



Thanksgiving Then and Now

by Lauren Kostoff, CCA student

They gathered together beneath the belly of a weakening ship, praying for the Lord's divine deliverance. They were cold, wet, exhausted, and hungry as the feeling of desperation hung heavily in the air. Their calamities didn't end even upon their arrival, as they encountered countless obstacles in this foreign land...

In the face of adversity, the Pilgrims consistently displayed a powerful reliance on God. The first Thanksgiving was not spent around a plentiful feast; rather, it was spent around the meager rations of five kernels of corn.

Even during times of great strife, the Pilgrims fixed their eyes on God, searching for His mighty wisdom and peace surpassing all understanding. It was not until a year after the Pilgrims arrival that they finally enjoyed times of prosperity. And their fierce dependence upon God further strengthened their faith. Were it not for those times of difficulty, though, the Pilgrims wouldn't have found such a depth of faith; their

true reliance on Him shaped their lives and that of their offspring.

Today, Americans across the country gather around an abundance of food to commemorate the journey and settlement of the Pilgrims. For us, Thanksgiving is a tradition that we've passed on from generation to generation and even to new immigrants, who've also adapted this old custom. Thanksgiving has become a joyous occasion for everyone and we like to celebrate it by serving a Thanksgiving meal everyone can enjoy. There are even websites now tailored to Thanksgiving menu recipes for everything from classic turkey dinners to delicious desserts.

Christians understand the true meaning of Thanksgiving because we often acknowledge the importance of relying on God to fulfill our every need. But do we really display the same powerful reliance on God as demonstrated by the Pilgrims? Most Christians today have not suffered through the same desperation as was experienced in Plymouth. In order to truly appreciate the meaning of Thanksgiving, it is vital for Americans



to recognize the source of the Pilgrim's prosperity—reliance on God. In today's society, a mindset of self-reliance can be easily developed. The false thinking that we are self-sufficient is not honoring to God who blesses us with all we see. It is important that all Americans, especially Christians, appreciate and learn from the faithful example demonstrated by the Pilgrims. Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

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StraightTalk

5 minutes with
David Salvatelli

At the core of every young believer's heart is that question of whether they are saved or not. How can CCA students be sure if they are?

Large question. First, I do think God does want us to be sure. In 1 John, he tells readers he's writing "so that we may know that we have eternal life." But at the crux of a believer is belief— and belief is about trusting that something is true. Trust makes relationship real. While it might be more comfortable for me if my salvation rested on some list of works I could check off, at the end of the day I have to trust Jesus— who He is and what He did for me. If I didn't, would my relationship with Him be real?

And while we're saved when we accept Him, trust builds as it's proven over time. As believers, we learn to lean on God when the press comes— and don't worry, it'll come. As we lean, He proves Himself close by and faithful every time. I love that about Him! This morning in my quiet time, I was led to Psalm 33, and God put it so well:

*Our soul waits for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.*

*For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
Because we have trusted in His holy name...*

Waiting grows trust. As we trust, He shows up. Rejoicing just follows. Just a few cycles of that and we grow to know we're not only saved but loved by the Almighty God of the universe who's living, personal and intimate. Then it's all over— we're swept away head over heels in love with Him— who wouldn't be? For we, so blessed to have walked with Jesus for a longer season, it's about pointing young believers to these riches that await.

In His service and yours,

David Salvatelli
Director of Christian Education

We encourage students and parents to submit their questions to StraightTalk. Although we can't promise your questions will be published in the next Weekly, we will do our best to respond. Please send your questions to David Salvatelli at davids@ccaeagles.org and write "StraightTalk" on the Subject Line.

School News for everyone

CCA Weekly Needs Volunteers Students/Parents...We Want You!

High school students...do you need community service hours? Then come be part of the CCA Weekly production team! We are looking for volunteers who can help stuff the Weekly with the Sport Shorts insert every Wednesday, from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. This is a cool gig, come and see!

Parents...we REALLY need you, too! In fact, we need four committed parents to help us with the printing of the Weekly. The goal is to have four volunteers, so that each may only serve once a month. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Maritza at 954-556-4243 or maritzacg@calvaryftl.org.

Let's Talk About... HOMEWORK!

"I don't think we have enough outside work." "Homework consumes too much time." These are just two of the views on the homework situation at CCA. Where do YOU stand? Join the conversation. Log on to www.ccaeagles.org and click on the "Let's Talk About It" link. Get involved and be heard!

English Tea Fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008

CCA high school students will be traveling to London in June 2008. The trip will provide a rich historical and literary foundation for studying British literature. In preparation for this trip, we will be hosting an authentic English Tea in order to allow the students to raise the funds to travel to this historic place. The tea will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008, in the South Banquet Hall. Tickets will be available online in early December, so stay tuned for more news.

We are also looking for table hostesses who would be willing to bring a set of their china and decorate a table for eight. The cost of the tea will be \$25 per person and our student travelers will be serving at the tea for gratuities. Table hostesses will



"Teacher, I was thinking... when do we get to go to the playground?"

be given one free ticket to the tea! If you'd be interested in serving our CCA community as a table hostess for the tea, please contact either Mary Matthews at 954-341-7041 or Cindy Williams at 954-785-8427, or mkok@myacc.net or cwilliams@pinnacleems.com.

Parents... Are You "Parenting on Purpose?"

Find out how by tuning in to REACH FM when you pick up your kids every Thursday afternoon from 3:15 to 4:00pm. Dr. Bob Barnes, one of the nation's foremost parenting experts and Director of Sheridan House Ministries, provides biblically based perspectives on an array of parenting issues. You can even call in with your own questions and have Dr. Barnes answer them on the air. REACH FM can be heard on the following frequencies as you drive throughout Broward County:

- Calvary Chapel Surrounding Area: 96.9
- Oakland Park & Fort Lauderdale: 94.5
- Plantation: 100.3
- Boca Raton: 96.1

Maybe your kids will even have a question for Dr. Barnes! Don't miss "Parenting on Purpose." The live call-in number is 877-REACH-00 or 877-732-2400.



School News for secondary

CCA Artist Wins 1st Place!

Congratulations to Hope Gerber and Ali Villalobos who were winners in the Trash-2-Art exhibit in ArtServe, downtown Ft. Lauderdale. Hope (pictured above) won 1st place and Ali got an honorable mention.



This high schooler likes to explore all her options whenever there's a free time during class.

Hope Gerber working on her award-winning craft. Good job !

School News for elementary

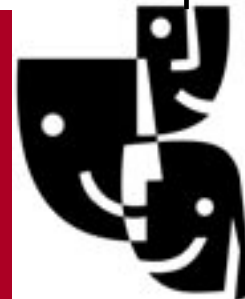
Mission Possible Training

In October, over 30 Mission Moms and Mission Men gathered for specialized training to be equipped to present the Mission Possible program to their classrooms for the upcoming school year. These brave men and women were trained by child evangelism pro Pat Cannon.

This year, our pre-k and kindergarten students will receive the Mission Possible foundational training and the students in grades 1 -5, will be taught a specialized program call the Mission Tool Belt. If your class does not have a Mission Mom or Mission Man and you would like to volunteer, please contact Pam Sturman at pamelas@cca eagles.org or by phone at 954-905-5177. It is not too late! Check the CCA Eagles website for links to the Mission Possible curriculum and other links to interesting mission topics.

"Let's go into all the world and preach the gospel to every nation," — Mark 16:15

Unscripted



Florida All State Chorus Finalists

Five students, Johnny Jones (MS-8th Grade), Katie Kinsella (MS - 8th Grade), Lexi Dominguez (MS-8th Grade), Natalie Bautista (HS-12th Grade) and Tim Davis (HS-12th Grade), represented CCA at the Florida All-State Chorus Vocal Audition at Coral Springs High School.

Johnny Jones received a perfect score for his vocal audition and received the number one overall score for the tenors in our district, and was accepted into the Florida All-State Middle School Mixed Chorus.

Katie Kinsella received a 23 out of 24 on her vocal audition, and the number one overall score for the Soprano 2 section in our district. She was accepted into the Florida All-State 7-8 Treble Chorus.

Lexi Dominguez received a 22 out of 24 on her vocal audition, and was accepted into the Florida All-State 7-8 Treble Chorus.

Natalie Bautista received an 18 out of 24 on her vocal audition. Unfortunately, only three Soprano 2 tickets were allotted to our district. The competition was fierce this year. We're very proud of Natalie's performance.

Tim Davis received a 20 out of 24 on his vocal audition, and was accepted into the Florida All-State Men's Chorus.

This is the first time we have middle school students representing CCA at the Florida All-State Chorus.

"Congratulations to everyone!"
—Mrs. Colon



GAME RESULTS

- V Girls Soccer vs. Sagemont: Sagemont 3-0
- V Girls vs. Coral Springs Christian: CCA Win 5-3
- JV Girls Soccer vs. Westminster:
- V Football Tie Break vs. Benjamin: Benjamin 7-6
- V Football vs. Belen Jesuit: Belen Jesuit 35-13
- V Boys Soccer vs. Jupiter Christian: Jupiter Christian 5-0
- JV Boys Soccer vs. Boca Prep: CCA Won 21-1
- JV Boys Soccer vs. Westminster: CCA Won 3-1
- V Girls Basketball vs. Seminole Ridge: Seminole won 63-53
- 6th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Ft. Laud Christian: CCA Won 24-9
- V Girls vs. Berean Christian: Berean won 39-33
- JV Girls Soccer vs Coral Springs Charter-6-0 loss
- V Girls Soccer vs WA Win CCA 4-0
- Boys V Soccer vs Coral Springs Christian Win CCA 4-0

Sports Schedule: 11/26 - 12/01

Home Games
in RED

Mon. Nov. 26, 2007

Basketball JV Boys vs. Horeb Christian 4:00
Basketball V Girls vs. Horeb Christian 5:30
Basketball V Boys vs. Horeb Christian 7:00
Soccer V Boys vs. Boca Christian 4:00
Soccer V Girls @ Sheridan Hills 4:00

Tues. Nov. 27, 2007

Basketball Boys MS B vs. Abundant Life 3:30
Basketball MS Boys vs. Abundant Life 4:30
Basketball 6th Girls vs. Coral Springs Christian 5:30
Soccer JV/MS Boys @ Coral Springs Charter 4:00
Soccer JV/MS Girls vs. S Florida Heat 4:00

Thurs. Nov. 29, 2007

Basketball MS B Boys vs. Florida Bible-4:00
Basketball V Boys vs. Yeshiva-5:30
Basketball V Girls @ Yeshiva-6:00
Basketball JV Girls @ Yeshiva -4:30
Soccer JV/MS Girls vs. Florida Bible 4:00

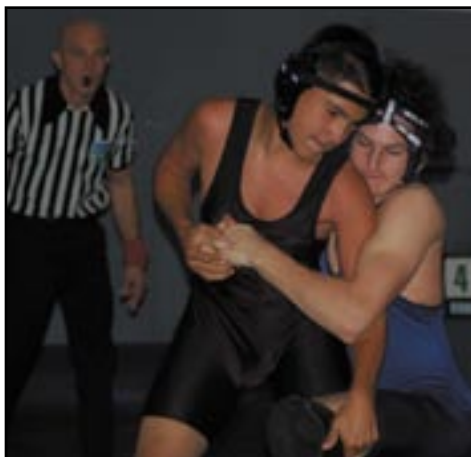
Fri. Nov. 30, 2007

Soccer V Girls vs. SF Heat-4:00
Soccer V Boys @ Westminster Academy-7:00
Soccer JV/MS Girls @ SF Heat-4:00
Basketball 6th Girls vs. Abundant Life-3:30
Basketball MS Girls vs. University-4:30
Basketball V Girls vs. University-6:00
Basketball V Boys @ RJ Hendly-7:00

Sat. Dec. 1, 2008

Soccer V Boys @ Zion Lutheran -1:00
Soccer JV/MS Boys @ Chaminade -1:00
Basketball 6th Girls vs. Zion Lutheran-9:00
Basketball MS B Boys vs. Zion Lutheran-10:15
Basketball MS Girls A vs. Zion Lutheran-11:30
Basketball MS Boys vs. Zion Lutheran- 12:45

Eagle Wrestlers Fly High at First Tournament



The CCA Wrestling Team had it's first tournament on Saturday, November 10, at Coral Glades High School. According to Coach Williams who was watching this main event from the sidelines, God showed up in a powerful way, giving the Eagles four champions including Claude Conte, who won two divisions.

In addition, we had three, second place finishers and eight third place finishers. David Lima had the fastest pin in 15 seconds with an outside trip. Daniel Jones, our smallest wrestler at 55 pounds, won first place, and first year wrestler Christian Smith took second place in his division.

There is still time to join the wrestling team as a team manager or wrestler. You may contact Coach Williams at 954-315-4256 for more information.

To Know and To Grow

At CCA, it is our desire to provide excellent Christian education for our families. To accomplish this we need the benefit of good information about what works and how we can improve. Toward that end, the CCA Advisory Council serves our community by providing counsel and perspective to CCA leadership. Your perspective is important, too. We invite you to share yours today in various ways.

Some of those ways include, but are not limited to, parent-teacher conferences, meetings with administration, Web site chats, Principals' Coffees, etc.

We also invite you to contact CCA Advisory councilors as you are led. (Please note that

this is not intended, in any way, to replace communication by other means previously listed.) Communication with Advisory councilors is intended to provide productive communication between parents and the councilors who are also parents, and who meet regularly with CCA leadership.

Please note the following people who serve as CCA Advisory councilors. We encourage you to get to know them and share with them toward the continuous improvement of CCA. Together we'll accomplish all the Lord has for our community.

In His service and yours,

David Salvatelli
Director of Christian Education

CCA Advisory Councilors

"...to see students and parents along with administration walk with confidence, strength and love upholding righteousness ... so that the fruit is good and evident."

—CCA Advisory Council on "Why I Serve"

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