

April 20, 2007

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Train a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not turn from it.

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**FROM THE DESK OF MR. BYERS.**

**In Defense of God's Precious Gifts**

Since 1988 the Nehemiah Institute has been assessing the worldview of Christian high school seniors. They have discovered a disturbing trend, year after year the worldview of these students has become increasingly secular humanistic and further and further away from Biblical. The graduates from traditional Christian schools did not fare much better, the data shows that they are also now thinking as secular humanists and are continuing the downward trend towards socialism.

What has perpetuated this loss of Biblical reasoning and world view? The individual Christian's lack of understanding of the situation and the Christian Church's belief that our precious gifts from God should continue to be educated in a God rejecting public school system. We as believers in Christ think that our children are to be salt and light in this school system that is perpetuating and indoctrinating socialistic, evolutionary thinking. We think that if we take our children out of the system that only darkness will prevail. I am telling you that our children are being overwhelmed by the world in this system instead of overcoming it, and it is our fault as parents that this is happening.

Let me use an analogy, would Joshua have directed that the Children of Israel send their children to be trained by a Godless school system of the Canaanites from age five to eighteen? That is what we are doing, so what is the answer? I have already stated that the traditional Christian schools are not doing much better. The Nehemiah Institute found during their testing that there was a school that had students that were scoring extraordinarily higher on their test. The school was in Plymouth, Massachusetts and was employing a teaching method that our Founding Fathers had been taught with called, "The Principle Approach".

Wesleyan Christian Academy is going to begin using this method next school year. I invite you to research the method yourself @ [www.face.net](http://www.face.net) and [www.stonebridgeschool.com](http://www.stonebridgeschool.com), and come to one of our upcoming Pathway to Biblical Liberty conferences.

What I ask you not to do is to start or continue to send your gifts from God to a Godless public school system that is, by the data found, training our children to be secular humanistic and socialistic in their thinking.

**Ink Cartridges** – We are recycling ink cartridges. There is a box just outside of the office door, please drop your cartridges in the box. Office Max will give \$3 for every cartridge.

**Volunteer Forms** – Someone has volunteered to keep track of our Parent Volunteer hours. There are forms on the desk in the office and you can return them by putting them in the basket on the desk. As always thank you to all of our Volunteer's.

**Science Fair** – Our school Science Fair is next Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. with the awards at 3:15 p.m.

**SPORTS**

**Soccer games for next week are Girls – Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, @ Zemmer in Lapeer, @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Boys – Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, @ Lakeville, @ 12:00 p.m. & Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, @ Zemmer, @ 6:30 p.m. Please support our teams.**

Please turn in any Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels to the office.

**Comments or Suggestions?**

Please contact the office.

Mr. Byers is happy to discuss them here at WCA or your home...whichever is convenient.

**MOPS mom-2-mom sale** – The MOPS group of North Branch Wesleyan Church are having their mom-2-mom sale here at the School Gym from 9 AM – 1 PM this Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Pre-School** – Our Pre-school is in need of weekly ads (K-mart, Wal-Mart, Meijer, Kroger, Kohls, Home Depot) and old magazines. Thank You

**FYI** – If your child has borrowed a belt from the office please have him/her return it; our belts are getting very low. Thank you!

**Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser** – Our dinner is on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30. If you could start bringing in food it would be greatly appreciated. We mainly need noodles, sauce (the big ones work best), salad dressings and the week before we will need salad fixings, desserts and bread. The meat has been donated! Thank you so much for that. We also still need people to help that day with preparing and cleaning up.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Hot lunch on Fridays? Would you be interested in doing a hot lunch for our children on Fridays in May? If so please contact Mrs. Kelly Deshetsy @ 441-1269

Hot Lunch providers can receive all of the money collected (minus money for milk), be reimbursed expenses and give the rest to the school or donate the money to the school.

**Fund Raising** - Dale Jenkins (a board member) is forming a committee for fundraising and needs volunteers. His phone # is 656-0555. Please call him if you are interested.

**TRIP NEWS**

Questions? Call:

Peggy Powell - (810) 688-4423

Linda Thibodeau - (810) 688-4814

Let the businesses you use every week help reduce your tuition. Start using the TRIP program to purchase gift cards for gas, groceries, restaurants, etc. and get a percentage of that gift card purchase toward your student's tuition!

**Trip Dates: 4/23, 5/7, 5/21**

Summer dates to follow.

If you don't know what TRIP is and how you can benefit from this program, please contact Linda Thibodeau (810) 688-4814 or Peggy Powell (810) 688-4423.

The following companies are offering bonus discounts. Please take note!

	Normal %	New %	Date Bonus Discount Ends
Shutterfly	9%	14%	May 11
Comfort Inns	5%	9%	May 4

(including all Choice Hotels – Cambria Suites, Comfort Suites, Quality Inns, Clarion Inns, Sleep Inns, Econo Lodge, Rodeway Inns, MainStay Suites, and Suburban Extended Stay Hotels) These would be great used during your summer vacation!

Pier 1	9%	12%	May 18
Chevron \$100	2.5%	3%	May 4
Chevron \$50	2%	2.5%	May 4
Sunoco \$50	1.5%	2.5%	May 4
Exxon/Mobil	1.5%	2.5%	May 4
Arco	2%	2.5%	May 4
Regis Salons	8%	9%	May 4

**J. Crew Now Available**

Great Lakes Scrip Center is pleased to welcome J. Crew to our growing retailer list. GLSC will offer J. Crew gift cards in \$25 denominations at a 13% discount.

J. Crew Group, Inc. is a nationally recognized multi-channel retailer of women's and men's apparel, shoes and accessories. Use the gift cards at retail stores, the J. Crew catalog business, jcrew.com, and 51 factory outlet stores.

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**SCHOOL CLOSINGS** – When North Branch public Schools are closed for Snow Days, or delayed for fog. Wesleyan Christian Academy will also be closed. We have some children who ride on the public school busses.

On days when North Branch is already closed and we have school you can listen to these Radio Stations:  
1230 am WMPC, 88.1 smile fm, and channel 12.

**“Acorns to Oaks”**

Dates: May 9<sup>th</sup>, Dress Rehearsal @ 1:00 p.m.

May 11<sup>th</sup>, Performance @ 7:00 p.m.

May 12<sup>th</sup>, Spaghetti Dinner @ 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Performance @ 7:00 p.m.

May 13<sup>th</sup>, Performance @ 6:00 p.m.

Please keep selling your Dinner tickets and have your children practice their songs. If your child has a part they need to be memorized so we can start working on the drama with the songs and putting the whole presentation together.

We are still in need of a few props

–  
1 Black dress for the crows size 7-8

a weather vane  
straw bales for the children to sit on during the play

Thank you for all your support