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## Reverse Mission Field

by Josh Cumpston, Administrator



Matthew 28:19

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*

Our mission is, and has been, to assist the family and the church by providing a Christ-centered education, equipping students with a Biblical worldview, and encouraging a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We hope to do this for all of our students. Most of our students at Nebraska Christian continue to come from Central Nebraska and other parts of the state. If you read the last edition of the Advance, you may have seen Larry Hoff's column about our International Program. This is a program that I have become very excited about as I have seen what the Lord is doing through this ministry.

We have children from China, Vietnam, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Thailand, and Hong Kong that have chosen to come to our school to become more proficient with the English language and to increase their chances of success at an American university. These international students are future business, military, and government leaders in their home countries, and God has brought them to us to love them and give them a great education, but

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## NC Homecoming, Disney Style

Homecoming Week always gives students the chance to take on different personas, and the 2011 Spirit Days carried on that tradition. Throughout the week, hippies, geeks, rednecks, and even Cruella deVille and Annie Oakley could be spotted on campus. The highlight of the Spirit Days was Thursday, when each class dressed up as characters from a different Disney cartoon. The staff voted for the best dressed class, and the junior high (*101 Dalmatians*) placed second, while the sophomores, who had nearly 100% participation, placed first (*Peter Pan*).

A pep rally on Thursday allowed students to encourage and pray for the athletes, as well as enjoy games and decorate for Thursday night's home volleyball games and Friday's Homecoming football game.

On Friday evening, the senior class kicked off the Homecoming celebration with a hamburger feed prior to the football game. At

halftime, the special reunion classes were recognized before all alumni were invited to the field for a picture. Following the game, the senior class took the stage on a float on the football field to be officially recognized as the Class of 2012. This tradition has taken the place of crowning a Homecoming King and Queen in recent years.

### Pictured clockwise from top.

The sophomore class won Disney Movie Day with its characterization of *Peter Pan*. Row 1 (l-r): Whitney Twogood, Victoria Boersen, Talia Murphy, Rachel Whittle, Cailyn Ostrand, Scott Smith, Tim Smith, Hans Epp, Beran Fisher. Row 2: Hannah Myers, Dana Poppe, Katzia Guerrero, Tonye Fisher, Destiny Weichman, Jade Mieth, Jack Hu, Tim Fread, Shylar Boutin. Row 3: Zoe Flynn, Sophia Songthangtham, April Faeh, Michaela Church, Natalie Bui, Rachel McHargue, Rae Zhong, Brandon Brock, Chase Kvols.

3rd graders McKenzie Schweitzer (left) and Alyssa Broman at the Pep Rally.

Sophomores Zoe Flynn (left) and Victoria Boersen show off their 70's and 80's fashion for 20th Century Day.



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Supporting what God is doing.

Looking forward to what God will do.

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## Now scheduling spring choir tours!

Our choir will be touring on four Sundays this spring. If you would be interested in having the choir at your church, please contact Susan at 308-946-3836 or sritta@nebraskachristian.org.

## Dollars & Sense by Tom Dockweiler ('79), Business Manager



The first quarter of the school year and the first quarter of the fiscal year are in the books. If you have been following Nebraska Christian Schools over the years, it will not surprise you that God is working through Nebraska Christian Schools, nor will you be surprised that He is still teaching us to trust Him for the financial resources we need to carry out our mission.

As part of this quarterly column, you can expect updates on how God is providing those financial resources, and you can expect to be challenged with the possibility that one of those ways may involve you.

We have taken some time this fall to look back at the last 10 years of financial records. Allow me to share a couple of items that should be of interest to anyone considering the possibility that God might use them to provide for the financial needs of Nebraska Christian Schools.

Over the last 10 years, you can look at a 10 year, a 5 year, or a 2 year average and you will see the actual gift income received exceeded the needed gift income. God's faithful provision can be clearly seen in those statistics.

If you drill down to specific years, however, there have been a couple of years when the needed amount of gift income was greater than the actual gift income received. One of those years was last year, which saw the second lowest amount of gift income in the entire ten year period. To put it another way, in a ten year period that saw gift income

## Quarterly Giving

Needed: \$125,000

Actual: \$43,973

provide 30% of actual expenses, last year's gift income only covered 17% of actual expenses.

This year's budget calls for gift income to provide about 23% of the budgeted expenses. Using round figures, that's about \$500,000 and includes \$400,000 for operations and \$100,000 for financial aid to families. If the income were to come steadily each quarter, we would need \$125,000 per quarter—\$100,000 for operations and \$25,000 for financial aid.

At the end of our first fiscal quarter, we had received about \$44,000 in gift income. That means we are short about \$81,000 so far this year. Since actual gift income tends to be concentrated around year end and our spring auction, being a little behind would be okay, but \$81,000 is not just a little behind.

Now for the challenge I told you to expect. The passage is Mordecai's challenge to Esther found in Esther 4:13-14. Our situation is nowhere near as dire as that of the Jews, but there are some basic principles about how God works that apply to our situation as well as to theirs.

First, God doesn't need me or you. Mordecai is confident that God has the situation under con-

## Calendar of Events\*

### NOVEMBER

23-28 Thanksgiving Vacation  
*Begins at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 23*

### DECEMBER

16 Festival of Lessons & Carols  
22 Christmas Vacation Begins  
28-29 Holiday Basketball Tournament

### JANUARY

3 Second Semester Begins  
7 NC Family Prayer Time  
*8:30 a.m.*

### FEBRUARY

19 Choir Tour

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

trol with or without Esther. I am just as confident that God will provide for the needs of Nebraska Christian Schools with or without you or me. Second, if God is calling us to respond, and we don't, it is our loss. Third, it is appropriate when a need is brought to our attention to consider the possibility that God has actively positioned us specifically for the purpose of meeting that need.

I don't know and would not presume to know what these principles look like for you as you consider the need presented in this article. I only know that God will provide, and it may be that he will do it through you.

Thanks for considering this opportunity. Please keep us in your prayers. Until next time, may God bless you and yours.



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

**Save the Date: Saturday, March 24, 2012**  
2012 Nebraska Christian Schools  
Dinner & Benefit Auction

## Development Office

by Becky Deichmann, Kathy Chase, and Jody Heuermann



Fall events in our office include the Homecoming Alumni Weekend and Elementary Grandparents' Day. You can read about these events elsewhere in this issue.

*Arise Your Light Has Come* is the title of the program we are preparing for the 2011 Festival of Lessons and Carols to be held in our auditorium on Friday, December 16th. This will be our 7th Festival, and it has become a favorite Christmas musical event for many as we gather to celebrate the birth of our King. Maestro Eric Dale Knapp will be conducting again, and he brings with him Linda Sweetman-Waters, a keyboard expert who will provide accompaniment as well as solo performances.

A special part of this year's program will be the performance of a piece arranged by Ron Dukenski entitled "The Lord's Prayer." Mr. Dukenski has dedicated this arrangement in part to the Festival and will accompany the choir for the performance of it.

We will welcome a choir of over 200 voices to our campus for an all-day clinic in preparation for the evening performance. These choir members come from area schools and home schools. About 50 children will make up our children's choir under the direction of Mike Flynn, NC Music Director. The orchestra will feature musicians from Hastings College, Hastings Symphony and other talented musicians from the area.

We are grateful to announce that we have received three grants to underwrite some of the expenses of the Festival. Please join us in

## Eagles' Fall Sports Teams



**2011 NC Football.** Row 1 (l-r): Zach Brock, Levi Elge, Jerod Prettyman, Miles Wheeler, Jayden Epp, Matthew Swanson, Dusty Whisenand, Turner Bowman, Student Manager Trevor Swanson. Row 2: Alex Frederick, Braden Moody, Scott Smith, Tim Smith, Brandon Brock, Shyler Boutin, Sam Davis, Andrew Sack, Student Manager Jaydon Elge. Row 3: Tanner Cooper, James Lee, James Royle, Jacob Winsterman, Curtis Heuermann, Anthony Faeh, Jeff Hilderbrand, Derek Rose, Soonchan Jung. Row 4: Sebastian Chang, Tym Whisenand, Andrew Swanson, Isaac Elge, Luke Woods, Levi Landrigan, Cody Smith, Jonny Smith, Jacob Simmons. Row 5: Assistant Coach Clay Mankin, Kemery Myers, Kameron Kaelin, Head Coach Carl Ostrand. (Not Pictured: Chase Kvols, Assistant Coach Andy Falk.)



**2011 NC Volleyball.** Row 1 (l-r): Head Coach Tonya Ostrand, Student Manager Claire Ostrand, Student Manager Cassidy Ostrand, Student Manager Katie Cumpston, Student Manager Alexis Hower, Assistant Coach Steph Mazankowski. Row 2: Mia Dinh, Victoria Boersen, Talia Murphy, Lydia Johnson, Malia Rogers, Rae Zhong, Rachel Whittle, Vicky Zang. Row 3: Emily Simmons, Amber Mazankowski, Cailyn Ostrand, Katie Griess, Heidi Hofmann, Hannah Rogers, Joanna Stuhmer, Bekah Mead, Ashley Mazankowski. (Not Pictured: Taylor Van Pelt.)



**2011 NC Cross Country.** Row 1 (l-r): Junior High Team: Andrew Winsterman, Matthew Myers, Cameron Langmeier, Zac Dockweiler. Row 2: Neil Lin, Matt Kim, Jahn Landrigan, Warren Dexter, Hans Epp, Jerron Tiemeyer, Adrian Epp. Row 3: Head Coach Janet Landrigan, Tori Swanson, Katherine Welk, Chloe Bauer, Rachel McHargue, Ency Chen, Meagen Dittmer, Dana Poppe. (Not Pictured: Kyle Bui, Zoe Flynn.)

thanking the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation, the Merrick Foundation, and the Nebraska Arts Council and Cultural Endowment for their support of this event.

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for the evening performance. From 6:00 to 6:15 there will be a piano recital featuring several NC students. The prelude will begin at 6:15, and the Festival of Lessons and Carols will begin at 7:00.

Tickets are \$12 each and can be obtained by calling or stopping by the NC office. Last year's Festival was a sellout, so be sure to get your tickets early and join us for a very special evening of worship.

Preparations for the 2012 Dinner and Benefit Auction are already underway. It is scheduled for March 23rd and 24th. Be watching for further details and plan to be a part of this major fund raiser for our school.



Tam Merchant with granddaughter Kylie.

## Grandparents Visit NC Elementary

More than 80 special guests joined our elementary students for the 6th Annual Grandparents' Day activities held Friday, October 14. This year, the day kicked off with a delicious turkey lunch with all the trimmings. The elementary staff, several mothers, and some high school students served the grandparents and their grandchildren.

Following lunch, the elementary students cleared the tables and then treated the grandparents to band and choir performances. The grandparents then got a glimpse into what the future could hold for the elementary musicians when the Master's Musicians, Nebraska Christian's select vocal ensemble, performed two songs. Then grandparents and grandchildren alike enjoyed playing outside at recess on the beautiful fall day.

After recess, Administrator Josh Cumpston shared the importance of listening (not just hearing) and obeying through an interactive illustration. He then thanked the grandparents for their role in their grandchildren's lives, pointing out their value in the lives of their grandchildren. The day wrapped up with "grandparent time" in the classrooms.

The grandparents left with a better knowledge of their grandkids' school day along with some great memories of their time at Nebraska Christian Elementary.

# New Staff for a New School Year



## Josh Cumpston

Administrator,  
Bible Teacher

by Seth Bailey,  
Senior

Spouse: Allene  
Children: Katie, Trevor, Tyler  
Education: Hastings College  
Previously: Principal at Hastings Middle School

Josh Cumpston was born into a military family and spent his early years moving around the United States before his family finally settled in Lexington, Nebraska. Josh grew up in a Christian home and always attended church, Awana, youth group, and FCA, but he didn't really grow in his faith until the end of college. He received a secondary social science education and coaching degree from Hastings College and then spent several years teaching, coaching, and serving as assistant principal and principal at several area schools.

Josh's new job as administrator at NC has been a big change, as all of his teaching and administration experience was in public schools. One of the things he enjoys most is the focus on spiritual matters on campus. To those who have spent most of their lives in Christian education, praying and reading the Bible in classes doesn't seem like a big deal, but to someone like Josh, it is amazing to be able to read the Bible in class and talk openly with students about their faith. Another thing that has left an impression on him is the sense of family and community on the NC campus, as well as the students' motivation to learn and care about academics.



## Andy Falk

Math & Bible Teacher,  
Assistant Football Coach

by Tori Swanson,  
Junior

Spouse: Monica  
Children: Carson, Corryn, Adrienne, Dayton,  
Gavin, Sheridan, Baron, Roman  
Education: University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Previously: Teacher at Faith Christian School

When Andy Falk was seven years old, he accepted the Lord as his Savior. His faith grew in college, and he always felt the desire to live a Christ-like life. Andy attended college at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where he studied math and exercise science.

Andy and his wife, Monica, have eight children. Carson is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at NC, while Monica homeschools their other school-aged children. The desire to have his children educated at a Christian high school is what motivated Andy to apply for the open math position. (He had been teaching a variety of subjects at Faith Christian in Kearney.) He teaches 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Pre-calculus ("Senior Math"), and Bible I. He is also an assistant football coach. Andy is excited to be teaching math full time, and he is enjoying coaching football with Carl Ostrand and Clay Mankin.

Alumni: Want to connect with former classmates and teachers?

Nebraska Christian Alumni Website:  
[www.alumni.class.com/nebraskachristian](http://www.alumni.class.com/nebraskachristian)  
or join the NC Alumni Facebook group



## David Gee

Industrial Arts Teacher

by Andrew Swanson,  
Senior

Spouse: Deanna  
Children: Nicole (Jones), Angela, Lacey  
Education: Kearney State (UNK)  
Previously: Teacher at Grand Island Northwest

Before former administrator Daniel Woods left for his new position in Texas, he approached David Gee to ask if he would come out of one year of retirement and become the next industrial arts teacher at Nebraska Christian. David accepted and has expanded the program from just one class a day into several different classes, including manufacturing, electronics, and C.A.D. (computer aided drafting). He is hoping not just to transform the industrial arts program but also his students and himself. The great kids and their attitudes are what attracted David to NC, and he looks forward to working in their lives to teach them about industrial technology and bring them closer to God. Also, David knows that NC will be good for him and help his walk with the Lord.

David grew up in a Christian home in Central City and attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in town. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord years ago and has been growing in his walk ever since. Also, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has always played a big part in his life and continues to do so. David is thankful that "God will always pull you back to Him if you keep your heart open to His Spirit." David is excited about and looking forward to the influence NC will have on him and prays that he will also have a positive influence on NC.



## Jeff Hower ('88)

English & Spanish Teacher

by Seth Bailey,  
Senior

Spouse: Daurice (Pizzolato '87)  
Children: Alexis, Seth  
Education: Moody Bible Institute,  
University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Previously: newspaper reporter, youth pastor

Out of the many new additions to the faculty of Nebraska Christian in 2011, one could make the argument that Jeff Hower has the most interesting and diverse background of any of the teachers. Hower was born in the town of Siguatepeque, Honduras, as the son of two missionaries. He spent the first five years of his life at a school for missionary kids, where his parents were dorm parents. At the age of five, Jeff understood that he was a sinner in need of a savior, and he gave his heart to the Lord. Also when Jeff was five, the Hower family moved to a new missionary school in Mexico, where Jeff spent the next ten years of his life. When he was fifteen, Jeff made his way to the campus of Nebraska Christian. He spent his sophomore through senior years studying at NC.

After high school, Jeff attended Moody Bible Institute and the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where he earned a BA in secondary education, endorsements in English and ESL, and a Master's in Educational Administration. After college, Jeff and his wife Daurice returned to NC as dorm parents for eight years. His other jobs in recent years have included teaching and working as an assistant principal at Grand Island Senior High, managing an irrigation company, writing for Central City's newspaper, and serving as youth pastor at Community Bible in Central City and Berean Bible in Grand Island. Jeff currently teaches English I, II, III, IV, and Spanish II. He also continues to serve as youth pastor at Berean Bible.

## ~ NC Family Prayer Time ~

Join us to pray for our school, our state, our country, and our world.

Jan. 7, 8:30 a.m., Music & Worship Room

## NC Boys' Cross Country Team is State Runner-Up!

Details in the next issue...



## Mark Leonard

Business Teacher,  
Assistant Basketball Coach

by Joanna Stuhmer,  
Senior

Spouse: Deana  
Children: Jayden, McKenna, Landen, Alyza  
Education: Wayne State College,  
Ball State University  
Previously: Leigh High School Teacher & Coach

Many new teachers joined the NC staff this year. One of those teachers is computer and business teacher Mark Leonard. Mark graduated from Wayne State with a major in business education and minor in coaching. He continued his education with a Master's in physical education from Ball State University. He is also one class away from a Master's in secondary school administration from Wayne State.

Before coming to NC, Mark was the business teacher at Leigh High School. He learned about Nebraska Christian through football. He said he was impressed with the way everything was handled on and off the football field, and he wanted to be part of the atmosphere. He decided to apply for a job at NC because he wanted his children to experience the Christian environment and he wanted to deepen his own faith. In addition to teaching the business and computer classes at NC, Mark will also be the assistant boys' basketball coach. He also helps with the local FCA huddle.

Mark and his wife, Deana, have four children, three of whom attend NC. Jayden is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, McKenna is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Landen is in kindergarten, and Alyza is two years old.



## Stephanie Mazankowski

Assistant Volleyball Coach

by Bekah Mead,  
Junior

Spouse: Eric  
Education: University of Nebraska-Lincoln,  
Colorado State University  
Previously: Chiropractic Assistant,  
Independent Distributor for Reliv

Stephanie Mazankowski is bringing a new energy to the Lady Eagles' volleyball team. She grew up in the small town of Giltner, Nebraska. She accepted Christ into her life at a camp in her early teenage years, but she didn't truly follow Christ. It wasn't until her late 20's/early 30's that she began to develop a passion for reading and studying scripture.

While playing volleyball her junior year of high school, Steph met current NC teachers Carl & Tonya Ostrand, who were teaching at Giltner High School. After graduating from high school, Steph attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Colorado State University, majoring in Child Development (UNL) and Occupational Therapy (CSU).

Tonya Ostrand encouraged Steph to come to NC as assistant volleyball coach, and with two of her nieces (Ashley and Amber Mazankowski) attending NC, the choice was simple. Since assistant volleyball coach is only a part-time job, she still works as an independent distributor for Reliv. "I'm looking forward to interacting with and getting to know all the volleyball girls, sharing my love of volleyball with them," Steph says.



## Matthew Musgrave ('11)

Boys' Dorm Tutor

by Joey Sun,  
Senior

Education: Nebraska Christian Schools

Matthew Musgrave, an NC graduate, attended NC for a year after spending most of his life in Mexico where his parents serve as missionaries. Though Musgrave was only here for the 2010-2011 school year, he is no stranger to the NC family. Both of his parents taught at NC for roughly 22 years before they made the decision to go to mission field in 1996. Besides his parents' affiliation with the school, all of his brothers and sisters attended NC. Musgrave now works as the boys' dorm tutor while attending Central Community College in Grand Island.

He decided to pursue this job because the school is close to where he resides and it works perfectly around his college schedule. When asked about his experience in tutoring the international boys, Musgrave grinned and said, "I enjoy it, but it's sometimes hard because you have to explain word by word to the students before you can explain the whole text." As for the future, Matthew plans to take it one step at a time. "I think I will finish my study at CCC first and then maybe go to John Brown University to further my study," he said. Though uncertainties lie ahead of him, Musgrave is happy to see where the Lord is leading him, and he is grateful for the job he has at NC.

## NC Flashback

**Right:** For this flashback, we go back to Homecoming Week of 1994. Can you identify this teacher and student who dressed up for Bible Character Day? Send your guesses to [advance@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:advance@nebraskachristian.org), and you could be our next prize winner!

*From the last issue (left):* Congratulations to Carolyn Russell!! Her name was drawn from those who correctly identified the students in the photo as Stephen Goodspeed ('97) and Angela (Russell '97) Gustafson, so she will receive our prize, an NC coffee mug.



## Alycea Unruh ('11)

Girls' Dorm Tutor

by Ency Chen,  
Junior

Education: Nebraska Christian Schools

Alycea Unruh is well known on campus for her beautiful soprano voice, and NC is fortunate to have her back. Like many other students, she decided to work before going to college. When she was looking for a job, Larry Hoff, director of NC's international program and the girls' dorm dad, called her and asked if she was interested in working as a tutor in the girls' dorm. She thought working as a tutor sounded wonderful, and it was also an answer to her prayers for a job.

Alycea grew up in a Christian family where she became a believer when she was a little child. Two weeks before Alycea started kindergarten, she was studying a picture in the Administration building. It was a picture about heaven and earth. After she went home, her mother explained the picture to her and read Bible verses to her. At that moment, God gave her understanding of the gospel. As she said, "I realized that I was a sinner in need of a savior and repented of my sins."



## NCS Foundation

by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director

The NC Schools Foundation was established to provide a means through which gifts can be received and invested in order to build a solid financial base for the school. As God provides, we will seek to put the dollars entrusted to us to work equipping the next generation to continue the legacy.

Did you know that by donating grain or raised livestock directly to the NCS Foundation you can earn significant income tax and employment tax savings? Donating by this means removes the need to claim a charitable contribution as an itemized deduction. Instead, the donated grain or livestock is excluded from farm income. Lower income means less income subject

to income tax and less income subject to self-employment tax. Visit with your tax advisor to determine whether this strategy is a good fit for your unique situation.

We are grateful that many endowment areas have continued to grow in spite of a very difficult marketplace. Our foundation board is working closely with the NC school board to determine new endowment area needs and to map out a vision of growth in areas of student recruitment, building curriculum and programming.

Please join us in thanking God for these provisions that are made possible by the generosity of faithful people who want to "leave a legacy that builds lives for eternity."

## Memorial Gifts

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## Fynnegan Joseph McCoy

son of Brian & Sarah (Peterson FS '00) McCoy

Brian and Sarah McCoy of Central City, NE are parents of a baby boy, Fynnegan Joseph, born August 14, 2011 at 3:36 am at St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island, NE. Fynn weighed 6 lbs. 5 1/2 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Linda and the late Deryl Peterson of Hordville, NE; and Gene and Jody McCoy of Ord, NE. Great-grandparents are Dean and Della Sandahl of Lincoln, NE; Ramona White of Ord, NE; and Gene and Sylvia McCoy of Mount Vernon, OH.

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more importantly so that they may be exposed to the Gospel.

Our international students take part in Bible classes and chapel just like all of our students. They are exposed to the fact that the world hasn't evolved and that there has to be a Creator that has established absolute truth. They hear that we are all sinners in need of a Savior, and that God sent his perfect Son, Jesus, to be that Savior. Many become curious and eventually convicted by hearing and studying the Bible and accepting the Gospel message.

Missions is important, and I believe that we should send missionaries to the field to continue to do the work that God has called them to in Matthew 28:19. I also believe that God is using Nebraska Christian as a place of reverse missions; by that I mean that the "nations" are coming to us. I am excited by the possibilities of how God may use these students for His glory. These students are future leaders and difference makers in their home countries or in ours.

The following are answers given on an assignment for Senior Bible. They both came from international students.

#### Q: How should I talk about my beliefs with non-Christians?

A: First of all I will make sure they know that my beliefs of our Lord is constant so that they may see I trust in God. God created it

all (Gen. 1-2) and He loves us so much and sent His only son Jesus to save us (Mathew 1:20-21). I was also a non-Christian before, but since I was living in a Christian school, I learned more and more about God, I started thinking about this question: "Is there really a God?" I was trying to prove there is not, but at the end I became a Christian instead. The Bible recorded the deeds of God; this is the only truth. The Bible is God's words. Even though I'm still a new Christian and I still have a lot more I need to learn, I firmly believe Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12). As I will be closer to Him through His son Jesus Christ, I'll strengthen my faith and follow Him to do His will.

#### Q: Do you know why you are a Christian?

A: After studying the Bible and comparing it with my life, I realized many of my practices were considered sinful under the standard of God. I was amazed by this view of humanity because before learning the truth, I thought I was decent. I know that Jesus had died for my sin and took upon Him my punishments. Therefore I decided to trust Him and love Him in return of His great love for me.

Isn't it wonderful how God is working in the lives of students? We are planting seeds, and I can't wait to see how God chooses to grow them.



## Alumni Enjoy Weekend at Alma Mater

Nebraska Christian Schools alumni were invited back for a Homecoming reunion weekend on Sept. 23 and 24. Lots of reminiscing took place when more than 100 people from several states once again roamed the halls, browsed the photo and award displays, and played in the gym.

Special events for the alumni began on Friday night with a

tailgate fundraiser prior to NC's football game versus High Plains. At halftime, a special ceremony recognized the reunion classes ('61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, and '06) before all alumni in attendance were invited to the football field for a picture.

On Saturday, guests were treated to a complimentary breakfast before the co-ed volleyball tournament. Four teams

participated this year, and the staff team took first place. Following a complimentary lunch, alumni could tour the campus. Later that evening, the event wrapped up with the Husker game, which was shown on the big screen in the Music & Worship.

The class of '66 met for brunch in Marquette before touring the campus, and the classes of '71, '81, and '01 held events during the summer.



**Pictured clockwise from top.**

**Nebraska Christian Class of 1966.** (l-r) Walt Hamilton, Diana (Moody) Maxson, Dennis Pohlman, Bonnie (Clausen) Jensen, Gary Garrett, Janet (Warkentin) Rife and Val Oswald.

**Nebraska Christian Class of 2001.** Row 1: Amber (Medbery) Lueders, Lanea (Garwood) Tucker, Laura (Huebert) Millhouse, Kassia (Anderson) Ulfers, Jamie (Senkble) Sands, Denae (Denning) Yockey, Marla Fuller. Row 2: Nate Krug, Caleb Quick, Jacob Fishler, Clint Cunningham.

(L-r) Ben Unruh ('04), Bill Griepenstroh ('06), Tyson Ratliff ('06), Braden Swanson ('09) watch an alumni volleyball game.

**One of the Alumni volleyball teams.** Seated (l-r): Laura Reimer ('06), Annie (Nickel '06) White. Standing: Audra Faeh ('09), Ashley Faeh ('08), Sarah Armatys ('11), Anna Faeh ('11).



## NC Almanac

### 10 years ago ('01)

- Chase Francl ('02) and Amy Schreiber ('02) are crowned Homecoming King & Queen.
- Nine international students join the student body.
- Junior high boys are given the opportunity to wrestle.

### 20 years ago ('91)

- Sandi Griepenstroh joins the staff as history teacher.
- An anonymous donor gives the school 12 new IBM-compatible computers.
- Nearly 10,000 pounds of potatoes are picked up from Floyd Rowse's field in Burwell at the annual potato dig.

### 30 years ago ('81)

- A used scoreboard for the football field is purchased from Kearney State. Rowse Hydraulic Rakes makes the legs to support the scoreboard.
- Diane Garwood ('76) and Ken Swanson join the teaching staff.

### 40 years ago ('71)

- The Print Shop establishes a 40-hour work week.

### 50 years ago ('61)

- 83 students are enrolled in grades 9-12.
- The 3rd annual corporation meeting is held in November.



## 10,000 Shot Club

(Left to right) Amber Mazankowski, Cailyn Ostrand, Ashley Mazankowski, Cassidy Ostrand and Heidi Hofmann shot at least 10,000 basketball shots last summer, making them members of the 10,000 Shot Club 2011.



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## NC Football Team Wins District Title

The Nebraska Christian football team clinched the District D1-5 title in a 64-30 win over Newman Grove on Oct. 20. The Eagles finished the regular season with a 7-1 record (4-0 in district play), qualifying for the playoffs for the first time since 2006. The Eagles took on Randolph in the first round of the playoffs. A full report will follow in the next issue of the Advance.



### Nebraska Christian Class of 1971 Reunion

Row 1 (l to r): Barbara (Binder '71) Schafer, Marlene (Root '71) Frimodt, Cindy (Mieth '71) Van Boening, Doris (Ehrenberg '71) Kingsbury, Paula (Dalke '71) Spilger, Penne (Sejkora '71) Hanus, Brenda (Dixon '71) Daum. Row 2: Keith Moody ('71), Cindy (Brush '71) Schaller, Sharie (Wright '70) Leazer, David Ehrenberg ('72). Row 3: Wendy (Honeywell '72) Kremer, Twila (Hamilton '72) Brompton, Randall Lutes ('72), Walt Hamilton ('66), Reg Ewert ('71), Brad Schaller ('68).

Nebraska Christian Schools presents:

## A Festival of Lessons & Carols

Friday, December 16, 2011

*Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.*

*Prelude Begins at 6:15 p.m.*

*Program Begins at 7:00 p.m.*

Featuring International Conductor Maestro Eric Dale Knapp conducting choir members from participating area schools. Special appearance by keyboard artist Linda Sweetman-Waters.

Tickets: \$12

Tickets can be purchased at Nebraska Christian Schools, (308) 946-3836.

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