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## In His Grip

by Dan Woods, Administrator



The LORD has been so good to Nebraska Christian Schools. One of the attributes of our God is that of His goodness. Many times in the book of Psalms, David declared God's goodness.

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.  
Psalm 145:9

If you take a tour of the NC campus, you will quickly see how the Lord has been good to all of us who are involved in this ministry.

I would like to take time to mention how thankful I am for Tom Dockweiler and his efforts during the first semester. Mr. Dockweiler stepped into the interim administrator position and did a wonderful job of getting the school year off to a great start. I encourage you to take a minute to personally thank Tom when you see him.

As we enter the second semester, we continue to focus on our mission and recruiting students for next year. We are so blessed to have an enrollment of more than 210 students. I believe that the dramatic increase in our student body can be traced back to NC families recommending Nebraska Christian to families who were looking for another educational option for their children. As we move closer to spring, I would encourage you to pass along to me the names of families whom you believe would be interested in Chris-

## Wischmeiers Receive 2010 Hall of Faith Award



Richard Wischmeier looks on as Board Chairman Norm Krug congratulates Elaine Wischmeier on receiving the Hall of Faith Award.

*Following is the text of Board Chairman Norm Krug's speech announcing the 2010 Hall of Faith Award recipients.*

The couple we honor tonight have been long-time supporters of Nebraska Christian. Since the mid-1960's, at various times both

have been valued teachers and supporters of Christian Education at this school.

The husband of this couple taught science and shop classes, was class sponsor, helped to edit the staff handbook, and demonstrated his writing skills in poetry and song lyrics. His thoughtful contributions to our local newspaper have encouraged readers to consider the gospel message. He is a member of the Nebraska Christian Advisory Council.

His wife taught band and choral music, private piano and vocal music lessons, English, and was a class sponsor and librarian. Under her superb direction, the music department at NC continued the standard of excellence for which it was known. Currently, she is a substitute teacher at NC when

her busy schedule allows.

Together they have collaborated on music compositions. While she was NC's choir director, they wrote a script for the second section of our choir tour programs tying together the thoughts of those songs with narration by choir members.

Their son Eric lives in Central City and has provided valuable help with our sound system. Their son Brian graduated from Nebraska Christian in 1990 and now lives with his family in the DC area.

The plaque this couple is receiving tonight reads:

Used of the Lord  
In His Service  
As Faithful Soldiers  
In Spiritual Warfare

At Nebraska Christian Schools

Tonight we honor Richard and Elaine Wischmeier as the Hall of Faith Award recipients for 2010.

## Toukan Signs Letter of Intent for Hastings College

Senior Michelle Toukan, daughter of Mike & Laurel Toukan of Central City, has signed a letter of intent to run track at Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska. Toukan is a 5-time medal winner at the Nebraska State Track Meet. In 2010, she won the Class D 100-meter dash, tying the meet record, and placed third in pole vault. She plans to major in media arts.

tian education. I will contact them and invite them to our campus for a personal tour.

Thanks for partnering with us as we continue to focus on the mission of Nebraska Christian Schools.

**Right:** Michelle Toukan (right) and Head Track Coach Carl Ostrand pause for a picture as Toukan signs her letter of intent for Hastings College.



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Tune in Saturday  
afternoons at 1:04 p.m.  
and Sunday mornings  
at 10:30 a.m. to hear  
Dan and Gordon on  
AM-750 KMMJ.

## Dollars & Sense

by Tom Dockweiler ('79), *Business Manager*



The first month of 2011 is over. The midterm of the third quarter is upon us. The groundhog has predicted an early spring. Diplomas have arrived in anticipation of graduation, which will be here before we know it. I am constantly amazed at how quickly a year goes by.

It should not be a surprise. Scripture frequently compares our days on earth to grass, flowers, and shadows. Usually this is in contrast to God, whose existence is eternal and whose presence is everywhere. Pray that we would always see this contrast and respond with worship.

On the financial side, this year has been good. I was able to tell the board at January's meeting that cash flow would be good through April at least. It is my own fault that I am still wrapping up reporting for 2009-2010. We are of course tracking 2010-2011. Also the budgeting process for 2011-2012 has begun. I do have hopes to only deal with no more than one or two years at a time in the future. Pray that I will be diligent in the tasks that go with this job and join me in thanking God for the help that I get from Karen Miotke and the rest of the staff.

Thinking ahead to 2011-2012 reminds me that there are parents and students who will be looking at Nebraska Christian Schools over the next half year. Please pray that God will bring us students and families who can benefit from and be a benefit to the ministry of Nebraska Christian Schools.

Once again, I want to express my thanks to each of you who pray for and financially support this ministry. God continues to show His faithfulness through you. Until next time, may God bless you and yours.

## Whittle Joins NC as Program Coordinator



Mr. Brian Whittle joined the NC staff in August as the new program coordinator. Whittle comes to NC from the Philippines, where he served as executive director of Shekinah Home Orphanage. He was also the dean of academics at Union School International. Whittle and his wife Joanne are excited to be part of the NC family, as they felt the Lord's hand guiding them to NC and have seen his provision throughout the relocation process.

In addition to his program coordinator duties, Whittle is also teaching middle school instrumental music. He especially enjoys this role, saying, "I am a teacher at heart and am eager to work directly with students in the classroom."

The Whittles have four children: Ian, Becky, Rachel (a freshman at NC), and Angel.

## 'No Compromise Weekend' Coming March 26-27

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, My Bridge Radio, and Nebraska Christian Schools are sponsoring "No Compromise Weekend" on March 26-27. The event takes place at Central City Public Schools and features Mike Abendroth, pastor and radio host, as the main speaker.

## Calendar of Events\*

### MARCH

- 11 End of 3rd quarter
- 13 Choir Tour
- 18-19 Elementary Musical  
7:00 p.m.
- 25 Auction Preview
- 26 Dinner & Benefit Auction

### APRIL

- 3 Choir Tour
- 8 Advance Dessert, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Kindergarten Round-up  
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- 17 Choir Tour

### MAY

- 3 Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Graduation, 10:30 a.m.
- 17 8th Grade Graduation
- 19 School dismissed for summer, 11:30 a.m.
- 20-21 State Track & Field  
Omaha Burke Stadium

\*For additional events, check our website, [www.nebraskachristian.org](http://www.nebraskachristian.org)

Enfield Band, a nationally known band that plays at the Resolved Conferences will provide the music. Registration is \$35. This event is open to all high school students, not just athletes. For more information, go to [www.nocompromiseweekend.org](http://www.nocompromiseweekend.org)

Mark your calendar for events coming this fall:

Alumni / Homecoming Weekend  
Friday, September 23, 2011 Football vs. High Plains

Festival of Lessons & Carols  
December 16, 2011

### Alumni & Former Staff –

We want to hear from you! Send any updates for the Alumni News Page to [advance@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:advance@nebraskachristian.org) or NC Advance, 1847 Inskip Ave., Central City, NE 68826



# 2011 Dinner and Benefit Auction

## March 25th & 26th

\$660,000 has been raised from our last eight auctions. As we are preparing for our 9th auction, we can see God's hand all over this event. He has chosen to bless us not only financially, but also through the community exposure it gives us and the opportunity to invite people to our campus that might not come for any other reason. It is also a time for the entire NC family to work together and give back to the school we all appreciate so much.

We will be accepting items for our Silent and Live Auctions until March 1st. We have found the following to be the most desirable for our audience:

- Stay at a cabin or time share
- Dinner cruise or dinner at a lake
- Bed and Breakfast
- Purebred puppy
- Golf experience
- Handmade items such as clocks & quilts
- Tickets to sporting and fine arts events

- Hunting trips for deer, pheasant, turkey (professional or your own land)
- Dinner with a celebrity
- Lessons in cooking, quilting, landscaping, etc.

Feel free to call with your creative ideas. We may be able to network some items to create a total package or you may be able to give us a lead to something we haven't thought of. Unique experiences have brought thousands of dollars to this fundraiser.

Another great way to give to the auction is by donating cash to underwrite expenses of the event. The more of our expenses that are underwritten by your donations, the greater the profit the school realizes from the sale of tickets and items.

Tables of eight can be purchased for \$400 (\$240 is clear profit to NC and your tax deduction.) Invite guests that you would like to introduce to NC such as parents of prospective students, support-

ers, or bidders at the auction. Your "investment" in this way could result in increasing our student body or support base.

You may also purchase a corporate table for \$1,000 (\$840 is NC's profit and your tax deduction.) This entitles you to preferred seating for your table of eight (let us know if you need help filling your seats) and prominent recognition in the catalog at the event and in our publications.

We have found our donors to be very enthusiastic about giving to the Scholarship Auction, thus making a Christian education available to students who might otherwise be unable to attend NC. We are looking forward to speaking by phone with as many of you as possible during our Scholarship Auction Telethon. Expect a call sometime early in March.

Stop by the office or call 308-946-3836 or Kathy's cell at 308-940-0264 and let us know how you would like to help.

### Auction Schedule:

Saturday, March 26th  
Nebraska Christian  
Gymnasium

5:00 p.m. – Hors d'oeuvres  
& Silent Auction Bidding  
*Knights of Rhythm Orchestra*

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

7:30 p.m. – Live Auction  
followed by the  
Scholarship Auction

*Reservations for the dinner are \$50 per person. Call the NC office at 308-946-3836 to reserve today.*







**Above:** Members of the Festival Orchestra play during the prelude.



**Left:** Maestro Eric Dale Knapp conducts the choir and orchestra.

**Below:** Members of the Festival Choir.

**Bottom:** Children's Choir members, including NC students Tobias Zaruba (bottom left) and Seth Hower (top left) sing under the direction of NC music director Mike Flynn.



## Festival of Lessons and Carols

A sellout crowd of 580 was on hand for the 6th annual Festival of Lessons and Carols entitled "Love Divine" on December 17th at Nebraska Christian Schools. Conducting the choir of 205 voices, the largest in the event's history, was Maestro Eric Dale Knapp of New York City. The Festival Choir was made up of music students from Nebraska Christian, Central City High School, Palmer High School, Columbus High School, Polk County Christian and area home schools. The organist was Linda Sweetman/Waters of New Jersey. Readers were Don Waters and Daniel Woods.

The Children's Choir, directed by NC Music Director Mike Flynn, was made up of students from NC Elementary and other area elementary students. Providing piano accompaniment was Jonathan Jaques of O'Neill. The 32-piece orchestra was comprised of

musicians from Hastings College, UNK, Hastings Symphony, Grand Island Senior High and other area musicians. Featured soloists and groups were Marilla Flynn ('CS '17), Kaity Flynn ('06), Megan Knapp, Hannah Benson, Grand Island Free Church Quartet and the NC Quartet.

A special part of this year's program was the performance of a piece composed and accompanied by Ron Dukenski of Connecticut entitled "Love Came Down at Christmas." John Rutter's "Gloria" and "For Unto Us a Child is Born" from Handel's Messiah were two of the more difficult pieces that the students were able to perform. The audience joined the choirs on the familiar carols and a candlelight service concluded the evening.

Next year's Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Friday, December 16th and is entitled "Arise, Your Light Has Come."

## NC Flashback



This one should be easy for those of you long acquainted with Nebraska Christian. This couple joined the NC staff in 1960 and served in various capacities for many years. If you can identify them, you could win a prize! Send your guesses to [advance@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:advance@nebraskachristian.org)

*From the last issue:*



The people pictured in the Advanced ESL class are (front, l to r) Kyle Hsu (FS '06), David Lee ('06), Chris Lee (FS '06), Victor Shen (FS '06), Shogo Kamiya ('05), Ruby Chang ('06), Shugo Sato ('06), and Mrs. Verna Zaruba. Congratulations to Stephany Krieger (CS '11)! Her name was drawn out of the correct submissions, so she wins our prize.

## NCS Foundation by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director

By God's grace, fulfilling the dream of a group of parents from the Sandhills of Nebraska desiring a Christian education for their children, Nebraska Christian Schools opened its doors in the fall of 1959. Much has been accomplished since that time in terms of buildings and programming, all through the prayers of faithful people and dependence on the Lord.

An important step in maintaining that dream was the formation

of the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation. As the name implies, we seek to provide a solid financial foundation for the school by investing the funds entrusted to us for the long term good of the school.

We are presently enjoying some of the highest commodity prices we have seen in years, and this is a great time to think about a charitable gift of commodities. Your gift in the form of cattle, corn, or other grain may result in tax savings that

are greater than if you sold the commodity and then donated a portion of the proceeds. Check with your accountant to determine whether a contribution of commodities is appropriate to your tax situation, and then call me at 308-940-0249 to discuss the details of how you would like it to be handled.

This is only one way we encourage our donors to "think outside the box" as we seek to "leave a legacy that builds lives for eternity."

## Memorial Gifts

For: Diane Sellers Alverson  
 From: Becky Wright England  
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# NC Almanac

### 10 years ago ('00-'01)

- The Elementary presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."
- The Lady Eagle Basketball team starts the season winning three games in a row, a first in NC history.

### 20 years ago ('90-'91)

- The freshman class raises \$120 for toys for the Open Door Mission.
- 7 new students join the student body for second semester.

### 30 years ago ('80-'81)

- The class of 1960 (NC's first graduating class) holds its 20 year reunion at Alumni Day.
- NC purchases a new charter bus.

### 40 years ago ('70-'71)

- The Board begins discussing the possibility of adding a junior high program.
- Planning begins for the first annual Christian Education Advance Banquet.

### 50 years ago ('60-'61)

- The Board moves ahead on plans to build a new girls' dormitory

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### Alumni: Want to connect with former classmates and teachers?

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 Nebraska Christian Alumni Website:  
[www.alumni.class.com/nebraskachristian](http://www.alumni.class.com/nebraskachristian)

NC Alumni Facebook group:  
[www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=25989872393](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=25989872393)



Campbell's Soup *Labels for Education* and *Box Tops for Education* programs have been a helpful way to get needed items. Bring the marked box tops and UPCs\* to the school office.

*\*Remember, we no longer need the front of the soup labels; we need the bar code and the little man on the back of the can. If this is damaged, we cannot use it.*



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## Two Qualify for State Wrestling; Elge Wins Title

Senior Nathan Ritta and junior Isaac Elge represented Nebraska Christian at the State Wrestling Meet in Omaha Feb. 17-19. Ritta, who wrestles at 145, and Elge, who wrestles at 125, both placed second in district competition, earning spots in the state meet.

Elge became the second wrestler in NC history to win a state title when he pinned Daniel Thies from High Plains in the state title match on February 19. Elge, who wrestles at 125 pounds, is a three-year state qualifier. In 2010, he placed 5th in the 119 pound weight class. Elge, who went 34-7 on the year, faced his toughest match of the tournament in the semi-finals, when he wrestled #1 ranked Carter Tegeler of Elkhorn Valley. Elge pinned Tegeler in 1:58.

For Head Coach Terry Elge,

Isaac's win is especially sweet. "Words can't even describe how special this is," Coach Elge, who is Isaac's father, said. "Isaac has worked so hard, and we've been praying for his health, safety, and strength. We know that his victory has come from the Lord!"

Coach Elge is quick to give credit to the other wrestlers on the team, as well, citing their team verse, Proverbs 27:17 – *As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.* "The guys on the team all push each other, and they've really bonded as a team. Nate [Ritta] and Isaac were great wrestling partners in practice, and they really challenged each other," he said. Ritta, a senior, was the only other Eagle wrestler to qualify for the state tournament. He went 1-2 at the tournament, ending the season with a 35-8 record.



**Top:** Junior Isaac Elge (top) wrestles Daniel Thies from High Plains in the State Wrestling Finals.

**Above:** State wrestling qualifiers Nathan Ritta (left) and Isaac Elge received a gift from the student body before they left for the state meet.

## Choir Tour 2011

### February 27

Faith Baptist Church – Pawnee City, NE  
10:30 a.m.

Community Bible Church – Central City, NE  
6:00 p.m.

### March 13

Evangelical Free Church – Concord, NE  
10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Free Church – Oakland, NE  
4:00 p.m.

### April 3

First Baptist Church – Dannebrog, NE  
10:30 a.m.

Victory Baptist Church – Fullerton, NE  
6:00 p.m.

### April 17

First Baptist Church – Cairo, NE  
10:15 a.m.

First Church of Christ – Palmer, NE  
2:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church – Loup City, NE  
6:30 p.m.