

Operation Christmas Child

For the 2nd year, CCA has participated in Operation Christmas Child. This endeavor, sponsored by Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse, sends shoeboxes around the world, filled with small gifts for boys and girls in order that they might have a blessed Christmas. Last year, we put together 13 boxes. This year, however, we were able to send 86 boxes for needy children! We instructed our students that they should sacrifice something in order to purchase box items. Many children 'gave up' things such as french fries at McDonald's, or popcorn at the movies in order to spend that money on someone else. Others did chores around the house to earn their money. Special thanks to all CCA students who sacrificed so that those less fortunate could have a special Christmas!

“ . . . **blessed** is he who is kind to the needy.” Proverbs 14:21



CCA Looks for New Location

We have been at 806 E. Bell Street in Bloomington for 15 months now, but because of our increase in enrollment this year, we realize that we cannot stay here much longer. Our board of trustees is considering different options – everything from relocating to another building to buying property and building our own facility. What will this take? To begin with, we realize that it will take prayer. The staff and board have been praying for months. Now we are asking you to join us in this most important of all tasks. Will you please pray . . .

- That God would provide wisdom for the CCA Board
- That God would give us acreage to build upon or a current building that would be suitable
- That God would provide the finances needed
- That we would consider each option prayerfully
- That God would reveal His will to us in His time

“The LORD remembers us and will **bless** us; . . . He will **bless** those who fear the LORD – small and great alike.”
Psalm 115:12,13



Annual Fund Update

“ . . . the Lord Himself said, ‘It is more **blessed** to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35

We are blessed by all of our friends who have given financially to support Cornerstone Christian Academy! Our Annual Fund stands at \$45,723.15 since July 1st, with over \$14,000.00 designated for our Scholarship Fund.



Board Of Trustees

If you are new to Cornerstone, we'd like to introduce you to our Board of Trustees.

President – Dr. Jeff VanGoethem
Jeff is the pastor of East White Oak Bible Church

Vice President – Dale White
Dale is the Vice President of Resource Development at Lincoln Christian College, and attends Eastview Christian Church

Secretary – Dan Cole
Dan is a retired Unit 5 Administrator, and currently teaches at Lincoln College in Normal. He attends East White Oak Bible Church.

Trustee – Carol Strassheim
Carol is a busy homemaker involved with BroMenn activities and Bible Study Fellowship. She attends the Apostolic Christian Church of Bloomington.

Trustee – Norma Brown
Norma teaches at Parkside Jr. High, and attends First Assembly of God in Normal.

Trustee – Becky Shames
Becky is the Administrator of Cornerstone Christian Academy, and attends Eastview Christian Church.

We urge you to lift these board members up in prayer as they plan the future of CCA.

“Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.”
Psalm 119:1



Christmas Pageant

Our Christmas program “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 16th. To accommodate all our families and guests, we have had to move our program. It will be held at First Assembly of God, 800 E. Vernon Avenue, Normal. All CCA friends are cordially invited for a wonderful evening!



God's Corner

Every class at Cornerstone Christian Academy is very special, but we'd like to share one class in particular with you.

On the wall in the fourth grade classroom are the following verses:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16

Underneath these verses are two large poster boards – one titled "Praises and Thanksgivings," and one titled "Requests." On each board are little cards with the praises, thanks, and requests of the fourth grade class. In fact, there are so many praises that there is no longer room to hang them up. Each day during prayer time, the class removes the cards and they pray through the praises and thanks. After that, they remove the request cards and pray through those. When they see that a request has been answered, they take the card from its place and they put it into a gallon jar – the 'answered prayer' jar. This jar is literally full of answers to prayer!

One answer to prayer came last month when a large truck pulled up in front of the school. In the back of the truck was a 4'x10' chalkboard designated for the fourth grade class. This was not the first time a truck had pulled up with a chalkboard for the fourth grade, it was the **third** time. Each time, the chalkboard had been damaged or broken, and so was unacceptable. On the request board was the prayer request for a chalkboard that would arrive in perfect condition.

When the truck pulled up that morning, the fourth graders were all watching. And since they have been learning that all requests are important to our God, Matt Lucie suggested that they pray that this time the chalkboard would be acceptable. And so, while the truck unloaded, the fourth graders prayed. And soon they had their answer – they could place this request in the answered prayer jar.

But what kinds of things do fourth graders **praise and thank** the Lord for?

Here are a few samples:

"I praise You that we can pray to You whenever we need to."

"Thank You for Your mercy."

"You are all-powerful!"

"I praise You for being our Creator and our Provider."

"Thank You that we got our chalkboard."

"I thank God that we are at Cornerstone."

Throughout the school, students are learning to bring their requests before God and then to thank Him for His provision. They are learning that . . .

"From the fullness of His grace we have all received one **blessing** after another." John 1:16



Enrollment Dates

January 5, 2000 - Re-enrollment for current students begins

February 1, 2000 - Open House for interested families and potential students

February 1, 2000 – New applications taken for preschool through 6th grade

For more information, please contact the Academy office at 821-9232.