



# Eagle's Nest

Calvary Baptist Church School  
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## Thanksgiving Program

By Nicholas Vandall

Students in grades 5-12 presented a Thanksgiving program on Tuesday evening, November 14th. Its theme was a bit unconventional: God is good, even in the bad times. The drama centered on the life of Fanny Crosby, the 19th century hymn writer, who, in her lifetime, penned more than 10,000 hymn texts. Her tombstone declares she wrote over 3,000; but recent research has uncovered many more, due partially to the fact that she used over 200 pen names.

Blinded by an incompetent doctor when she was just a baby, Fanny was gifted with an extraordinary memory.

Senior Lexy Crumpton played the role of Fanny. Maria Cuthrell, Tanner Helmick, Autumn Sutton, and Ty Villwock were narrators and assumed additional roles in the program. Madison Williams, 5th grader, played the role of Aletha, a blind girl at the institute where Fanny taught.

The final song, "God's Been Good" featured Elizabeth Grubbs, 9th grade and David Helmick, 10th grade as soloists. Especially poignant were the cardboard testimonies at the end. Students used this occasion as a way to praise God for His goodness in their lives. Fanny held up the final card which read, "I once

was blind, but now I see."

Students opened the program with a collection of songs. A favorite was "Satisfied": "Jesus satisfies my longings/Through His blood I now am saved."

Junior-high girls sang a medley of Fanny Crosby hymns featuring Kaitlyn Alphin and Montana Staley, 6th graders, as soloists. Christine Cather, 6th grade, played a violin instrumental of "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

Well-attended by parents and friends, the program proved to be a way for students to collectively and individually give God the thanks He deserves.



## Upcoming Events

12/21-1/3- Christmas Vacation

1/4- Report Card #2

2/19 President's Day Vacation

3/12 Report Card #3

3/30-4/6 Easter Vacation

## The Tree of Thanks

By Kerri Bloomberg

"Count your many blessings: name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done."

This holiday season kicked off with a new tradition, the Tree of Thanks.

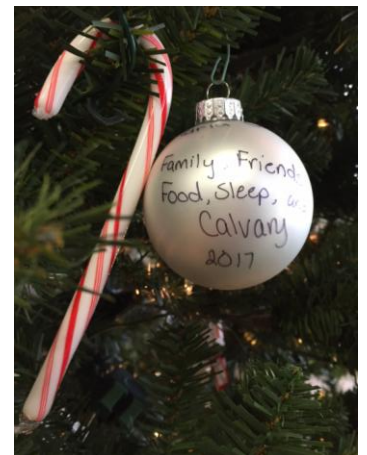
This Christmas tree in the lobby is full of ornaments, one for each student. On each is a student's name and what he or she is thankful for.

Every year the students will add

something they are thankful for to their ornaments. Then, when they graduate, they will take the ornament with them.

Our principal Mr. Tucker devised this beautiful way for us to thank God for His blessings.

If you ride by the school at night, you will see the lit tree and know that its true beauty is in the ornaments representing our thankful hearts.



One of the ornaments hanging on the Tree of Thanks in the lobby.

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# EDITORIAL

By Chelsea Rackley

Christmas seems to bring out the good in people. Why else do we give gifts to others or show good cheer to everyone during this season?

History provides many examples of goodness at Christmastime. My personal favorite is the Christmas Truce of 1914. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in Europe, many British, French, Belgian, and German soldiers ceased firing and celebrated Christmas together. Accounts vary on what actually happened, but we do know these truces occurred and about 100,000 people participated across the battlefields. Stories describe these enemies singing Christmas songs, roasting pigs, getting haircuts by a German barber, giving gifts, and playing soccer together.

Many British soldiers wrote letters detailing what occurred.

"It was a Christmas card Christmas Eve. There was white beautiful moonlight, frost on the ground--almost white everywhere. And round about--I should think--7 or 8 in the evening, we heard this singing and a lot of commotion, and we saw some lights. I don't know what they were--some lights--and later we heard them singing 'Silent Night'-- 'Stille Nacht'--I shall never forget it. It's one of the highlights of my life absolutely to see them. I thought what a beautiful tune."

-Private Albert Moren of the Second Queen's Regiment

"First the Germans would sing one of their carols and then we would sing one of ours, until when we started up

'O Come, All Ye Faithful.' The Germans immediately joined in singing the same hymn to the Latin words 'Adeste Fideles.' And I thought, well, this is really a most extraordinary thing--two nations both singing the same carol in the middle of a war."

-Graham Williams of the Fifth London Rifle Brigade

These truces were not universal. At a few locations, soldiers attempted to make a truce but were shot by the other side. The ones that did succeed were not permanent; fighting resumed Christmas night or the next day. Some truces, however, lasted until New Year's Day. After 1914, the truces stopped. They were viewed as a sign of weakness or mutiny; soldiers attempting any more truces were threatened with harsh punishments.

The Christmas season brings joy and peace. Businesses take this feeling and use it in their advertising. Starbucks's Christmas cup design this year includes a picture of holding hands with the caption "Give Good." Coca-Cola's holiday commercial features a young boy secretly giving Cokes to busy people to brighten up their day.

Christmas brings out the good in people. But why does this happen? It cannot be because of the good inside of us, because man is naturally sinful. Rather, it is because of the gift of God--His Son. When Christ was born, He gave us hope of eternal life. Even though not everyone believes in God, the Christmas story has integrated itself into society and culture. This hope is what gives us the idea to be kinder around the Christmas season.



This picture depicts soldiers celebrating Christmas together.



Every Thanksgiving, CBCS sponsors a food drive to serve families that are in need. This year's food was distributed to three families. Each received a turkey and two large boxes filled with pasta, rice, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, stuffing, and other foods. Thank you to all the parents and students who donated to this cause.

# THE EAGLE'S FLIGHT--SPORTS

## Basketball

By Summer Enfinger

Basketball season has officially begun. October 30th was the first practice, allowing all four teams to prepare for the opening tournament.

At the Anchorage Tournament, November 16th--18th, the Calvary boys played against a new team, Westgate. Both Calvary teams played a returning team, Northside from Charleston, South Carolina, and Fellowship from Jacksonville, North Carolina. Fellowship is the only team from the tournament that Calvary will see again in regular season. The girls varsity team came in second place even after a couple of losses in the beginning.

The boys team landed

fourth place, but it was a good learning experience. Getting into the groove is a bumpy road; but as the season goes on, hopefully, the teams will iron out the kinks.

The first game for the JV girls was on November 28th against Wanchese. Giving game experience and showing what they need to work on, this match helped them get rid of the "first game jitters."

The first home game for all four teams was on December 1st against Trinity. It was an amazing experience with the stands packed with fans and the gym filled with good energy. Although Calvary did not come through with a win, they did their best;

and overall, it was a good experience.

The JV boys won their game against Mount Calvary. After a few losses, a win is encouraging. Hopefully there will be more wins to come as the

season progresses.

Willing to put in more work, the teams are ready to improve. As the season progresses and more games are played, the Eagles will fight on to the end.



## Cross Country

By Summer Enfinger

Cross country began with two important events this fall.

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Eagles completed the Reformation Run on October 31st at the high school property. It was a 5K (3.1 mile) event.

The Reformation Run involved people from around the world who ran to commemorate this day. There is a website where the runners could insert their times.

Overall, everyone did a great job, especially for the first race of the year. Brandon Conaway, Dylan Conaway, Caleb Croom, Josh Croom, Mike Helmick, Brian McRoy, and KC Peter make up the Cross

Country team this year. Mr. Eldred is the coach and a runner himself.

Dylan Conaway placed first in the race. We asked him several questions about the season and team this year.

Summer: "How do you feel about the team this year?"

Dylan: "We'll definitely improve from last year."

Summer: "How do you feel about the first race?"

Dylan: "We saw what we have to do, so we can improve from here."

Summer: "How do you feel about your outcome of the first race?"

Dylan: "I'm confident in my running. I'm happy with my placement in the race. I've improved since

day one."

The Holiday Hustle on December 9, 2017, was the second race for the team. It wasn't an exclusive race, but running with other people has its benefits. It took place in downtown New Bern on December 9th. The site was familiar terrain to the

runners who ran last year.

Also, for the past several weeks, on Mondays and Wednesdays, the team has sold hot chocolate and apple cider at school as a fundraiser for the team. An added benefit is how those warm beverages lift the students' spirits on these cold mornings.





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## Full Sweep

By Chelsea Rackley

On Saturday morning, December 9th--one of the worst weather days of the year--our cross-country team participated in New Bern's Holiday Hustle, a 5K event.

CBCS dominated the rankings by winning the top three places in the men's ages 1-17 division.

1st place: Dylan Conaway--23:10

2nd place: Mike Helmick--28:21

3rd place: Brian McRoy--31:10

Mr. Jay Eldred, coach, came in first in the men's ages 30-39 division with a time of 25:49.

Congratulations to all.



(L. to R.): Mike Helmick, Mr. Eldred, Brandon Conaway, Brian McRoy, and Dylan Conaway

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# Anchorage Camp Recap

By Kerri Bloomberg

On October 23, students in grades 9--12 left school for their three-day retreat at The Anchorage on Lake Waccamaw. After the two-and-a-half hour bus ride, students saw the two-story dock they had been waiting for all day. That dock is the centerpiece of fun, as well as contemplation, and a place to view beautiful sunsets.

Every school year, the high school plans a trip to the Anchorage, a Christian camp near Whiteville, NC. This tradition is an amazing bonding time for the students. They are able to share their testimonies and form closer friendships with each other.

In addition to two services a day, students enjoyed activities and service projects. Before breakfast, students played ping pong, basketball, air hockey, etc. After breakfast was morning chapel. Later, students worked or played an activity such as dodge ball in the gym.

After lunch, students had another activity, usually either canoeing or riding in the boat, followed by a gym activity, dinner, and nighttime chapel. After chapel, Mr. Tucker and some of the counselors at the Anchorage made up skits.

After chapel and the skits, students had a final gym activity of the night. They enjoyed an ice cream party, browsed the gift shop, roller skated, and climbed the rock wall. The last night, everyone

gathered at the dock. Mr. Tucker requested that students stand up and say what they were truly thankful for. It was a wonderful way to end the day and our time at camp.



## Culinary Arts

By Nicholas Vandall

Culinary Arts class for 10th grade meets three days a week. Students learn kitchen safety and food preparation. Always enjoyable are the days students bring in prepared recipes for the class to enjoy. The instructor, Mrs. Harrell, is planning a casserole competition second semester. Following are some specifics of the class:

### Chapter 1: Kitchen and Food Safety

- Human lifestyle and geography affect human eating habits
- Silverware and oven safety
- Food and kitchen sanitation

### Chapter 2: Basic Techniques and Equipment

- Kitchen equipment
- Cookware and cutlery

### Chapter 3: Nutrition

- Food labels
- Basics of the food and nutrition
- Eating disorders.

### Chapter 4: Consumer Education

- Purchasing groceries.
- Meal planning and Budgeting

### Chapter 5: Milk and Beverages

- Milk types and nutritional value
- Coffee, tea, and punch

### Chapter 6: Eggs

- Nutritional value and parts of eggs.
- Salmonella
- Different cooking methods

### Chapter 7: Grains, Breads, and Food Preservation

### Chapter 8: Table Setting, Meal Service, and Etiquette



Mr. Jay Eldred is dressed as Governor William Tryon for the Candlelight Christmas at Tryon Palace.

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## Science Fair and History Day

By Kerri Bloomberg and Brandon Gaskins

Two major academic events for the second semester will be the school science fair and National History Day.

### Science Fair:

Mrs. Goodman (middle school) and Mr. Eldred (high school) are already working with students, helping them select appropriate projects and begin background papers and investigation plans. Eleventh and

twelfth graders are doing projects related to Chemistry or Physics. Students in grades seventh through tenth have a broader choice, although they must follow directions and their projects must have clarity, creativity, and scientific accuracy.

The science fair, held at the high school property, allows students to share their knowledge with classmates, teachers, and family. They benefit

also from giving the oral presentation on the day of the fair.

### National History Day:

Participation in this event is optional this year. The theme is "Conflict and Compromise" and is due in March. Students will most likely research and write about wars, treaties, and political conflicts. The projects will be judged at the regional level and will proceed to the statewide level if they place third or

higher. To go to the national level, they must place first or second at the state. Advisors are Mr. Alphin and Mr. Eldred.

Students may opt to do documentaries, exhibits, papers, dramas, or websites. There is also the option of doing the projects as a group or individually. Group projects allow students to bond and learn teamwork. Additionally, those participating will receive a grade.

## Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen

By Kerri Bloomberg

Voice of Democracy is an audio essay contest sponsored by the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and is open to students in grades 9-12 worldwide. This year's theme is "American History: Our Hope for the Future." Below is senior Tanner Helmick's essay.

Since the beginning of European settlement on the land we call home, America has always been a beacon for hope and a defender of freedom. From the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock to those still seeking refuge here today, people continue looking to America for hope of a better life. Most Americans today have never experienced the wars, famine, or persecution these people have known. America has been a beacon of hope throughout history.

Our forbearers came to America and founded a land with principles that they believed were established by God. These principles are the basic human rights such as the freedom of speech, freedom to worship, and many others. These rights

are unique and available to all Americans. Many have given and continue to give and sacrifice to keep these freedoms intact. They strive to secure that hope for their children and pass on that responsibility. President Reagan expressed the same idea, "... freedom is to be passed on from one generation to the next..."

America has also been a promoter of good in the world based on those principles our founders cherished. Had our historical figures not stood against the evils of their day, the world would look very different. Examples of what our historical figures were fighting would be the Nazis in Germany, the Communists in Russia, Korea, and China, or most recently toppling Sadaam and fighting ISIS in the Middle East. America has attempted to stop and has

successfully defeated many of these tyrannical forces.

I believe that one of the responsibilities that Americans have is to know where they came from and why. In knowing our history, we can avoid mistakes that we have made in the past. If we forget where we came from and remove our history, we are dooming ourselves to repeat error again and again. This can be seen through world history with nations repeating the same things others have shortly before they had their downfall. Therefore, "American History is our hope for the future."





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Patriot's Pen is a writing contest sponsored by the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and is open to all students in grades 6-8. This year's theme was "America's Gift to My Generation." Below are two papers chosen to represent our school.

Christine Cather, 6th grade

America's gift to my generation is that members of the military, including veterans, risked their lives for me even before I was born. They gave me the gift of freedom because they fought other countries to keep us safe. I did not do anything to deserve this gift; I was just born into freedom. Some of them gave their lives away or were critically injured for us and their country. They left behind families, friends, and the comforts of home to deploy to a dangerous war or to another country.

America has fought many wars: the War for Independence, the Civil War, and World War II are three major conflicts. The War for Independence freed us from English rule. The Civil War brought about an end to slavery. World War II began for us when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor.

Both my mom and dad were in the military during Operation Iraqi Freedom. My mom was a nurse that helped to transport the injured soldiers on a CH-46 to the bigger hospital units.

My dad was a nurse in the hospital tent, stabilizing the patients who were injured. My dad is now a nurse at the Cherry Point Clinic, and my mother is a veteran and a stay-at-home mom. I am proud of both of them. My mom worked very hard helping wounded soldiers. Her helicopter was sometimes shot at while they were transporting soldiers to the hospital units. My dad still works very hard to help patients with their needs.

I am thankful for all who have fought and died for my country. I am thankful for my country's freedoms. Citizens of other countries are not as free as we are. Because of our loyal and courageous soldiers, Marines, airmen, and sailors, my family and I have the gift of freedom.



Alyssa Harrell, 6th grade

America is a land of freedom. Everyone wants freedom. This generation would not be what it is now without the past generations. Because of them, our futures are changed. They have given us the gift of freedom. Generation after generation has benefited from their sacrifice, and we have the necessary tools to succeed.

The first gift is veterans. Brave men and women who came before us changed history. They protected our country and the lives of its citizens. They were willing to

help our country when there was a need. Today, soldiers fight our country's enemies, policemen keep us safe from criminals at home, firemen help during wrecks, fires, and floods. America would not be safe without these brave men and women.

The second gift is teachers, the brave men and women who help us to learn.

They sacrifice their time to give us the necessary knowledge for life. They teach us grammar, Bible, history, science, math, and physical exercise. The classroom teachers and the

authors of our textbooks fill our minds with ideas that help us to think. They inspire us to do our best, develop our special skills, and be good citizens of America. They are a wonderful gift to my generation.

The third gift is the people who invent and use technology to help us. Because of computers and the internet, we can find information on any subject. Because of advancements in medicine, doctors can better diagnose and treat diseases. Improved health for those who live in America is a gift

my generation can enjoy.

All of these people are patriots. Through the years they have given my generation many gifts.

These patriots love and respect their country. They defend us, teach us, and improve our lives. These types of patriots are necessary for the survival of each generation.





## WORD SEARCH

### Nativity

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Isaiah 40:31  
But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew  
their strength; they shall mount up with wings  
as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary;  
and they shall walk, and not faint.



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