although Matt has a good time on both sides of the camera, he is looking forward to his education in the field of broadcasting and plans to focus his career on editing and producing for television.

To view the Windy Gap videos visit www.charlottechristian.com and look under "Upper School" and "Knights Knews."

Kevin's piece represented the face of courage in more than one way. His art is a computer-based special affects photo of his sixteen year old cousin, Christopher McNally, who has dreams of becoming a paratrooper and attending the United States Military Academy at West Point. Just last year, Christopher was diagnosed with a rare bone cancer when doctors found a tumor affecting his leg. During those incredibly trying times, Christopher felt God's guidance that the process would only make him stronger. Today, the tumor is 99.9 percent dead, and the cancer affected bone has been replaced giving hope to Christopher, his family, and his dreams of joining the United States Army. Kevin credited his instructor, Mrs. Eva Crawford, for her encouragement. "She makes you think about everything differently, beyond its face value," he said. "She wants you to look at the meaning behind each piece."





Christmas is All in the Heart



Serving others during the holiday season is often on the hearts and minds of our school community. This year the upper school National Honor Society (NHS) partnered with the lower school in their annual collection of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Members of the NHS then delivered the more than 500 shoeboxes to the OCC processing center.

In addition, sixth and seventh grade students made their own impact on the community through their service projects.

On Dec. 14 the entire sixth grade traveled to Team Church where the congregation had purchased more than 650 gifts for children at Walter Bickett Elementary School. These elementary school children were given a list of 10 gifts to choose from and were promised to receive something off of their list. Each of the gifts was wrapped by and prayed over by the Charlotte Christian sixth graders before being sorted into piles.

Sixth graders Sydney Scott and Brooklyn Williams were excited to be a part of the service project.

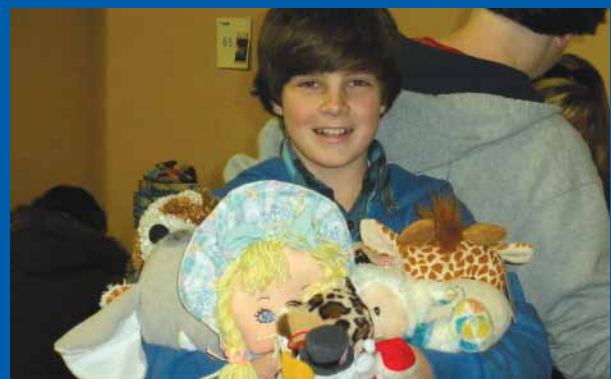
"It felt good to know how much our school and our students care about others," Brooklyn said.

Sydney agreed. "It was fun to help someone who probably won't get much on Christmas day and to know that Christmas is really about family and friends and taking care of each other," she said.

Students in seventh grade participated in a similar project on behalf of 2xSalt. In late November, students began a toy drive for the ministry's Miracle Mall Christmas Store, an event that allows parents to shop at deeply discounted prices and provide Christmas for their own families with dignity and pride. On Dec. 6 the seventh graders loaded up the toys that had been donated and took them to 2xSalt to unload and sort. The students helped organize the Miracle Mall to get it ready for its opening on Dec. 18.

Seventh grader Anna Edwards enjoyed her time at 2xSalt.

"It was pretty neat to see what these children were getting for Christmas and to help other people so that they can actually have presents," said Anna.



SING A NEW SONG



Lower school chapels have experienced an exciting new element this year with the addition of the lower school praise and worship team. The team performed in front of their peers about 10 times in weekly chapels and every day during SLAM week.

Led by Lower School Music Teacher Elisa Dennehy and Group Leader Stacie Tuttle, the group of 15 girls and boys in grades 3-5 met weekly on Monday afternoons to learn new choreographed routines and songs.

"We saw an opportunity for our students to use their gifts and talents to witness to their peers," said Mrs. Dennehy. "We feel like it added a whole new dimension to the level of praise in chapel. When students see their peers worship like that, it is a powerful experience."

"Stacie and I loved working with these students. They were so excited and enthusiastic and they just sang their hearts out," said Mrs. Dennehy.

Mrs. Dennehy enjoyed incorporating the multi-media, multi-sensory approach to back up the praise and worship team and plans on continuing leading chapels the same way.

"The addition of the lower school praise and worship team to chapel was a significant one. Chapels became more meaningful when we emphasized worship. It helped all of the students become more focused on God."

Plans are underway for a new group to begin leading worship for the second semester. "There are a lot of possibilities for growth with this group," said Mrs. Dennehy.

The Image of Christ

"The Image of Christ" is the school theme this year, but it is also the overarching theme for this year's middle school chapels. Middle School Principal Amanda Poole and Assistant Principal Karl Simon collaborated on how to break down the theme into bite-sized pieces that could be easily digested by middle school students.

Each week's chapel is centered on an individual characteristic of Christ. During the first semester, speakers from both inside and outside of the school addressed the topics of character, perseverance, respect, commitment, knowledge and courage. Second semester will bring discussion on the characteristics of accountability, gratitude, love/purity, integrity, humility, discipline, gentleness, wisdom, forgiveness and joy.

To further illustrate the concept, each time a topic is discussed, a light bulb is screwed into a pre-constructed cross, reminding the students to let their lights shine in that area. Under each light bulb is the individual characteristic being discussed that day. As a new light is added each week - the cross shines brighter, a model to the students of how

their lives should be lived.

"The kids get excited each week when they see the cross plugged in because it is becoming brighter and brighter," said Mr. Simon.

Bridging the gap from week to week was also important to the middle school team.

"It was our goal to improve the flow between chapels this year," said Mr. Simon. "We wanted our students to be able to explain to their parents what chapels were about when they were asked. Being able to talk about courage is a lot simpler than discussing the 'Image of Christ' as a whole."

"Our goal at the end of the year is for the students to know that to reflect the 'Image of Christ' they must shine brightly," said Mr. Simon. "We also want them to know that you don't just automatically have humility, integrity, etc. These are spiritual disciplines which is why we broke them down into segments they could better understand. We want them to go into summer reminded of the characteristics they need to be emulating."





Students Honor Veterans in Special Chapels

Students in every school remembered and honored veterans during all three special Veteran's Day chapels held Nov. 11. The chapel speakers were all Charlotte Christian parents who had also served in different capacities of the United States armed forces. Lower school students began their service with praise and worship led by the Lower School Praise Team, followed by prayer and pledges by third grade students who all wore hats from the various branches of the military. The lower school choir and fifth grade orchestra performed patriotic music and a special flag tribute was also presented.

Anthony Ketron, law professor and Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve, talked about the history of Veteran's Day with the lower school students and shared that prayer is the most powerful thing that students can do to honor veterans. At the close of the chapel, Lt. Col. Ketron and the entire chapel assembly were given the amazing opportunity to corporately pray for Charlotte Christian parent Lieutenant Andy Craig, Nurse Corps-U.S. Navy, and his family. Lt. Craig, a UNC-Charlotte nurse practitioner and father of third grader Gracie Craig, was preparing for deployment to Afghanistan just three days following the chapel. "It was a humbling experience to exercise the power of prayer for one of our own Charlotte Christian family members who was being deployed to serve," said Lt. Col. Ketron.

During the middle school chapel, patriotic music was performed by the Middle School Praise Band, the Concert Band (grade six), and the Symphonic Band (grades seven and eight). Special guest Captain Rone Reed, U.S. Army Special Forces, spoke to the students about courage. As a former member of the U.S. Army Green Beret, Capt. Reed shared a video about the mission and training of the Green Beret unit, explaining that a person does not need to be

in the military to show courage, and that it was equally difficult to show courage in other aspects of life, including middle school. He drew other examples from the families of military service men and women who serve alone at home while their husbands or wives are deployed. Capt. Reed encouraged students to show courage in their daily lives by being a good friend and peer, asking for school help from teachers, trying a new sport, or standing up for someone "outside their circle" to name a few.

The upper school chapel was led by students and featured patriotic selections from the upper school choir group, A Little Knight Music, and the Wind Ensemble. Major Mark Hood, U.S. Marine Corps, father of Charlotte Christian alumni Maggie and Hayward Hood ('09), spoke about what Veteran's Day really means. He went on to define it as duty, honor, fun times, selfless sacrifice, shock, exhaustion, bands of brothers, lessons for life, and never forgetting the ultimate sacrifice that so many have made. Major Hood spoke with the students about everyone's duty to show respect to those who serve the United States through military service. He also talked about how shock can be positive because it is an immediate call to action, sharing the example of his experience on board the US Airways flight that landed in the Hudson River in January 2009.



SAVE-THE-DATE
State of the School Address
Monday, January 24, 2011
Flenniken Dining Hall 7 p.m.

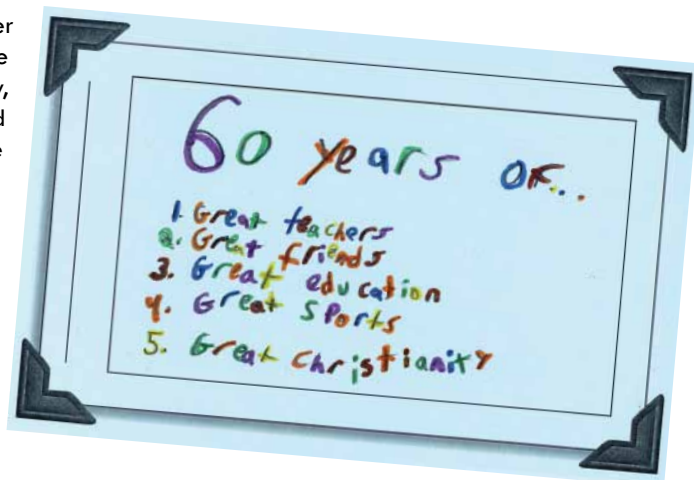
Please mark your calendars and join Head of School Barry Giller for the second forum of the school year. The evening will include a short presentation on the state of our school including an update on goals for the 2010-11 school year, financial snapshot for 2011-12 and the vision for the future. To view material shared in the October forum, please visit the head of school section of the school's Web site.



60TH DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

The entire campus body of Charlotte Christian School joined together on the athletic stadium field on Friday, Nov. 12 to commemorate the 60th day of the 60th school year. More than 1,100 faculty, staff and students dressed in their Charlotte Christian blue and white spirit wear and posed together for a group photo in the shape of a large 60 in celebration of six decades of Christian education.

Students in lower, middle, and upper school all participated in social studies and Bible classes by discussing the history of Charlotte Christian School and what was taking place in the 1950s when the school was organized. Each student shared their perspective on what makes Charlotte Christian special by drawing or writing on special cards which will be displayed together in the dining hall as a large commemorative memento. During lunch, students also enjoyed birthday cake served by FLIK.



“SWIMMING WITH POOLE” Parenting Series Kicks Off

facebook

“Swimming with Poole” is a first-time parenting series led by Middle School Principal Amanda Poole that is targeted at helping parents of students in grades five through eight navigate the issues facing pre-adolescents today. The first of four meetings was held Nov. 3 and focused on the issue of social media, specifically Facebook, and included discussions on developmental readiness, management of the site, setting boundaries, and other parenting concerns. Assistant Principal Karl Simon and Middle School Counselor Angela Liner also helped facilitate the discussions to a full audience at the Swim and Tennis Center.

The goal of the first meeting was not to tell parents if their child should have a Facebook account or not, but to offer an explanation of the site, share resources, and provide the tools for parents to make educated decisions based on their own child. “We have to prepare our children for a world that assumes they have knowledge of technology, and offer guidance by drawing boundaries and teaching them how to self-monitor,” said Mrs. Poole. She shared with parents the results of a recent middle school poll which found 14% of sixth grade, 47% of seventh grade, and 68% of eighth grade students currently have Facebook accounts, a total of 42% of all middle school students at Charlotte Christian.

Mrs. Poole shared that she was prompted to start the “Swimming with Poole” series after talking with parents about common concerns and the desire to reach out and partner with them in the ever-changing job of parenting.

“One of the most important things that a middle school parent can have is a friend who is walking the same road,” she said. Mrs. Poole also gained insight from the book, *Kingdom Education*, by Glen Shultz which shares that “our children must be armed so they can enter this world and take their stand for Christ without fear or trembling,” and that “children need a foundation that is unchanging and consistent, regardless of where the training process is taking place.”

Mark your calendars for upcoming Swimming with Poole seminars on Jan. 5, Feb. 2 and April 6. Topics that are being considered are “Friendship Dynamics: How it Changes in the Middle School,” “Overscheduling the Middle School Student,” and “How to Help Middle Schoolers Deal with Rejection.” For more information on this dynamic new parenting series or to offer topic suggestions, please contact Mrs. Poole in the middle school office at (704) 366-5673 or by e-mail at amanda.poole@charchrist.com.

ACADEMICS

HENDRICK SCHOLARSHIPS



Seniors **ANTHONY GILL** and **JULIA BUWICK** are this year's recipients of the Jennifer and Kimberly Hendrick Memorial Scholarships which were presented in all-school chapel on Oct. 27. The scholarships were established by Mrs. Cathy Hendrick in May of 2005 to provide full tuition to two seniors at Charlotte Christian who exemplify a humble, Christ-like spirit, and heart of service to the Lord. The scholarships are in memory and honor of her daughters, Jennifer Marie Hendrick and Kimberly Paige Hendrick, both Charlotte Christian graduates of the Class of 2000. Their precious lives, along with the life of their father, John Hendrick, family members and friends, were surrendered to the Lord on October 24, 2004.

N.C. JR. CLASSICAL LEAGUE FALL FORUM



Thirteen sixth grade delegates represented Charlotte Christian School at the N.C. Jr. Classical League Fall Forum event held Nov. 20 in the classics department of UNC-Greensboro. The JCL delegates and their faculty sponsors, Mrs. Jean Robbins and Mrs. Jean Fogle, attended workshops on the Trojan War, the Twelve Labors of Hercules, archeology at Pylos, and conversational Latin. The students also participated in Silly Olympika and Mixed Up Certamen.

CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN DELEGATES (Shown left to right)

EVA NOEL BOWER
JANE FOX
ELISE HANEGRAAFF
ANSLEY CORRIGAN
ABBY RICHARDS
CENIA GOLDSTEIN
MATTHEW BOELKINS

ANDREW T. LOOKER, JR.
NICK SUAREZ
ABBY YOH
BROOKE SLATTERY
ERIN DYKE
KATIE HANE BUTT

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS & COMMENDED SCHOLARS

Congratulations to seniors **CATHERINE JARRETT** and **JAKE YOUNTS** who were named semifinalists in the 56th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They will compete with more than 16,000 scholastically-talented high school seniors from across the nation for one of the 8,400 Merit Scholarship awards to be given out next spring. Seniors **DAVID ANDERSEN**, **BEN ANTHONY**, **HOPE FOSKEY**, **MATTHEW HASSELBERG**, **JOHN HUMPHRIES**, and **STEPHEN ZITTRouer** were named Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program and are part of the 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation who are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

HOBY LEADERSHIP NOMINEE

Sophomore **ZACH TUTTLE** has been nominated by the upper school faculty to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Conference at Wake Forest University June 17-19. HOBY is a nationally-recognized leadership conference that empowers students to return to their campuses equipped to make an impact on their school communities.

2010 SPELLING BEE



Congratulations to sixth grader **EMEM OKPOKOWURUK** on winning the 2010 Charlotte Christian Spelling Bee. Thirty students representing grades three through eight advanced to compete in the spelling bee held Dec. 3. In addition to Emem, two other spellers competed in the final round, **MATTHEW BOELKINS**, grade six and **REGAN JACKSON**, grade five. Emem will go on to represent Charlotte Christian in the Mecklenburg County Independent School Spelling Bee on Jan. 24 at Charlotte Preparatory School.

ACADEMICS

NATIONAL AP SCHOLARS

CAMERON CLAVIN
BLAYDES MOORE

AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

DAVID ANDERSEN
KELBY BROWN
AJ CALHOUN
CAMERON CLAVIN
JORDAN DEUINK
DANIEL FORREST
HOPE FOSKEY
LUI GALLETO

MATTHEW HASSELBERG
JOHN HUMPHRIES
CATHERINE JARRETT
BLAYDES MOORE
IAN RICHARDSON
ERRETT ROTH
JAKE YOUNTS

AP SCHOLARS WITH HONORS

BEN ANTHONY
ADAM KIIHR
BILL MCABEE
RACHEL MOREAU
LAURA PRICE
ERIN SAYSON
STEPHEN ZITTRouer

AP SCHOLARS

JOHN AHLERT
DANIELLE BEYSOLOW
CRANFORD BLANTON
MEGAN BURTON
LESLIE CAMERON
MATT CORISH
RILEY DAVIS
TAYLOR DRURY

STEPHEN FANDEL
WILL GREEN
MEREDITH HAAKE
MICHAEL LENAHAAN
EVAN MARCEY
JUSTIN ORTLIP
WILL READHEAD
GRANT WILSON

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR

Each September for the past nine years, Charlotte Christian has hosted the National Christian College Fair, sponsored by the National Association of Christian College Admissions Professionals. The fair is a free event and open to the public, giving high school students the opportunity to meet with admissions counselors from more than 40 Christian colleges and universities to discuss admissions and financial aid choices. This year, the fair targeted students in the Charlotte, Rock Hill, and Gastonia areas and was a huge success. The fair welcomed more than 500 high school students and family members to the Charlotte Christian campus, more than doubling the attendance from previous years. "Some of the finest Christian colleges and universities in the country are represented each year at the fair and we were very excited to see so many high school students come out to learn more about the choice of Christian education," said Mrs. Jodi Foxx, director of college counseling for Charlotte Christian and organizer for the event. "It is an honor to offer this opportunity to high school students all over our community who are weighing their college options."

READING KNIGHTS

Reading Knights is an optional reading incentive program for lower and middle school students designed to build excitement and interest in reading. The program is in its 11th year and encourages students to read books on a variety of topics and to develop a habit and love of reading.

For more information on how to get your student involved in the Reading Knights program, please contact your child's teacher or Marcia Craig in the Petty Media Center at (704) 366-5657, ext. 6601 or marcia.craig@charchrist.com.

READING PAGES

(They have read 25 books and gave an oral report on one.)

Abigail Atwater • Elizabeth Beltzhoover
Heather Harriss • Abbi Snyder • Cora Snyder
Kaitlyn Snyder • J.D. Williams

READING SQUIRES

(They have read 50 books and gave and have prepared a written report on both a fiction and a non-fiction book.)

Christopher Saez • J.D. Williams

READING KNIGHTS

(They have read a total of 100 books and have turned in a summary recommendation on 10.)

Justin Orlando • Lily Robinson
Sofie Vachino • J.D. Williams

READING KNIGHTS WITH A PENNANT

(They have read a total of 250 books and created an artifact approved by media center personnel.)

Chinelo Afulukwe • Susan Davis
Rohin Szyborski

READING KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

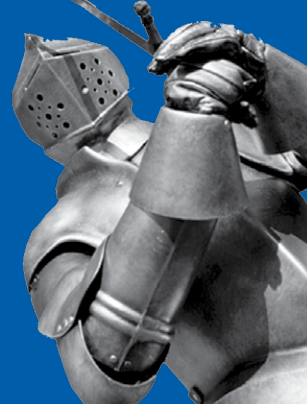
(They have read an additional 250 books and created an artifact approved by media center personnel.)

Liesel Brehmer

READING KNIGHT (1,000 BOOK LEVEL)

(They have read an additional 500 books and created an artifact approved by media center personnel.)

Maya Szyborski



ATHLETICS



ALL-NCISAA ATHLETES

FOOTBALL:

KYLER BROWN
BRETT CHERRY
MATTHIAS FARLEY
GARRETT HUNEYCUTT

ALL-CISAA ATHLETES

CHEERLEADING:

MADISON DEAN
AMANDA HUDGINS
BAILEY THOMPSON
MAGGIE WALKER

FOOTBALL:

KYLER BROWN
BRETT CHERRY
MATTHIAS FARLEY
GARRETT HUNEYCUTT

VOLLEYBALL:

JULIA BUWICK
SYDEL CURRY
MORGAN HORNER

CROSS COUNTRY:

JOHN GOOD
LUKE ROBINSON

MEN'S SOCCER:

STEPHEN ZITTROUER

FALL 2010 ATHLETIC SIGNINGS



Three Charlotte Christian student-athletes signed national letters-of-intent to play at the collegiate level during the NCAA National Signing Day ceremony held Nov. 10 in the Lamb/Johnson Gymnasium.

ANTHONY GILL

University of South Carolina (Basketball)

TYLER SIMMON

Wingate University (Baseball)

WORTH SMITH

United States Naval Academy (Basketball)

OASIS ALL-STAR SHRINE CLASSIC

Seniors **KYLER BROWN**, **MATTHIAS FARLEY**, **GARRETT HUNEYCUTT**, and **SIMMS MCELFRISH** were all named to the 2010 NC Independent Schools Association Shrine Bowl Team. The 2010 All-Star Shrine Classic was held Nov. 26 at Charlotte Country Day, with a North Carolina victory of 31-24 over South Carolina.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS WIN
GOLDEN CORRAL CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

Congratulations to both the girls' and boys' middle school basketball teams on being named champions at the Golden Corral Christmas Classic, held Dec. 3-4 at Covenant Day School.

The girls used a balanced scoring attack and a strong defense to defeat Charlotte Prep 27-8, Carmel Christian 39-15, and Covenant Day 36-14 in the championship game. This is the second Golden Corral title that the girls have earned in three years. The boys employed a successful press and up-tempo game to defeat Providence Day seventh grade 33-9, Charlotte Country Day School 48-32, and the Providence Day eighth grade team in the finals 52-29.

FINE ARTS

HONORS BANDS

Congratulations to the following Charlotte Christian musicians who were selected to perform in honors bands:

NCAIS HONORS BAND

HAYLEY BUCKNER	JONAH WYLIE
SEAN GALLAGHER	MORGAN YEARGAN
CHRISTIAN TAYLOR	

PIEDMONT ARTIST SERIES HONORS BAND

MATTHEW BOELKINS	SEAN LINDSAY
AVERY BUIE	ABBY YOH
HARRISON HAMER	

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY HONORS BAND

HARRISON HAMER	SYDNEY WEAVER
ALEX WATKINS	ABBY YOH
ADDISON WEAVER	

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY HONORS BAND

HAYLEY BUCKNER
SCOTT ORTLIP

CHARLOTTE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

MICHAEL HUMPHRIES

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

AVERY BUIE	RACHEL REDMOND
HARRISON HAMER	ALEX WATKINS
INDIA LINDSAY	ABBY YOH

VIRGINIA TECH HONORS BAND

HAYLEY BUCKNER	SCOTT ORTLIP
CARRIE FRANCES DANIEL	DANI VON GNECHTEN
WES FOSKEY	ALEX WATKINS
SEAN GALLAGHER	SYDNEY WEAVER
CONNER HARTIS	ABBY YOH
ANDREW T. LOOKER, JR.	

ALL AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL HONORS PERFORMANCE AT CARNEGIE HALL

HAYLEY BUCKNER

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTO COMPETITION

Congratulations to senior **NIKKI KRECICKI** whose photo of her grandmother entitled "A Wrinkle In Time" was chosen for the National Geographic Photography Contest. Her photo was featured in week six of the competition where it received national and international applause.



ARTFEST OF MATTHEWS WINNERS



Congratulations to four visual arts seniors who won scholarships and awards at the 25th Annual ArtFest of Matthews held Sept. 25-26. The festival is a fine art and master craft show featuring juried work including a senior art competition which showcases some of the county's best senior artists.

LAUREN ASPEY People's Choice Award and a \$250 scholarship

ANNA HOLT First place, a \$750 scholarship, and a \$75 honorable mention award

JAKE YOUNTS Second place and a \$500 scholarship
AJ CALHOUN Photography Award for \$250

SCHOLASTIC ART ON DISPLAY IN NATION'S CAPITAL

Two Charlotte Christian graduates have been chosen to include their National Scholastic Art Gold Award artwork in a year-long exhibition in Washington, DC sponsored by the 2010 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. **MEREDITH HAAKE ('10)** will have her artwork on display at the U.S. Department of Education and **MEGAN BURTON ('09)** will have her piece on display at the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

STUDENT TRIP TO SEE NUTCRACKER



Students in Miss Dunning's fourth grade class enjoyed a Christmas treat when they were invited to come see their classmate, **GABBY CUTRONA**, perform in the *Nutcracker* at the Halton Theater on Dec. 3. Gabby played the role of a "Red Soldier" and an "Angel."

YOUNG THESPIAN

Fourth grader **CLAIRE BURCH** performed in Theatre Charlotte's *A Christmas Carol* Dec. 10-12 and Dec. 16-19. One of only five children in the cast of 30, Claire had three different roles and performed in all 13 performances.

The Annual Quality Plus Fund

every gift makes a difference



QPF Volunteers

Meeting our annual Quality Plus Fund would be very difficult without the generous support of many and the numerous volunteers who work tirelessly to encourage our community to support the campaign.

LOWER SCHOOL CHAIRS

Kenny and Lori Fuqua

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAIRS

Alan and Domonique Barnes

UPPER SCHOOL CHAIRS

Michael and Susan Richardson

Barry Bazen
Heather Brannon
Chris Corish
John Daniel
Jim Edwards
Mark Farley
Christopher French
Todd and Tonya Jesso
Alain Lillie
John and Karyn Love
Keith and Jill Vance

The name for our annual giving campaign underscores the importance of continued, unrestricted gifts to the school. Through generous annual support, the school is able to provide “quality” educational and co-curricular offerings for each student. Strong unrestricted support also allows the school to add the “plus” to our many programs through accelerated course offerings and updated technology, curriculums, learning tools, and athletic and fine arts equipment sooner than they would otherwise be made available to our students, faculty, and coaches.

At Charlotte Christian 4 percent of our annual operating budget is funded through our annual Quality Plus Fund (QPF). This year our QPF goal is \$475,000. To date \$259,509 has been given.

TOP 10 REASONS TO SUPPORT THE ANNUAL QUALITY PLUS FUND

1. To bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost to educate students.
2. To enable students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to attend.
3. To help the school attract and retain outstanding faculty.
4. To continue our legacy of offering a comprehensive Christ-centered, college preparatory education.
5. To maintain the mission of the school - to educate students to “impact the culture for Christ.”
6. To support the school’s educational and co-curricular programs.
7. You, your children or grandchildren have been influenced by Charlotte Christian School.
8. To encourage others in their support of the school.
9. To excel in giving and to give from a cheerful heart as the Scriptures command.
10. Your gift is tax-deductible.

2009-10 ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE

Our recent annual report recognized those who were patrons of the fine arts and Touchdown Club during the 2009-10 fiscal year. However, because membership dues are collected across fiscal years we would like to recognize each member regardless of which year they paid dues as patrons of the fine arts program and Touchdown Club in 2009-10.

FINE ARTS

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Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carpenter
Dr. and Mrs. Chip Case
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Mr. and Mrs. Mike Clark

ALUMNI & PARENTS OF ALUMNI HOMECOMING



Homecoming was very special this year as we not only celebrated our school's 60th anniversary with alumni and parents of alumni, but we were also happy to have Head of School Barry Giller and his wife, Lisa, join us at the tent for a meet and greet. Many came to celebrate their 10, 20 and 30 year class reunions as well as to celebrate the school's history and cheer on our Knights. It was a wonderful evening of food, fun and friends. Be on the lookout for next year's Homecoming save the date as we look forward to another great night!



Mr. Buddy Cook
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cornelson
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Danenberg
Mr. and Mrs. John Daniel
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daughtry
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dexter
Mr. and Mrs. Pardon Dexter
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Durham
Mr. and Mrs. James Duyck, Jr.
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Mr. and Mrs. Chris Forker
Mr. and Mrs. David Fry
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fulginiti
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gamble
Mr. Scott and Dr. Donna Girard
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Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gobar
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grey
Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Griffiths
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grigg
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gum
Mr. Joseph Hall

Dr. and Mrs. Darlington Hart
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hartis
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Henderson
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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hodges
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hogan
Mrs. Laura House
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howard
Mr. and Mrs. Don Hudgins
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Huneycutt
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Jacobs
Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Kay
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kennington
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kincaid
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Laymon
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Leazer
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Linder
Mr. and Mrs. Todd Lynch
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Markwat
Mr. and Mrs. Greg McAbee
Mr. and Mrs. Rick McCorkle
Mr. and Mrs. Pat McCormick

Mr. and Mrs. Doug McElfresh
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Medeiros
Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Milleman
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore
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Mr. and Mrs. Craig Nowokunski
Dr. and Mrs. Leo Orsino
Mr. Jeff Parker
Mr. Clayton Parsons
Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson
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Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Peery
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Randolph
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Randolph
Mr. and Mrs. John Rosenblatt
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saleh
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Mr. and Mrs. Stan Selan
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Selby

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Shepherd
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Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Ward
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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watkins
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Watson
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weiss
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whisonant
Mr. Marty White and
Dr. Heather White
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wiens
Mr. Jim Wiles
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Wooten
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Yoh
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Younts

Class Notes

2010

BRITTANY GENDRON was named to the Southern Conference All-Freshman Team as a member of the Western Carolina soccer team.

2008

ZACH DEXTER is the 2010-11 Editor-in-Chief of the Carolina Review, a monthly conservation journal from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the founding and on-going editor for crdaily.com, the blog for Carolina Review. He was appointed in fall 2010 as Associate Justice to UNC's Student Body Supreme Court and served as the elected chair of the UNC Student Congress Finance Committee in 2009-10. He recently sold MegaSWF.com, the Flash file hosting service he founded in 2008. Zach is a senior at the UNC-Chapel Hill majoring in Peace, War and Defense, with a minor in Computer Science.



ANNA VETTER married Jacob Wright in December 2009. The ceremony was held at Founders Inn on the campus of Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va. Anna's mother made her wedding dress, veil, gloves and cape. The couple currently lives in Virginia and studies at Regent University.

2007

ALEX GOLEY was invited to participate in the Holiday Songwriters' Showcase at Lincoln Center this December. He performed a piece he had written called "Baby Boy" as a duet, singing and playing the piano.

THOMAS NICHOLAS is a senior at Wofford College and plays baseball for the Terriers. He was named to the 2009-10 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

2006

MEGAN JONES created and organized the Build a Block program at UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall of 2009 as a senior with a vision to build 10 Habitat for Humanity homes for UNC and hospital employees in the Phoenix Place subdivision in Chapel Hill. She organized a concert to benefit her vision, raising \$10,000 for UNC Habitat for Humanity.

2004

RICK TANNER married Savannah Marie Smith on June 19, 2010 at Chateau Morrisette near Meadows of Dan, Va. Rick is the project manager in the Sprayed Fireproofing division at Warco Construction Inc. in Charlotte.



2003

TIFFANY CHIN was awarded the Heusner Pupil Award by the Whitehead Medical Society at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. The Heusner Pupil Award is given to a fourth year medical student who is nominated

by classmates in recognition of a remarkable capacity to grasp the principles of science, to heal the sick, and to comfort the troubled. Recipients of this award also exemplify the invaluable traits of humility and integrity. Last year Tiffany was inducted into the Eugene S. Mayer Community Service Honor Society at UNC. As a recipient of the Becton-Tannenbaum International Medicine Fellowship, awarded to one medical student each year to travel to a developing country and work in the local health care system, Tiffany traveled to Honduras. She directed a pilot study there to investigate the primary causes of childhood deaths and devise strategies for public health prevention and intervention. Tiffany's research on infectious diseases at St. Jude Children's Hospital was recently published in the peer-reviewed academic journal Microbial Pathogenesis.



LAURA OSTEEN married Ryan Schuetz on August 7, 2010 at Calvary Church in Charlotte. The couple resides in Virginia Beach, Va.

2000



JESSICA SMITH and her husband, Joshua, welcomed their first child, Madeline Spring, on August 26, 2009. The family currently resides in Washington, D.C. where Jessica is a Pediatric Oncology Nurse Coordinator at Children's National Medical Center and Josh is an attorney with the Federal Election Commission.

Class Notes

1999



KATHERINE ELIZABETH BAGGOTT and **JAMES BRIAN HETHERINGTON**

both graduates in the class of 1999 were married on July 3, 2010 at the Dairy Barn in Fort Mill, S.C. They traveled to St. John for their honeymoon. The couple graduated from Elon University in 2003. Brian is employed as an account executive with Retail Sports

Marketing and Katherine is employed as a marketing manager with Qwest. They reside in Charlotte with their Kerry Blue Terrier, Murphy.



KERRIE BOYTHE CURRIE

and her husband, Kevin, welcomed a son, Conlee David, on June 22, 2010. He weighed 9 lb. 6 oz. and was 21 ¾ inches long. The family currently lives in Greensboro, N.C. where Kerrie is a mortgage lender and Kevin is a real estate agent.

PETER YOUNG married Kristin Mockler on Oct. 23, 2010 in Charlotte. The wedding was held at Christ United Methodist Church and the reception was at Roof With A View. Peter recently returned to the Queen City after spending two years on work assignment in Copenhagen, Denmark for Maersk.



1998

EMILY THOMPSON married Jeff Fuller May 8, 2010 in Charlotte. The ceremony was held in the backyard of Emily's parents, David and Cathy Thompson, and the reception was at Carmel Country Club. The couple resides in Charleston, S.C. Jeff is employed at the Medical University of South Carolina and Emily runs her own graphic design company called BirdE Design.

1993

MATT OSMAN was elected to a four-year term as a District Court Judge in Mecklenburg County.

1987

SHELLEY PHILEMON SMITH ('87) and **CYNTHIA DAWN WILLIAMS WOHLFARTH** ('85) competed in the USTA Adult Combo Doubles Tennis Championships for North Carolina and won the 2010 state championship. They will represent North Carolina in March 2011 in Mobile, Ala. for the USTA Southern Regional Championships where nine state champions will compete for the sectional title.

1988

SUSAN EUBANK SHERIDAN and husband Craig are hard at work getting ready to open Chickadees Deli and Catering (formerly Dikadees Deli on East Blvd.). It will be located across from Presbyterian Hospital on Elizabeth Avenue in the old Andersons spot. January 2011 is the anticipated opening date.



NEW ALUMNI WEBSITE

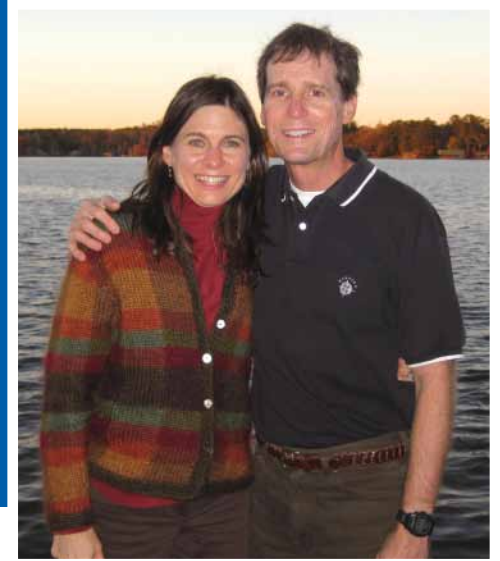
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Julie Stuart Williams: Equipped to Impact Others



Julie Stuart Williams ('87) is an Associate Professor of Management at the University of West Florida. Although she enjoys research and professional service, her main focus is teaching students. When you ask her why she teaches, she will tell you that it is so that she can pass on to others what she experienced at Charlotte Christian.

Julie began attending Charlotte Christian her sophomore year. In addition to spending time on her academics, she became involved in athletics, a school play, and service activities. Several things that Julie really liked about Charlotte Christian were that she became a well-rounded student and that school included a focus on spiritual growth. "Charlotte Christian prepared me for so many different areas of life. I remember the family life class which taught the realities of marriage. My husband and I have just celebrated our fifth year of marriage and are super happy." The couple is expecting a baby girl on Jan. 23.

The most significant impact in her academic track was the mini-mester where she chose career experience. She took a career test and scored highest on industrial engineering. Each day for a week she spent time with various people who worked in different fields in engineering. "At the end it helped me hone in on an area of work. I went to college already knowing what I wanted to major in."

Julie graduated as the valedictorian from Charlotte Christian for the Class of 1987. She proceeded to enroll in a dual undergraduate degree program in Liberal Arts with Furman University and Industrial Engineering with North Carolina State University, graduating with summa cum laude honors from both programs. Julie then earned her master's degree and PhD in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Georgia Tech. She was thrilled to win a fellowship for graduate school which allowed her to graduate debt free.

Four degrees and nine years later, Julie started her professional career at The Ohio State University as an assistant professor in the Department of Industrial, Welding, and Systems Engineering. During her four years as a Buckeye, she was recognized with the College of Engineering Research Accomplishment Award in 1999.

She then spent five years at Purdue University as an assistant professor in the School of Industrial Engineering. In 1994 she received the Purdue University Merit Award for contributions to global sustainable systems research and curricula. She met and married her husband, Ligon, and is now beginning her fifth year as an associate professor at the University of West Florida in the Department of Management/MIS. The university has twice recognized her for her excellence in research as well as awarded her the E.W. Hopkins Faculty Development Award in 2007.

Julie has taught more than 2,000 college students. She remains excited about the opportunity to pass on part of the heritage she has been given and continue to use her God-given gifts and talents to impact the culture for Christ. "The teachers at Charlotte Christian knew each student individually and I work hard at emulating that with my students to this day."



Sophomore Class Float Competition Winners



Anne of Green Gables



KnightsFest



Middle School Homecoming Dress Up Day



JK/K Christmas Program



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JANUARY 2010

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Classes Resume

Monday, Jan. 10
Grade College Planning Parent Night

Friday, Jan. 14
LS/MS/US Report Cards Distributed

Monday, Jan. 17
Martin Luther King Jr.
Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 18
Classes Resume

Tuesday, Jan. 18 - Friday, Jan. 21
MS Stepping Up Week

Wednesday, Jan. 19
Re-enrollment Mailed

Monday, Jan. 24
Head of School Forum

Monday, Jan. 24 - Friday, Jan. 28
LS Rising Parent Meetings
Grade 1 Monday
Grade 2 Tuesday
Grade 3 Wednesday
Grade 4 Thursday
Grade 5 Friday

Thursday, Jan. 27 - Grades JK - 12
Admissions Open House

Monday, Jan. 31
Rising Grade 6 Parent Meeting

FEBRUARY 2010

Tuesday, Feb. 1
Rising Grade 7 & 8 Parent Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 2 - Friday, Feb. 5
ERB Testing - Grades 2-8

Thursday, Feb. 3
Rising Grade 9 Family Forum

Friday, Feb. 4
LS/MS Progress Reports

Thursday, Feb. 10
Re-enrollment Due

Monday, Feb. 14 - Thursday, Feb. 17
Winter Week

Friday, Feb. 18
Winter Break - School Closed

Tuesday, Feb. 15
US Spiritual Renewal Day

Monday, Feb. 21
Presidents' Day - School Closed

Tuesday, Feb. 22
Classes Resume

Wednesday, Feb. 23
Men's Fellowship League

Thursday, Feb. 24
Interfaith/Intramurals Pep Rally

Monday, Feb. 28
PTF Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day
US Band Concert

MARCH 2010

Tuesday, March 1 - Thursday, March 3
US Foreign Language Exams

Friday, March 4
LS Grandparents Day - LS Early Dismissal
MS/US Classes Dismissed

Sunday, March 6 - Friday, March 11
Senior Trip/Experience

Monday, March 7
MS Band Concert

Friday, March 11
End of Third Quarter

Monday, March 14 - Friday, March 18
Spring Break

Saturday, March 19
Host NCTC Middle School Play Festival

Monday, March 21
Classes Resume

Thursday, March 24 - Saturday, March 26
The Wizard of Oz - MS Spring Show

Friday, March 25
LS Report Cards Distributed

Wednesday, March 30
Men's Fellowship