

## BEYOND MEASURE, BEYOND COMPARE

*The Greatness of Our God*

*“Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
His greatness no one can fathom.”  
Psalm 145:3*

One of the outgrowths of experiencing the greatness of God is TRUST. When Moses led the people of Israel up to the Red Sea (Exodus 14), he did so at God’s bidding. God told Moses to lead the nation into what surely seemed to be a dead-end. And the people of Israel were terrified! They were up against the Red Sea, with Pharaoh’s army hot on their trail.

Then – because He’s God, and His greatness no one can fathom – God did the impossible. And when we look at the end of the chapter, we read this:

*“And when the Israelites saw the great power the Lord displayed against the Egyptians,  
the people feared the Lord and put their trust in Him . . .”  
Exodus 14:31*

**Cornerstone is also up against a ‘Red Sea’.** God has brought us more students than we could have thought possible after only three years. Do we trust Him to provide for our new building? We do. The text in Exodus says that the Israelites were able to trust God *because* they experienced firsthand His awesome power to deliver them. It was not just the display of that power – the Egyptians also saw that – but the exercise of it *in their behalf* that caused the nation to trust God.

And that was God’s plan from the start! He not only wanted to bring glory to Himself, but also to increase the faith of the people of Israel. So He deliberately maneuvered them into a situation where they could be saved only by His mighty power, and through that experience come to trust Him.

Truly God’s greatness no one can fathom. But what does that mean for us today? We see the answer in Isaiah 40:18:

*“To whom, then, will you compare God?”*

God wants us to see and understand that He is inconceivably great, and that nothing can compare with His power. But we do compare things with the power of God. We compare our circumstances, our situations, our problems and they seem to be much bigger than the God we serve. We are facing a monumental task. In man’s eyes, it is virtually impossible. But God is not like us. For Him, *nothing* is impossible. Isaiah 40 reminds us that God is far, far greater than any of our difficult situations. He *alone* has the power to do the impossible. Our prayer is that through this experience we will come to trust Him more as He increases our faith to do so.

# GOD'S CORNER

## Grace Giving

The chapters of 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 contain some of the Bible's greatest teaching on the subject of giving. The apostle Paul lifts up the example of giving found among the Macedonians. They had been generous in their giving to the poorer believers in Jerusalem, and Paul urged the Corinthians to learn from them. He did not use gimmicks or tricks to motivate them to give, he simply gave an example and called his readers to obedience.

He gives the secret to their outpouring of generosity in 2 Cor. 8:1:

*"And now brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches."*

It was the grace of giving – the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives – that led the Macedonian believers to give in disregard to their own needs, to a people they had never seen or met.

### Which leads us to our 'God story' about giving.

One of our on-going visions here at Cornerstone has been that no child would ever be denied the opportunity to attend simply because of lack of money. Through the generosity of our donors, we have had an active Tuition Assistance Program this academic year. Over 10% of our student body receives some form of tuition assistance.

Last December, we received a note from a Cornerstone family who informed us that due to some severe financial reversals they would be removing their children from CCA. They had already paid for the first half of the year, but tuition was due in January, and the money wasn't there.

We supplied them with a Tuition Assistance form, and they qualified for half scholarships. Unfortunately, we were already over-committed in our tuition assistance program, and were trusting God to meet the needs for those scholarships we had already issued.

We prayed and asked God that if it was His will, He would provide all the money we still needed, AND the additional money needed to care for the new family.

Another walk of faith! But as Ephesians 3:20 states,

*"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power . . ."*

We continued to pray, and we didn't have to wait long for God's answer. Within ten days, we received a letter from a company in Bloomington. They had experienced a wonderful

year financially and wanted to pass along some of God's blessing to us. They informed us that we would be receiving a check for \$4,200.00 the first week in January, to be used for whatever we needed.

We were so excited! But the figure \$4,200 seemed familiar in some way . . . After sitting down and figuring, we discovered that the money needed to complete this year's Tuition Assistance Program (including the new family) was exactly \$4,200.04!

***Our God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine . . .***

All because God bestowed the grace of giving to someone who gave sacrificially to people they had never seen or met.

**This year, 26 students received over \$30,000.00 in assistance.**

Once again, our account is empty! Once again we are looking for people who have God's grace of giving. The need is great and growing. Will you ask God for His grace?

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## ENROLLMENT 2004

How exciting it is to see new students enrolling for next fall! We'll be adding a 7<sup>th</sup> grade, an additional 4<sup>th</sup> grade class, and a third kindergarten section.

To give you an idea of the growth we've experienced, notice the chart:

CLASS	Cumulative Total	Last Year's Total (for same period)
3 year olds	21	20
4 year olds	44	34
Pre-K	8	14
Kindergarten	47	27
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	35	29
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	30	23
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	25	23
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	26	11
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9	7
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9	12
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	15	N/A
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>200</b>

**Praise God for the increase!**

# FUTURE CAMPUS – CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

If you stop by our offices, you will see up on the wall both the floor plan and the color rendering of our proposed new facility. It's truly beautiful!

As you can see from this rendering, the plan calls for a central core with four wings (Primary, Elementary, Jr. High, and Sr. High). Included will be:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>38 classrooms</b></li> <li><b>3 science labs</b></li> <li><b>Library/Media center</b></li> <li><b>Cafeteria/Kitchen</b></li> <li><b>Gymnasium with stage &amp; seating for 1000</b></li> <li><b>Locker rooms/ Equipment room</b></li> <li><b>2 computer labs</b></li> <li><b>Choral/Band rooms</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2 Art rooms</b></li> <li><b>Central Administration Office</b></li> <li><b>Preschool Office</b></li> <li><b>Elementary Office</b></li> <li><b>Secondary Office</b></li> <li><b>2 Large Common Areas</b></li> <li><b>Parking for over 500</b></li> </ul> |
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The Board of Trustees of CCA as well as the Building Committee covets your prayers as we seek God's will for both the design and financing of such a huge project. Will you pray for us? Also, be sure to stop by and see our latest drawings!

## WATCH FOR OUR BILLBOARD!

At the end of March, our new billboard will go up right outside the new post office facility on Towanda Avenue. It will remain there until June, when it will be moved to Vernon Avenue, on the east face of a billboard by IAA Drive. See if you recognize any of the faces on it!

## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Questions about CCA? Want to pass along information to a friend? Our website is [cornerstonechristian.com](http://cornerstonechristian.com), and it has a wealth of information about CCA. Pass it on!

## ANNUAL FUND 2001

Annual Fund	'00-01 Tuition Assistance	Building Fund	Total Giving 7/00-3/01
\$ 64,942.94	\$ 10,066.77	\$ 32,226.05	\$107,235.76

*“A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great.”  
Proverbs 18:16*

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