



The Eagle's Landing

Letter From the Principal

It was such a thrill to watch the Elementary Thanksgiving Program, "Give Thanks!" This was the first year we held a program for Thanksgiving. The students were great and they reminded us of how much for which we have to be thankful. It helped me to be a more thankful person.

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." December is a wonderful time of year. Joy fills the air! I love driving down Main Street and seeing all of the lampposts decorated with a Christmas wreath and the other decorations throughout Brighton honoring the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Even in Walmart it seems so many people have a smile on their face and a song in their heart.

I love this time of year. All of the lights and decorations bring with them an air of excitement, peace, joy, and love. I can't wait for the snow to start falling. The light glistening off of each snowflake is wonderful to behold. I watch in awe at our wonderful God and His great love for His creation. Each snowflake is unique from all others; not one snowflake is the same as another. How incredible! It is an illustration of God's love and creativity. There are billions of human beings that live today and billions have lived in times gone by; and yet God created each person individually; and God knows and loves each and everyone. What an awesome God!

With all of the joy, festivities, shopping, and excitement let us not forget why we celebrate Christmas. This time marks the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior. It was a little more than 2,000 years ago that God "sent His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." It was because of God's great love

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for all mankind that He sent Jesus Christ to be our sacrifice. He came as a humble Lamb, the Lamb of God. He was not born in a kingly palace where princes are born. He was born in a stable and was visited that first night by shepherds, abiding in their fields, keeping watch over their flocks. God's great love for us provided the only way of salvation.

Though much time has passed, His birth still excites many people, including me. Jesus was born in the most humble of places, a little town outside of Jerusalem called Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. What a humble birth for the King of kings and Lord of lords. Thank you God for my salvation in Jesus Christ.

Let's remember that Jesus is the "Reason for the Season." It is because of God's great love for us that the world is filled with joy and laughter this time of year. Let's remember all that He has done and is doing for us today. God's Word says that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). When you receive or give gifts this Christmas, remember it started with Jesus. It is His birthday that we celebrate. And truly, it is only because of His birth that we can have joy and peace.



May you know God's love and joy this holiday season. God bless you and Merry Christmas!

In Christ's Service!



Pastor Joshua C Lehman
Principal/Administrator

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when messages matter

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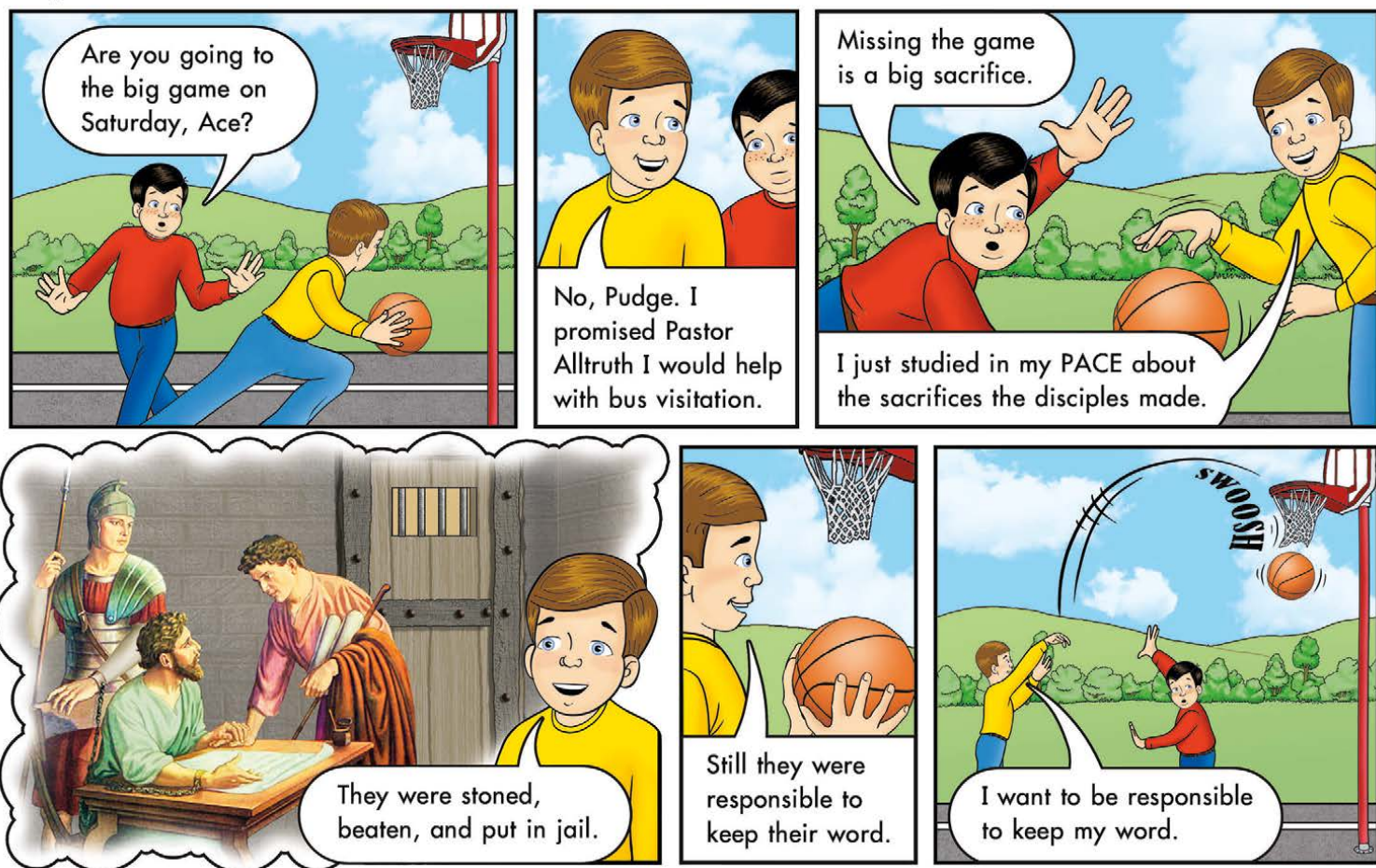
As winter weather approaches, please make sure all phone numbers are current and up to date with the school office.

CHARACTER COUNTS!

One of the unique features of the A.C.E. curriculum is its emphasis upon character building. From its inception it has been the purpose and goal of Accelerated Christian Education not only to give children solid academics but also to give them principles and precepts from God's Word that (1) will lead them to a place where they trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and (2) will build in them the same character qualities demonstrated in the life of Jesus Christ.


What is character? It is that which is built into one's life, motivating and giving direction and purpose for living. A person who develops Godly character will be motivated to love God and seek His direction and purpose for living. Isn't that what you want for your students? Character counts!

Responsible



The character strip above portrays the character trait RESPONSIBLE (from Social Studies 1069), which is defined as "knowing and doing what is expected of me without superior authority; trustworthy; dependable; reliable; accountable." Romans 14:12 tells us, *So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

Pudge and Ace are enjoying a friendly game of basketball. While playing, Pudge asks Ace about going to the big game on Saturday. Ace tells Pudge that he has promised Pastor Alltruth that he would help with bus visitation. The conversation then turns to the sacrifice Ace is making. Ace explains that he has studied in his PACE about the real sacrifices the disciples made for spreading the Gospel. The disciples were responsible to keep their word no matter the cost, so he wants to follow their example and be responsible by keeping his word. What a great practical application of Biblical principles is found in the PACEs.

Yes, you desire that your students will understand and demonstrate responsibility as well as other Godly character traits. What a blessing it is to realize that as students complete their PACE work, they are not only reading about character but also seeing it portrayed in the character strips. 



STUDENT FERRAL PROGRAM

YOU GET A MONTH, THEY GET A MONTH

READY TO RECEIVE FREE TUITION? WE'VE MADE IT EASIER THAN EVER.

REFER A FRIEND TO ELMWOOD AND YOU BOTH RECEIVE 1 MONTH FREE TUITION!

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO HOW MANY FRIENDS YOU CAN REFER. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SPREAD THE WORD!



FREE TUITION FOR EACH REFERRED FAMILY

*Maximum discount per referred family is \$274. *Discount is equal to the highest tuition rate paid. *Discount will be given in 2 equal credits on October and November statements.

*Referred family must have student in K-5 through 12th grade. *Referred family must complete the entire academic year. *Referred family must not have been previously enrolled at Elmwood.

Celebrate the Light

A Historical Story of Christmas from a WWII Refugee

The second World War raged in Europe during Christmas Eve in 1944.

Mother, with four small children, had fled our native Ukraine with the retreating German army. Father had been reported missing in action.

Now we were refugees living in a two-room shack in Dieterwald, Poland. But again the fighting front was only about fifty kilometres away. Frequent air raids sent us scurrying for cover. Explosions rattled the windows. Army trucks brought in the

Have you thought
about why you
celebrate Christmas?

wounded and the dead. Hay wagons filled with refugees rumbled west; bombers droned overhead and army tanks rolled east. Partisans (underground resistance) attacked innocent women and children at night.

Nobody in his right mind went out into the dark winter night.

And yet, it was Christmas Eve. Two women had prepared a Christmas party in a neighbouring village and invited us. Mother, wanting to give us children joy, accepted.

She instructed my sister and me to dress warmly against the winter's cold. "Tonight



we're going to a party," she said. Being only eight-years old, I sensed no danger-only wondrous excitement.

Hurriedly my sister, two years younger, and I dressed. If only Mother would hurry! A simple

wick flickered in a saucer of oil-our only light. We could barely see her shadowy form as she bustled about getting my four-year-old brother, Fred, and almost two-year-old sister, Katie, ready. Finally Mother was putting on her heavy winter coat, kerchief, and warm felt boots.

With one small breath, she blew out the oil lamp. It was pitch dark now.

"Open the door, Lena," she called to me.

We stepped onto the crisp snow covering the farmyard. A moon crescent hung above a large house across the yard where the estate owners lived-kind people who treated us refugees well. It, too, was shrouded in darkness.

Mother lifted Katie and shuffled her to her back: she'd carry her piggyback for the five kilometres.

"Hang tight onto my coat collar," she coaxed. Then, turning towards us girls, she said, "You take Fred's hands." My younger sister and I complied. We had often taken care of our little brother while mother had culled potatoes in the big barns or had done other chores for the landowners.

At the road, we stopped. Although I knew it well

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from my treks to school, I could barely make out the houses on either side of the street. No street lights were allowed now. Windows heavily draped permitted no light to seep out of the houses.

My mother hesitated for a brief moment. Then she said, "Come, we'll take the shortcut across the fields."

The snow crunched as four pairs of feet punched holes in the white expanse of open fields. Stars spangled the vault of sky above us. A blood-red glow smeared the eastern sky. At times an explosion sent flames shooting into the sky.

"Silent night, holy night. All is come, all is bright. Round yon virgin, mother and child...

"Girls, recite your poems to me." Mother's voice sounded a bit shaky. Her arms aching, she put Katie down on the snowy ground. Our recitations of Christmas poems made white puffs in the cold night air.

When we finished, Mother said, "Speak up loud and clear when your turn comes. No mumbling."

She lifted Katie once more onto her back, and we began to walk again. On and on we walked. But we were far too excited to be tired.

Finally we arrived at our friends' house. The door opened and we stepped inside. I felt I had

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Scripture Memory Selections for the Month of December

Psalm 119:10, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."



1ST GRADE

Psalm 34:8-19

2ND GRADE

Psalm 1

3RD GRADE

Hebrews 11:20-22

4TH GRADE

Matthew 5:3-12

MIDDLE LEARNING CENTER

Genesis 1:20-26

JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEARNING CENTERS

Genesis 1:1-26, 31

stepped into heaven itself. Lights! A whole room-full of lights.

Candlelight flickered from a small Christmas tree and bounced out of happy children's eyes. Heavily draped windows kept the light inside—for us to revel in. Red paper chains decked the tree; delicate paper cherubs smiled down upon us.

We squeezed in amongst women and children sitting on the floor. Soon the room filled with singing: "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht." (Silent Night, Holy Night) Some mothers sang alto, the rest of us, soprano. We sang with gusto and from memory, songs that lifted our hearts above the terrors of war and inspired new hope for the days ahead.

I can't remember our long trek home that night, but I do remember the wonderful gifts I received; my right pocket bulged with the most beautiful ball I'd ever seen. A very colourful ball it was. Much later, I learned it had been made out of scrunched up rags wrapped in rainbow coloured yarn probably gleaned from unravelling old sweaters. The other pocket held three cookies!

Soon after that wonderful Christmas party, we were evacuated. Icy winds blew snow into our faces as we cowered on an uncovered hay wagon pulled by two scrawny horses. With the front so close behind, we traveled day and night. Once it was safe to stop, we slept in drafty barns. We ate hunks of frozen bread and drank the occasional cup of milk supplied by a Red Cross jeep.

But the warm memory of that Christmas celebration shone like a small candle in the darkness.

Even years later, when my own life's circumstances seemed too bleak to celebrate Christmas, I remembered the truth of Christmas born in my heart that night: Jesus, the light of the world came to us at Christmas time and no amount of darkness can put out that light. (John 1: 4,5)

A Guide to Christmas Cheer



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

The following principles will help make this a blessed Christmas season:

1. Put Christ First
2. Plan Family Events Ahead of Time
3. Pay Cash for Gifts
4. Place Gospel Tracts in Christmas Cards
5. Provide for Those in Need
6. Remember that Jesus is the reason for the season
7. Share a Christ-like love with all those around you.
8. Give to others
9. Be faithful to your local church
10. Be content

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in Thy garner to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.*

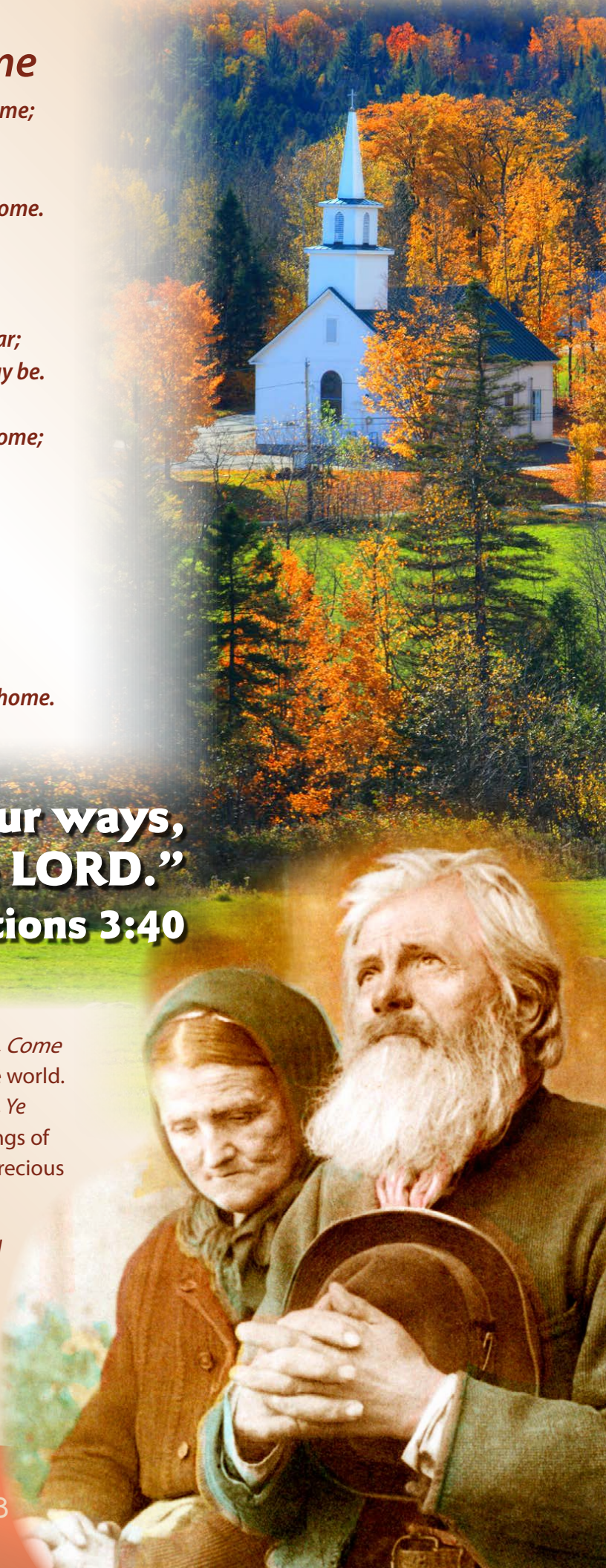
**“Let us search and try our ways,
and turn again to the LORD.”**

Lamentations 3:40

Known as the Thanksgiving Hymn, *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* is one of the most recognized Thanksgiving hymns across the world. Written by Dr. Henry Alford and first published in 1844, *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* reminds us to thank God for the blessings of our daily lives. Let us ever be thankful to our Saviour for His precious sacrifice that bought our redemption.

These words were written in the flyleaf of the author's Bible: *"I do this day, in the presence of God and my own soul, renew my covenant with God, and solemnly determine henceforth to become His, and to do His work as far as in me lives."* May this also be our daily prayer.

Accelerated Christian Education wishes you a very blessed Thanksgiving! May the Lord continue to bless your pastor and leadership, staff and school students, and your church and school during this time of grateful celebrations.





What Makes One Thankful?

What makes one thankful? What makes the heart overflow with thankfulness? Is it when your child brings home a 100% score on a Congratulations slip? When your son announces that he believes God is calling him into full-time Christian service? When

“It is not what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart.”

your daughter hugs you and says, “Momma, I love you!” Are these things indicative of a joyful, thankful heart? It has been said that it is not what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful but what you have in your heart. Let’s reflect upon the blessings that the Lord showers upon our daily lives.

Our Bible.

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. (Psalm 12:6, 7) Isn’t it a blessing to know that God has preserved His Words just for us? We can be thankful for His sustaining and preserving power and praise

Him for His watch care over not only His Words but also His people.

Our heritage.

The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. (Psalm 16:5, 6) Praise Jesus Christ for the heritage He left us through His example of a Godly life of service. Our heritage is worthy of gratitude. Pass a heritage along to future generations—a life of service and thanksgiving.

Our families.

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. (Psalm 127:3) Being a parent is a special privilege—one for which we should be grateful. So often we forget to be thankful for the blessing of our children’s lives. Not only do we need to be appreciative for our children, but we should also learn from them while we provide a pattern of daily life.

Our Christian school.

It is such a blessing to be able to send children to a school using the A.C.E. curriculum. The PACEs instruct students on the basics

of a solid education, but more important, they show students how to develop a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Interwoven into every PACE is Scriptural truth that will, when put into practice, help them to walk with God. Take a moment to say “thank you” to the staff at your Christian school; pray for each student, knowing that God has a special plan for each life.

Our hope.

As Christians, we have the hope of an eternal home in Glory! *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.* (Titus 2:13) Let us raise a song of thanksgiving to our Creator and King for His future provision of an eternity with Him.

We have much for which to be thankful. As a family, take time to list things for which you are grateful. Write thank-you notes to the people who encourage your family, and show thanksgiving in your daily routine. Say with the Psalmist, *I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.* (Psalm 69:30)

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2013-2014 School Calendar

November 12: Picture Retakes
 November 26: Elementary Thanksgiving Program (1st-4th grades)
 November 27-28: Thanksgiving Break – No School
 December 19: End of 2nd Quarter
 December 19: Christmas Party – Full Day of School – No Lunch
 December 23-January 2: Christmas Break – No School

January 6: School Resumes
 January 22: National Western Stock Show (1st-4th grades)
 January 23: National Western Stock Show (5th-12th grades)

February 13: Valentine's Day Parties
 February 17: No School - Presidents Day

March 6: End of 3rd Quarter
 March 17-21: Frontier Regional Student Convention
 March 17-21: Spring Vacation – No School
 March 24: School Resumes
 March 28: Parent Teacher Conferences (1st through 12th grades)

April 2: K-5 Smilestones – Graduation Pictures
 April 7-10: SAT Testing
 April 20: Easter
 April 21: Easter Holiday – No School

May 13: Spring Program 6th-12th Grades – 7:00 PM
 May 19: K4-K5 Graduation 7:00PM
 May 20: Elementary Concert and Academy Awards 1st through 4th grades – 7:00 PM
 May 22: Last Day of School – Half-Day (no After-Care provided)
 May 22: High School Graduation and ACE Learning Center (5th-12th) Awards Program – 7:00PM
 May 24-30: International Student Convention





We want to let you know of a great opportunity for you to help Elmwood Baptist Academy. Kroger/King Soopers has partnered with EBA in a great money raising opportunity at no cost to you.

Simply purchase a pre-loaded \$50.00 gift card from Elmwood for \$50.00 and shop as you normally would. Keep this card and continue using it every time you shop for groceries or fuel. Every time you load additional money on the card, Elmwood received 5%.

For example, the day you purchase your card Elmwood received \$2.50 (5% of \$50.00). When you go to store and buy \$XXX.00 in groceries, ask the clerk to add what amount you desire to the card before they start to ring up your order. Then, simply pay with the gift card. The next time you shop, simply follow this same pattern. You may add as much money as you want to the card at any time.

Thank you for supporting Elmwood Baptist Church and Academy.

Yes, I want to purchase _____ gift card(s) for \$50.00 each.

_____ Please add the cost of the card(s) to my bill.

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_____ Please charge my credit card for the cost of the card(s).

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ CVV: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Upcoming Field Trips



January 22:
1st-4th Grades

January 23:
5th-12th
Grades



December Lunch Menu 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
2 Breaded Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Fruit Milk	3 Chili Fritos Fruit Milk	Mini Pancakes Sausage Hashbrowns Fruit Milk	5 Pizza Chips Dessert Milk
9 Cheeseburger Chips Dessert Milk	10 Taco Salad Fruit Dessert Milk	11 Meatball Sandwich Chips Dessert Milk	12 Pizza Chips Dessert Milk
16 Pasta Bake Veggie Fruit Milk	17 Sub Sandwich Chips Dessert Milk	18 Chicken Noodle Soup Side Salad Fruit Milk	19 Pizza Chips Dessert Pop
23	24 CHRISTMAS VACATION	25	26