



# Warrior Newsletter

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## Our Mission

*Fourth Baptist Christian School, as a ministry of Fourth Baptist Church, is committed to the development of a student's spiritual life in Jesus Christ, while pursuing academic excellence in a manner which honors and glorifies God, based on the only infallible Word, the Bible.*

## Some Thoughts on College...

*by Alan J. Hodak*

As the school year has concluded, and we have had time to reflect on our graduates' choices for their future, I wanted to base this quarter's article on some thoughts about preparation for the college years.

As you may know, we have been able to see four of our daughters complete college and our youngest will be entering her second year at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa in the fall. While we have struggled to pay for college, God has been so faithful to help us figure out ways to remain debt free. College has become an unbelievable expense, which is why so many choose the community college route. While that route may be a viable option for some, I would suggest that in searching out a direction, you leave the financial consideration until the very end of the decision-making process. I think we would agree that we want to determine a school or vocation based on our children's academic abilities, interests, and world view. Often, parents will leave the entire decision up to the child alone. While our kids are telling us that they are now adults and want to choose for themselves, the truth is that they really need our guidance in this matter. This decision will become the most important decision of their life up to this point, as far as their future direction is concerned.

Please consider several things: When did you develop your world view? I was not a believer as an 18-year old, and I attended Phoenix College and then Arizona State University, a school of over 40,000 students at the time. I battled with all of the different

world philosophies that were presented to me. I was exposed to religions like Mormonism, B'hai, New Age, and others. It took me several years to sort through and determine the truth of Christianity. I did not come to Christ until I was 24 years old. Those early college years were critical for me as I began to really search out what I believed for myself.



A conviction my wife and I have developed for our own children is that they must attend one - two years of Bible college. I want their faith to be cemented, so we chose a Bible college program that holds to our doctrinal beliefs and family standards. When it was time for my children to make a final decision, we made it together. I gave them 3-5 schools to choose from, and told them they could make the final selection. I agreed to try to pay half of the cost if they would work for the other half, and we visited these schools as a family in the summer or during tournaments over the high school years. The first two years were the most expensive because less scholarship money was available to us during

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# Congratulations to the Class of 2022



Mr. Hodak always says that the highlight of our school year is the graduation ceremony for the senior class, as it is a time to celebrate the culmination of years of study and hard work. On Friday night, May 20, 2022, Fourth Baptist Christian School held its 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation Ceremony in its 56-year history.

Mr. Hodak, FBCS administrator, emceed the event. Pastor Jeremy Stephens gave the challenge to be faithful to the Lord to the twenty-two graduates who filled the choir loft. This year's salutatorian was Isabel Guillen and the valedictorian was Emily Combs. These ladies achieved a couple of the highest GPA's we have seen through taking advantage of our advanced courses (Calculus and Physics), the Honors Bible class and various PSEO classes.

As this was a large graduating class, the main floor of the auditorium was packed with the graduates' family and guests, spilling over into the balcony. Many out of town relatives and friends watched the livestream. Our SH choir members were also present to take part in the ceremony.

Of the 22 graduates this year, 20 of them are planning to attend a university program, one is planning to immediately begin a sales career, and one is undecided. Thirteen graduates are planning to attend a Christian College, and seven are planning to attend a secular university.

This year's group of graduated include two Nursing majors, six Business majors (International Business, Kinesiology & Business, Organizational Leadership, Office Administration,

and Finance), three Engineering majors (one Biomedical Engineer, one Electrical Engineer and one Mechanical Engineer), one Physics major, one Data Science major, one Japanese & Asian Studies major, two Education majors (one Elementary Education and one Secondary History Education), one History major, one Architecture & Design major.

In addition, 73% of our graduates (16 of 22) received scholarships to attend college, and three were placed directly into a university honors program (Emily Combs, Stephen French, Isabel Guillen). Legacy Scholarship winners were Kathryn Kauffman and Cole McQueary. The Legacy Scholarship was set up by the Class of '83 for students focused on service through volunteering.

Congratulations, Class of '22! ~A. French



Valedictorian: Emily Combs



Salutatorian: Isabel Guillen



Back Row L to R: Lucy Litkey, Felicia Harmon, Jocelyn Devanesan, Gabriela Mendoza, Samuel Roman, Conner Chenoweth, James Webster, Andrew Sisterson.  
Middle Row L to R: Kathryn Kauffman; Kayla Stephens, Isabel Guillen, Yuqi (Yuki) Fan, Isaac Brombacher, Jack Hoesse, Joseph Okafo.  
Front Row L to R: Allison Goshgarian, Anna Morrell, Alyza Dunn, Emily Combs, Stephen French, Samuel Caasi, Cole McQueary.



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their freshman and sophomore years. As they entered their junior and senior years, more opportunities became available to help them finish. The annual college tuition cost per student (at Faith) has been well over \$28,000 per year currently (which includes tuition, room and board, and meals), but we have to pay about \$15-17,000 per year based on institutional scholarships granted. This can vary based on how your child has performed on their college entrance exams as well as outside scholarships awarded. That total can be significantly reduced through a student work program, FAFSA awards (government grants), a job outside of school, and gifts the Lord has provided.

Another point to consider is that college is often the place our children will meet their future husband/wife. While this is a reality parents have to come to grips with, I want my daughters to be at a place where like-minded young people are. I want my girls to meet a man who loves the Lord and has a similar world view. Remember: we hope to continue to have the joy of many grandchildren, and we pray that they will be raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord just like we tried to do when raising our kids.

Many of our students struggle with knowing what they want to do when they leave home. I didn't know at 18 years old (I think I changed my major at least three times), did you? Sending our students to at least one year of Bible college will keep them focused on learning and in God's Word as they search for God's will for their lives, which is what we really want for our kids anyway.

I have included below a **College Plan of Attack** to think through as you counsel your child regarding the junior high and high school years. This is, at least, a game plan to consider:

## College Plan of Attack

**Junior High 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade years:** Realize that this is a training and preparation time for high school. Your grades matter! Develop the following habits/skills: Organizational skills, effective note-taking, study habits, working with and respecting your peers, effective communication skills in your writing and verbal communication with adults (especially with your parents and teachers).

**Freshman Year:** A good year to start thinking about what you want to do after high school, whether college, university, or vocational training. Four years will go by quickly even though it seems like it is a long way off. There are tools available (on-line) to help determine interests and giftedness. Use your guidance counselor (Mr. Hodak at Fourth). He can help you in these areas if you will ask.

**Sophomore Year:** Take the PSAT (as practice) to determine areas of academic strengths and weakness. This will help in planning academic course work for the final years of high school and determining potential majors within academic discipline strengths. It may also help you to realize that you need to buckle down and get more serious about areas of weakness (It is not okay to say, "I am no good at math."). Some things worth working at will make you more successful down your academic road. In the Spring, meet with your guidance counselor to see if you qualify for your school's Honors College program (PSEO).



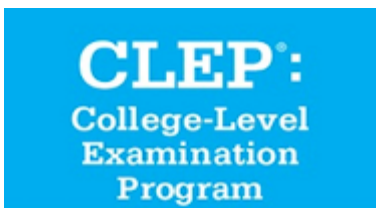
**Summer after Sophomore Year:** Consider identifying and visiting several college programs that may offer programs of interest. Take a family college tour vacation and visit 3-5 schools. They will house you, feed you, give you tours, and talk to you about scholarships and finances. They want to have your student come to their school, so they will educate you on how they can help you make that happen.

**Junior Year:** Take the PSAT test a second time in mid-October. This is a scholarship potential test and the scores will help you in your planning. Prepare to take the ACT College Entrance Exam (or SAT—depending on the potential colleges of

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consideration) in the Spring (April, May, or June) after you have been through GTA 3 (Geometry, Trigonometry, Algebra 3 – third-year high school math). This will give you a starting point in your test score to see if you should retake the test to qualify for certain scholarships. You can retake the test as many times as you want to pay for it. Each time a student retakes the test (if they have prepared), they typically raise their score one – two points (on the ACT). You are able to report your highest scores as you apply for colleges and scholarships.



#### **Summer after the junior**

**year:** Narrow your college considerations to around three. Make any final visits to help in a decision. You want to start applying to those colleges and seeing what type of scholarships or financial packages they will offer by December 1 of your senior year. Once a college accepts you as a student, you can begin to weigh the financial options in making a final determination. A student can be accepted into multiple college programs in order to make a final decision.

**Mid-Senior Year:** Apply for your PIN number (FAFSA) in December, one for mom and dad and one for the student. Fill out all the FAFSA on-line forms to see if any financial aid will be extended. Most accredited college programs require a filed FAFSA in order to qualify for institutional scholarships. Make sure that you apply to all college/university programs by December 1. This is a huge benefit for students because the student is targeting early acceptance and early scholarship draw for institutional scholarships. This will help a student weigh the

best offer between the college programs being considered. Following this plan has benefited our students greatly and this is often the determining factor as where they will decide to go in the fall.

**Anytime During High School and Early College:** CLEP out of general education courses but do the research before you consider taking CLEP tests. Make sure that the college program being considered accepts CLEP tests. Fourth Baptist is a CLEP testing center and it currently costs \$85 to register for a CLEP test on the CLEP site: <https://clep.collegeboard.org/>. Once you have registered for a test, you can arrange a testing time with Mr. Broere ([abroere@fourthbaptist.org](mailto:abroere@fourthbaptist.org)) at Fourth Baptist Christian School. The tests are taken on line (in our computer lab) and you will pay \$35 to use our testing site when you come to take the test. In most cases, you will know if you have passed the test at its conclusion. For more information, please email Mr. Broere. We created the testing program at our school to benefit students from Fourth as well as any MACS student. Please remember that a CLEP test costs \$120 and is a considerable savings as compared to paying full tuition for that same college course. There are currently 34 tests available to CLEP out of.

**Graduation Senior Year:** We tearfully send your child off at graduation, having helped them prepare for the next phase of their life. It is always my joy to share in the future plans of our students at graduation, as we celebrate this milestone together.

If I can be of further help, please do not hesitate to email me at [ahodak@fourthbaptist.org](mailto:ahodak@fourthbaptist.org).

Have a great summer and get busy planning your future!  
~A. Hodak



## Student Named to MN Elite Choir



Evie Williams, a junior at Fourth Baptist Christian School, was selected to be in the Soprano Alto Choir for the 2022-23 Minnesota Music Educators Association All-State Ensembles. Evie auditioned for this ensemble and was selected out of the hundreds of students that apply each year for All-State. In August, she will have a week of camp and a concert performance at St. John's University under the direction of renowned conductor, Dr. Rosephanye Powell of Auburn University. She will also perform with the MMEA Soprano Alto Choir in February at Orchestra Hall as part of the MMEA Midwinter Music Educator's Conference. Congratulations, Evie, on this huge achievement! ~L. Kolwinska



## The Dallas Brass at FBCS!

FBCS had the amazing opportunity to host the Dallas Brass, an internationally renowned brass ensemble, for a clinic and a concert on Friday, March 18. The Dallas Brass members included: Garrett Klein, trumpet; Buddy Deshler, trumpet; Juan Berrios, horn; Jim Lutz, trombone; Paul Carlson, tuba; Josh Carlson, percussion; and Michael Levine, artistic director. Mike lives in Plymouth and is a great friend of FBCS. Mike has worked with our students on numerous occasions and we use much of his chamber ensemble music each year.

In preparation for the day, our FBCS 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade band students practiced an arrangement of *Star Wars* and were able to perform the song with the Dallas Brass at the afternoon concert. The day also included a clinic where



the 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade band students met the Dallas Brass members and heard them perform. At the clinic, students were also able to perform some of our chamber ensemble songs for the Dallas Brass and have them coach and perform with us.

The FBCS student body and many guests from the community filled the Auditorium for an afternoon concert. Our band students sat in the front rows and absolutely enjoyed every selection from *Pink Panther*, to *The Music Man*, to *Shenandoah*, to the finale song *Instant Concert*. Another amazing experience was being able to hear the Minnesota Orchestra trumpet player, Charles Lazarus, play *Sugar Blues* with the Dallas Brass – the younger students were laughing so hard at the low notes he played on his trumpet! The concert went by so quickly and ended much too soon (especially for this trumpet playing band director!), but we are so thankful for the time and expertise that the Dallas Brass shared with our FBCS community that day. We hope we can have them return in the future! If you missed the concert you can find it on our FBCS Music Department website: <http://music.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org/>.  
~Levi Kolwinska, Music Director



## 2022 MACS JH Fine Arts Festival

Our Junior High students participated in the JH MACS Festival at First Baptist of Rosemount on March 4. Our groups and soloists did very well that day with everyone earning Excellent and Superior Ratings! All of the students participate in choir as well as sing in a vocal ensemble. The band students all play together as a band and also play in an instrumental ensemble. A few students chose to sing or play solos that day and did very well! A group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders, led by Mrs. Naomi Williams, also participated in the Reader's Theatre category and received a superior rating for their performance. Thanks for Mrs. Bruffey and Miss Harmon for their work accompanying the students. The junior highers were well behaved and many of them spent WAY too much money at the concession stand. We had a great day and I am grateful for the students hard work and effort in preparing their pieces for the festival. ~L. Kolwinska

(Sorry, no photos of JH MACS)



### JH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Vocal

Choir	Fourth JH Choir	Superior
Female Vocal Solo	Megan Page	Superior
Female Vocal Solo	McKenzie Johnson	Superior
Vocal Small Ensemble	Fourth Ladies	Superior
Vocal Small Ensemble	Fourth Men	Superior
Vocal Large Ensemble	Fourth Men	Excellent
Vocal Large Ensemble	Fourth Ladies	Excellent

### JH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Instrumental

Band	Fourth JH Band	Superior
Percussion Solo	Josiah Combs	Superior
Woodwind Solo	Mark Manoila	Superior
Lg. Instrumental Ensemble	Fourth Mixed	Superior
Lg. Instrumental Ensemble	Fourth Brass	Superior
Lg. Instrumental Ensemble	Fourth Woodwinds	Superior

### JH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Piano

Classical Piano Solo	McKenzie Johnson	Superior
Classical Piano Solo	Ethan Markgraf	Superior
Classical Piano Solo	Isaiah Luellen	Excellent

### JH MACS Fine Arts: Speech

Reader's Theater		Superior
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### JH MACS Fine Arts: Artwork

Art: Monochromatic Drawing	Felicity Strong	Excellent
Watercolor	Emma Ruegemer	Excellent
Watercolor	Brianna Treptau	Good



## 2022 MACS SH Fine Arts Festival

FBCS hosted our annual SH MACS Fine Arts Festival on April 8. We were thankful that the festival could be held like normal for the first time in 3 years. Our students worked very hard in preparing for the solo or ensemble selections and we are grateful for the help of Mrs. Bruffey, Mrs. Peal, and Miss Harmon in coaching and accompanying many of them. Almost all of our soloists and groups received Excellent and Superior ratings and we are thankful to the many judges that coached our students at the Festival. Our Art and Home Ec. students, led by Mrs. Terry McLeish and

Mrs. Amie Steinhart, also received many high ratings and placements. Congratulations to the many students that also placed in the Academic Testing categories! If you would like to see a full list of the results, you can find them at <http://music.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org/macs-fine-arts-festival-2022/>. Thank you students and teachers for making our Fine Arts Festival a great success! We are thankful for the talents and abilities which God has gifted to each of you. ~L. Kolwinska

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# SH MACS Fine Arts Festival Results



## SH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Piano

Sacred Piano Solo	Clara Rieschl	2nd	Superior
Sacred Piano Solo	Emily Combs	3rd	Superior
Sacred Piano Solo	Joy Okafo		Excellent
Classical Piano Solo	Landon Broere	1st	Superior
Classical Piano Solo	Anna Morrell	2nd	Superior
Classical Piano Solo	Sophia Morrell		Superior
Classical Piano Solo	Ruby Celt		Excellent
Classical Piano Duet	L.Broere/A.Morrell	2nd	Superior

## SH MACS Academic Testing:

Algebra 2 / Geometry	Cole McQueary	3rd place
Advanced Math	Isabel Guillen	1st place
Bible: New Testament	Kathryn Kauffman	3rd place
Bible: Old Testament	Felicia Harmon	3rd place
Biology	Joy Okafo	1st place
Chemistry	Karina Mendoza	1st place
English	Adriel Ng	1st place
Home Economics	Johannah Rieschl	1st place
Music Theory	Anna Morrell	1st place
Physics	Emily Combs	1st place
Political Science / Economics	Emily Combs	3rd place
Spanish	Nathan French	3rd place
U.S. History / Geography	Joseph Okafo	3rd place
World History / Geography	Samuel Roman	3rd place

## SH MACS Fine Arts: Arts & Crafts

Acrylic Painting	Julia Bodnar	2nd	Excellent
Acrylic Painting	Mylie Wall		Excellent
Watercolor	Kristy Hanson		Superior
Watercolor	Emily Combs		Excellent
Drawing: Monochromatic	Jamie Hoes		Excellent
Drawing: Polychromatic	Melissa Kauffman	1st	Superior
Drawing: Polychromatic	Jamie Hoes	2nd	Superior
Drawing: Polychromatic	Kristy Hanson	3rd	Excellent
Drawing: Polychromatic	Julia Bodnar		Excellent
Textiles	Emily Combs	1st	Superior
Sewing - Clothing	Clara Rieschl	1st	Superior
Sewing - Clothing	Johanna Rieschl	1st	Superior
Sewing - Home	Felicia Harmon	1st	Superior
Biological Science Project	Carsten Markgraf	3rd	Excellent

## SH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Vocal

Choir	SH Choir	1st	Superior
Choral Group	Mixed Ensemble	1st	Superior
Large Vocal Ensemble	Fourth Ladies Ensemble	1st	Superior
Large Vocal Ensemble	Fourth Men's Ensemble	2nd	Superior
Female Vocal Solo	Evelyn Williams	3rd	Superior
Female Vocal Solo	Felicia Harmon		Superior
Female Vocal Solo	Kristy Hanson		Superior
Female Vocal Solo	Mylie Wall		Excellent
Female Vocal Solo	Kathryn Kauffman		Good
Male Vocal Solo	Jack Fure	1st	Superior
Male Vocal Solo	J. Kolacz	3rd	Superior
Vocal Duet	I. Guillen/E. Williams	1st	Superior
Vocal Duet	A. Stephens/J. Fure	2nd	Superior
Vocal Trio	I. Guillen/K. Stephens / J. Webster	1st	Superior
Vocal Trio	L. Broere/J. Okafo/ E. Sayko	2nd	Superior
Vocal Trio	N. Petrashov/A. Tkach/ S. Weisser	3rd	Superior
Vocal Quartet	I. Guillen/S. Roman/ K. Stephens/J. Webster	2nd	Superior

## SH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Instrumental

Band	SH Band	1st	Superior
Handbell Choir	Fourth Platinum	1st	Superior
Handbell Choir	Fourth Gold	3rd	Superior
Large Instrumental Ens.	Fourth Brass	2nd	Superior
Large Instrumental Ens.	Fourth Woodwinds 1		Superior
Large Instrumental Ens.	Fourth Woodwinds 2		Superior
Percussion Ensemble	Fourth Percussion	1st	Superior
Brass Solo	Stephen French-trumpet		Excellent
Percussion Solo	Joy Okafo-marimba	1st	Superior
Percussion Solo	Jonathan Kolacz-marimba	2nd	Superior
String Solo	Noelle Anderson-violin	1st	Superior
String Solo	Adriel Ng-violin	2nd	Superior
String Solo	Lucy Litkey-violin		Excellent

## SH MACS Fine Arts: Photography

Digitally Enhanced Media	Kathryn Kauffman	2nd	Excellent
Photo: Landscape/	Melissa Kauffman	1st	Superior
Photo: Landscape/	Morgen Markgraf		Superior
Photo: Landscape/	Kathryn Kauffman		Excellent
Photo: Landscape/	Conner Chenoweth		Excellent
Photography: Portrait	Morgen Markgraf	1st	Superior
Photography: Portrait	Melissa Kauffman	3rd	Superior
Photography: Portrait	Kathryn Kauffman		Excellent



# Elementary Spring Concert “Barnyard Bonanza”

Elementary students and families enjoyed a packed day of spelling bees, informances, and a spring concert on April 29. K4 and K5 family members joined our students for an “informance”—an interactive music class in which guests participate with our students. Our children loved showing their parents how to distinguish between high and low sounds with the help of a few puppet friends and other hands-on activities. Children pulled parents in on the fun several times for simple circle games and folk dances.



*6th Grade Band*

Our 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students presented a lively elementary spring concert program entitled “Barnyard Bonanza.” Our young musicians engaged the audience with band, chimes, bells, choir, and their very own compositions. First up, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students showed off their musical progress by combining with a few Senior High musicians for “Spirit of the Stallion.” 5<sup>th</sup> grade passed the melody around each section for “Mary Had a Little Lamb” and “B-I-N-G-O.” 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade joined forces to present the story of the “Three Billy Goats Gruff” with narration by Pastor Dan Johnson.

1<sup>st</sup> grade dabbled with small percussion instruments and duets in the call and response song “Shoo Turkey.” They pretended to be little chicks evading nap time during Prokofiev’s “Ballet of

the Unhatched Chicks.” Next, they tried out their rhythmic horse hoof skills using cups for “Ride O, Ride O, Ride O.” They ended their portion by praising their Creator using Psalm 103:1-5 and singing “Praise and Thanksgiving.”

2<sup>nd</sup> grade started with 2 circle games entitled, “All Around the Kitchen” and “Who Stole My Chickens and My Hens?” They added their own rhythm accompaniment to the songs. The class tried in vain to convince “mama” (Michelle Olaru) to buy them a “China Doll.” 2<sup>nd</sup> grade finished by honoring our sweet friend Lauren Goshgarian who went to be with the Lord this year. Several students know they can “Rejoice in the Lord” with her, because they accepted Jesus as their Savior due to Lauren’s testimony. What a legacy!



*3rd Graders*

3<sup>rd</sup> grade took the audience through the farming cycle of preparing the soil (“Pickin’ a Spot”), planting (“Oats, Peas, Beans”), growing (“I Plant a Little Seed”), and harvesting (“Grinding Corn”). Each song featured a recorder accompaniment which students either arranged or composed together. God gives the increase and deserves all our thanks as seen in the hymn “We Plow the Fields.”

4<sup>th</sup> grade acknowledged God’s goodness by singing “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” They learned about harmony and arranging a theme and variations piece for “Where Is John?” and “Farmer in

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*1st Graders*



*Elementary Choir (4th—6th Grades)*

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the Dell.” They loved sharing their square dance version of Aaron Copland’s “Hoedown” complete with brightly colored ribbon lassos and cowboy hats.

5<sup>th</sup> grade was so large this year that they split into two chimes groups. They performed “Let All Things Now Living” and “Simple Gifts.” 6<sup>th</sup> graders progressed so much that they were able to play bells this semester. Their version of “Old MacDonald” showed a range of handbell techniques. Finally, the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary choir finished off the concert with three songs. “Come in from the Firefly Darkness” encouraged students to seek adventure while remembering their roots. Several young ladies courageously sang duets. Students also enjoyed “My Shepherd” based on Psalm 23. They ended the concert enthusiastically with “I Bought Me a Cat” creating quite the barnyard frenzy!

We thank the Lord for a good year of musical growth. Thank you to parents, teachers, and friends for supporting us and your young musicians as they learn to make melody in their hearts to the Lord! (Ephesians 5:19). We pray for His wisdom and continued blessing in the years to come. ~A. Harmon



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chimes



6<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbells



2<sup>nd</sup> Graders



4<sup>th</sup> Grade Recorders

## 2022 Elementary Spelling Bee

The 2022 Spelling Bee was held Friday, April 29th, in the Auditorium, allowing all classmates and guests to watch it in person this year—a nice change.

### Grades 1-3 Spelling Bee Results

After each of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades held their own spelling bee competition, the winners of each class then competed in the combined spelling bee. The last word misspelled was “against,” and the winning correctly spelled word was “airport.”

#### 1st Grade Bee Winners

1. John Strong
2. Eva Jenkins
3. Vanessa Diaz

#### 2nd Grade Bee Winners

1. Ava Blazosky
2. Isaiah Shrader
3. Benjamin Brutskiy

#### 3rd Grade Bee Winners

1. Viviana Skurat
2. Ian Achtor
3. Roman Kachula

The winners for the 1st—3rd Champions Spelling Bee are as follows: First—Viviana Skurat (3rd grade); Second—Ian Achtor (3rd grade); Third—Isaiah Shrader (2nd grade)

### Grades 4-6 Spelling Bee Results

For the 4th—6th Grade Spelling Bee, there were no preliminary rounds beyond what was done within each class to select their participants. Six students from each grade competed against one another in the combined spelling bee. The last word misspelled was “absence,” and the winning correctly spelled word was “absolutely.” The winners for the 4th—6th Grade Spelling Bee are as follows: First—Juliana Strong (5th grade); Second—Ashley Blazosky (4th grade); Third—Gabriel Liu (5th grade).



1st—3rd Winners L to R: Viviana Skurat, Ian Achtor, Isaiah Shrader



4th—6th Winners L to R: Juliana Strong, Ashley Blazosky, Gabriel Liu



## Spring Field Trips

There is perhaps no better way to finish a school year than with a beautiful and sunny visit to the Minnesota Zoo on Wednesday, May 4! Once the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders exited the bus at the zoo, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders were immediately ushered into a special zoo class teaching them about animal behaviors and adding enrichment into the animals' lives. Students even got to experience seeing a live python. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the same class during the following hour.

Exhibits the students enjoyed at the zoo included wolves, grizzly bears, penguins, wild Asian horses, baby piglets along with other farm animals, and many, many more. There was even a zoo café where parents and students were able to stop at during the afternoon for some refreshment.



Our students came back amazed at the creativity and power of God in creation. This was an excellent and exciting way to finish up the school year, and we thank the Lord for this opportunity.

~Mrs. Colleen McQueary, 3rd grade teacher



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The FBCS 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades enjoyed a great day at the Minnesota History Center on May 6th this year. It was great to be able to go on a field trip again, and especially exciting to visit the History Center. Sixth grade studied Minnesota History this year, so they were able to see many things they learned in class. Fifth grade enjoyed it too, and they are looking forward to studying Minnesota History next year.

We all attended a class on "Minnesota and the Civil War." The students all were given ID cards and had a Civil War story.

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They learned what it meant to have dysentery and how doctors treated the wounded.

There were **many interactive exhibits** including the following:

**Early Minnesota Days** - fur traders and voyageurs, and Ojibwe and Dakota Indian artifacts.

**Iron Range Mining** - an interactive mine in which they could simulate finding the iron ore and putting dynamite in the holes to blow up the mine to reveal the iron ore. It was very popular as you can imagine!

**"The Greatest Generation"** - a WWII exhibit in which the kids could see and hear actual footage from soldiers in WWII and how it affected Minnesota.

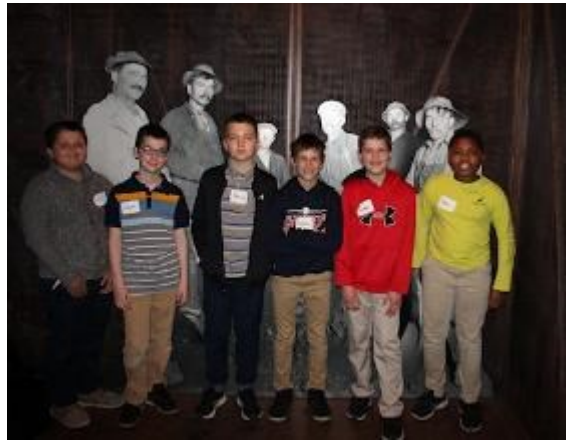
**The Minnesota Weather Exhibit** - The students experienced all kinds of Minnesota weather, even a tornado simulator where they heard people who lived through the Fridley tornado of 1965. That was a hit even though that evening there was an actual tornado warning in our area. YIKES!

We took many great pictures and had a great time! I don't think we will soon forget all the many things we learned and experienced.

~Mrs. Shannon Fure, 5th grade teacher

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On Friday, May 13th, the first and second graders took a field trip to the Minnesota Zoo. The classes had planned to visit the Como Zoo, but with some Covid policies restricting the group size, the field trip was changed to the MN Zoo. The boys and girls had a lot of fun looking at all the different plants and animals. Their favorite parts were playing on the playground equipment, petting the sharks and running excitedly from one exhibit to another. The students spent quite a bit of time around the farm animals by the barn and getting their pictures taken in one of the sheds. We finished with the penguin exhibit which was another highlight. ~Mrs. Diane Davis, 2nd grade teacher





## Senior Class Trip to The Wilds of NC & Atlanta

The seniors were thrilled to be able to take their senior trip! We landed in Atlanta at 12:40am on Monday, April 18th, and checked in to our hotel about 2am. After getting some rest, we set out for The Wilds—winding our way through the mountains—and arrived at The Wilds at 5pm. We enjoyed dinner, some free time and then evening chapel.

On Tuesday, April 19th, our morning began with breakfast followed by morning chapel. The Wilds staff took turns speaking to the kids, and this morning's challenge was on overcoming temptation and discovering God's plan for avoiding sin. We then had the opportunity to do the zip line over the gorge at the camp. Following lunch, we took a hike to see a waterfall and swim in the pool at the bottom of the falls. The night ended with a 5-on-5 soccer tournament in mini cages in field. Fourth had three co-ed teams participating, but lost in the quarter and semi-final rounds. There were many other campers from other schools around the country—and good competition—at our week of Camp.

On Wednesday, April 20th, we woke up bright and early to drive about 2 1/2 hours to go whitewater rafting. We had a beautiful sunny day! The rafting took about 2 hours and we enjoyed the scenery down the Nantahala River in NC. The water was about 40 degrees (very cold!) The evening chapel focused on the Gospel, and the challenge was to accept Christ for salvation. For believers, the challenge was to live out the Gospel and repent of sin that dishonors our Savior.

Thursday, April 21st was a packed day of good challenges from the Word and lots of fun at camp. The morning chapel speaker challenged the kids to submit to the Word of God, letting the Gospel impact their daily living. During our free time following, I believe each class member took advantage of going on the giant swing! This was a blast and they really enjoyed laughing at each other scream. Our group then took a mini hike up a trail to overlook the small lake and take some pictures. After our picnic lunch, we divided up into three volleyball teams and participated in a tournament. All three teams saw great success with one of the teams (James, Sam R., Kayla, Gabi, Anna & Mrs. Stephens) winning the tournament! For the evening chapel, we heard a message from the book of Daniel and were challenged on our own convictions, character, courage and communion with God. The class was able to spend time afterwards together sharing favorite memories from our week as well as giving testimony of how God has worked in our lives this week.

On Friday, April 22nd, we woke early to drive to Atlanta. We made it to the Coca-Cola Museum about 3pm and enjoyed about an hour and a half there, and seeing some of the sights around the area before we made the drive to our hotel near Six Flags.

Saturday, April 23rd was Six Flags Day! The class was so excited for this day and looked forward to a nice day in the sun. The park was very busy and we all were surprised at how long the wait lines were...some up to 2 hours! Regardless of how busy it was, the kids had fun enjoying the rides they got to ride on.

On Sunday, April 24th, We met for morning devotions at the hotel and Pastor Jeremy spoke to us from Psalm 42. We checked out of the hotel about 11am and headed into Atlanta to find some places to shop. We found the Inman Park Festival in a quaint neighborhood in Atlanta. We walked up and down residential roads viewing various artist booths and ate at the food trucks.



After a full eight days, we were tired but happy!! All in all, we were blessed with a great week at camp, safety, great weather and a fantastic attitude from the class. We truly treasured this week with them and are so thankful to know them each a little more. We flew back home on Monday, April 25th without incident. ~Pastor Jeremy and Sarah Stephens, with Pastor Marcio and Erika Infantas



# Varsity Girls Spring Soccer Season Recap

Our Varsity program is growing and we are excited about it! This year saw not just growth within our own team, but also within MACS as a league. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, we were able to have a small tournament this year on our home field, and God blessed us with beautiful weather for that weekend. We took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in that tournament—winning one game in regulation, one game in a shootout, and losing one game in a shootout. Overall, we played very good soccer all weekend long. We had 19 girls from 9-12 grade come out for soccer this year, which was an increase in the roster over what we had last year for our high school program. We will miss our seniors greatly as they made up a good part of the starting varsity team, but are excited about the level of talent coming up behind them. Thank you to Coach Jones for finding us games and organizing our tournament this year. Thanks also to Mr. Broere for refereeing our games this year, and thanks to all the parents and fans who came out to support us!

~Coach Jeremy Stephens



Seniors L to R: Alyza Dunn, Anna Morrell, Kayla Stephens, Isabel Guillen, Allison Goshgarian, Jocelyn Devanesan



Senior Defender  
Alyza Dunn



Senior Forward  
Anna Morrell



Senior Forward  
Kayla Stephens



Sophomore Forward  
Clara Rieschl



Sophomore Midfielder  
Sage McQueary



Senior Forward  
Isabel Guillen



Senior Defender  
Ally Goshgarian



Senior Forward  
Jocelyn Devanesan



Sophomore Defender  
Alyssa Stephens



Sophomore Midfielder  
JoJo Rieschl



## Boys Baseball Co-op Season Recap

The Warriors Varsity Baseball Team finished the season with a 10-8 overall record, earning 2nd place in the Minnesota Classic Athletic Association with a 9-3 conference record. The team was inexperienced yet talented, with typically five or six underclassmen in the starting lineup in a typical game. Sophomore Shaun Larson led the Warriors with 22 hits this season, while also earning the team gold glove award for his excellent defense at the shortstop position. Larson also finished the season with a 3.16 earned run average in 24 innings pitched, striking out 26 batters. Sophomore Mark Goshgarian earned his varsity letter while playing both outfield and pitcher this season. The season ended in the sectional playoffs with a 3-1 loss against Holy Family Catholic. We look forward to next season! ~Coach Steve Gurgel

Varsity awards: Shaun Larson—Golden Glove award  
Mark Goshgarian—Live-Ball award



Varsity players: Mark Goshgarian & Shaun Larson



Junior Varsity player Jaidyn Rennie



## JH Girls Spring Soccer Season Recap



Warrior JH Girls Soccer Team

This year' FBCS ladies soccer program allowed us this year to return to a Jr. high program, for which we were grateful. Our athletic director was able to secure some new competition for us through some local schools for a modest game schedule, but one that would allow the girls to get the game experience needed to improve their skills. Both Coach Page and myself were excited about how fast these young girls picked up on the game of soccer! We commented to each other many times how quickly they were learning and applying the skills we were teaching to game situations. It was definitely exciting to see this season and we look forward to adding these ladies to the varsity roster as they move through the ranks here at FBCS. Thank you to all who made our season a success.

~Coach Jeremy Stephens

# Staff Changes for Next School Year

## Good-bye and Thanks to the following:

- **Miss Jillian Cross**—Secondary Spanish
- **Mr. David Peterson**—Elementary aide/substitute
- **Mr. Riley Stuckey**—Secondary Science

## Taking on New Responsibilities:

- **Mr. Matthew Bruffey**—HS Science teacher
- **Mrs. Shannon Fure**—Full-time Secretary in the office
- **Mr. Aaron Jones**—Full-time FBC Building Maintenance staff
- **Mrs. Colleen McQueary**—JH Science & Math teacher
- **Mrs. Kim Morrell**—2nd grade teacher (second section)
- **Mr. Clayton Morrison**—Athletic Director position

## Welcome, New Teachers for the 2022-23 School Year:

- **Ms. Cheyenne Cottrell**—6th grade teacher (second section)
- **Mrs. Jodi Faithfull**—3rd grade teacher (returning)
- **Mr. David Wang**—Special Ed, Resource room

*We are trusting the Lord to continue to meet our needs, and we appreciate your prayers.*



## Science Fair '22

We had a packed house in the atrium and the display tables spilled over into the gymnasium for this year's Science Fair on Friday, April 1st. Our secondary science teacher, Mr. Riley Stuckey, organized the event and even enlisted his mother, Rhonda, to provide cookies and beverages. Approx. 90 students participated in this year's science fair, which is a requirement for students in 7th—10th grades studying Life Science, Earth Science, Physical Science and Biology.

Students were given the opportunity to choose their own experiment, provided it was approved by Mr. Stuckey, and was related in some way to their science course this year. Mr. Stuckey surprised the students by announcing there would be awards for the best project in each grade. Each winner chosen by Mr. Stuckey received a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Winners were as follows:

- 7th grade—Joseph Litkey, for project on “what chemicals dissolve Styrofoam cups the fastest”
- 8th grade—Ethan Markgraf, for his “water electrolysis” project
- 9th grade—Evan Harvath, for his project on “the cooling effects of ammonium nitrate mixed with water”
- 10th grade—Joy Okafo, for her “neurological science” project



*Mr. Stuckey with Ethan Markgraf*



*Evan Harvath*



*Tava McLeish*



*Sydney Weisser*



## Spring Concert “Contrasts”

The Secondary Spring Concert on May 19 was titled *Contrasts* as the selections we presented were a variety of contrasting songs from sacred to secular, fast to slow, somber and reflective works to energetic and fun songs. The Senior High Band began the concert with an energetic opener called *Fire!* and followed that up with a new song written to honor the country of Ukraine called *Kyiv, 2022*. Our Senior High percussion section, under the direction of percussionist Joel Alexander, presented a fun video game soundtrack called *The Final Boss*.



The Junior High Band played *Primal Winds*, a song that changed style and time signatures, and *Selections from the Music Man*, a medley the students really enjoyed and connected with after watching the movie and hearing the Dallas Brass play several of these songs at their concert in March. One of the highlights of the evening was the Senior High Choir's presentation of *Light Beyond Shadow* with a string ensemble – this has become one of the student's favorite and most meaningful songs from this year.



Our seniors were honored in the concert with roses and a couple of them were highlighted in special performances – Anna Morrell played Chopin's *Fantaisie-Impromptu in C# minor, Op. 66* and Isabel Guillen sang *The Flower Duet* with junior, Evie Williams. Our handbell choirs performed a variety of musical works including *If You're Happy and You Know It*, *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee*, *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*, and *Revelation*.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reader's Theatre group, under the direction of Mrs. Naomi Williams, did a great job presenting their rendition of *The Seven Silly Eaters* complete with costumes and food related props. The Mixed Ensemble students sang a breathtaking arrangement of *Jesus, I Adore Thee* as well as presenting their Men's and Ladies' Ensemble songs from the MACS Festival. The Junior High Choir created quite the stir with their performance of *Bonse Aba* complete with stepping movements!



The concert finale featured the Senior High Choir under the direction of Mrs. Samantha Laumann in a fun performance of *Coffee (In a Cardboard Cup)*. Six students performed a choreographed routine with the choir backing them up with coffee cups in hand! The night was so much fun and we trust the audience enjoyed the contrasting selections that were presented. If you missed the concert, you can catch the archive at the following link on the Fourth Baptist music website: <http://music.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org/>. ~L. Kolwinska





# Kindergarten Graduation'22

Twenty-one Kindergartners celebrated their accomplishments on Tuesday, May 24, during their graduation ceremony held in the auditorium of Fourth Baptist Church. The theme for the evening was "Good News" and several of the songs, poems and Scripture verses highlighted the gospel. Zack Friar and Neriah Shelton read a story from one of their ABeka reading books. Mr. Broere shared a wonderful message from 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 defining the gospel and why it's necessary for each one of us. Diplomas were received and the program concluded with the graduates singing *A Gift to You*. A cake and punch reception was held in the atrium following the ceremony. Congratulations, Kindergartners, on a great year!

~Mrs. Roman, Kindergarten teacher

