

**FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL  
SPRING PROGRAM  
OF THE  
NORTHUMBERLAND  
CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL**

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP**



**Friday, April 22, 2016  
9:30 AM  
7:00 PM**

**1. OUR GOD IS MIGHTY, WORTHY OF ALL PRAISING**  
**-Margaret Clarkson/Hughes M. Hoffman**

Our God is mighty, worthy of all praising;  
sing unto him a glad triumphant song;  
he is the Lord, supreme in earth and heaven;  
to him all strength and majesty belong.

**DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS;  
THROUGH ALL CREATION HIS TRIUMPH SING,  
TILL ALL EARTH'S PEOPLES BOW IN ADORATION  
AND JESUS CHRIST BE EVERLASTING KING.**

[Congregation, please stand and join in singing as you are able:]

**Our God is gracious, infinite in mercy;  
he bridged the hopeless gulf our sin had made;  
he gave his Son to purchase our salvation;  
in Jesus Christ we meet God unafraid.**

**Our God is faithful; he will work within us,  
fulfilling all the purpose he has planned,  
cleansing our hearts and filling with his Spirit  
making us strong to keep his last command.**

**Our God is sovereign over all creation,  
and soon his earth shall hear his mighty voice:  
with shout of joy the King shall come in splendor,  
lift up your hearts, confess him, and rejoice.**

**DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS;  
THROUGH ALL CREATION HIS TRIUMPH SING,  
TILL ALL EARTH'S PEOPLES  
BOW IN ADORATION  
AND JESUS CHRIST BE EVERLASTING KING.**

**AMEN.**

1. Our God is mighty - y, wor - thy of all -  
 2. Our God is gra - cious, in - fi - nite all -  
 3. Our God is sov - reign o - ver all cre -

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 prais - ing; sing un - to - him a glad, tri - ump - phant song;  
 mer - cy; he bridged the hope - less gulph, our sin had made;  
 a - tion, and soon his earth shall hear his might - y voice:

8  
 he is the Lord, su - preme in earth and heav - en;  
 he gave his Son joy to the King shall come in splen - dor,  
 with shout of

12  
 to him all strength and maj - es - ty be - long.  
 in Je - sus Christ we meet God un - a - fraid.  
 lift up your hearts, con - fess him, and re - joice. - - -

1. 3. De - clare his glo - ry - - a - mong the na - tions;  
 2. Our God is faith - ful; he will work with - in us,

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 through all cre - a - tion his tri - ump h sing, till all earth's  
 ful - fill - ing all the pur - pose he has planned, cleans - ing our

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 peo - ples bow in a - do - ra - tion and Je - sus Christ be  
 hearts and fill - ing with his Spir - it, ma - king us strong to

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 ev - er - last - ing King. A - - - men.  
 keep his last com - mand.

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## **2. ACHIEVED IS THE GLORIOUS WORK -Franz Haydn**

(from *The Creation*)

Piano: Jack Garvin, Miss Rees

Organ: Samuel Gross, Miss Thomas

Achieved is the glorious work;  
Our song let be the praise of God.  
Glory to His Name forever.  
He sole on high exalted reigns. Hallelujah!

## **3. CANTATE DOMINO -Hans Leo Hassler**

(Psalm 96:1-3) [sung in Latin]

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Jerusha Ilgenfritz, Miss Thomas

Cantate Domino, canticum novum,  
*Sing to the Lord a new song;*  
cantate Domino, omnis terra.  
*sing to the Lord, all the earth.*  
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus.  
*Sing to the Lord, and bless His name.*  
Annunciate de die in diem salutare ejus.  
*Proclaim day after day his salvation.*  
Annunciate inter gentes gloriam ejus,  
*Declare among the nations His glory,*  
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.  
*among all peoples His marvelous deeds.*

**4. THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD    -music: Mark Hayes**  
**-words: Isaac Watts**

Piano: Luke Donmoyer

Organ: Peggy Ulmer, Miss Thomas

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.  
Their luminous display reflects the pow'r of God.  
I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.  
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced  
them good. Lord, how Your wonders are displayed where'er I  
turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the  
sky. From seas to mountains high, the earth cannot contain the  
goodness of God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Your glories  
known. And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from  
Your throne. While all that borrows life from You is ever in  
Your care; and ev'rywhere that we can be, O God, You're  
present there. We joyously declare the power of Your love,  
Your powerful love.

**5. LORD, OUR CREATOR                    -Felix Mendelssohn**  
(Isaiah 58:8; Psalm 8:1) (from *Elijah*)

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Bailey King, Miss Thomas

And then, then shall your light  
break forth as the light of morning breaketh,  
and your health shall speedily spring forth then;  
and the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you.

Lord our Creator,  
how excellent Thy Name is in all the nations!  
Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory. Amen.

**6. LET THERE BE PRAISE                    -Dick & Melodie Tunney**

Piano: Mrs. Ross

Organ: Gwyneth Hudson, Miss Thomas

LET THERE BE PRAISE,  
LET THERE BE JOY IN OUR HEARTS;  
SING TO THE LORD, GIVE HIM THE GLORY.  
FOREVERMORE LET HIS LOVE FILL THE AIR,  
AND LET THERE BE PRAISE.

He inhabits the praise of His people and dwells deep within;  
the peace that He gives none can equal. His love, it knows no  
end. So lift your voices, with gladness sing; proclaim through  
all the earth that Jesus Christ is King.

When the Spirit of God is within us, we will overcome. In our  
weakness His strength will defend us, when His praise is on  
our tongue.

Let there be singing, let there be music, let there be honor;  
Let there be glory, majesty, worship, and praise.

**7. PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YE NATIONS -J.S. Bach**

Motet VI (Psalm 117) [sung in German]

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Mrs. Ross, Miss Thomas

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden.

*Praise the Lord, all you nations.*

Und preiset ihn, alle Völker!

*And extol Him, all you peoples!*

Denn seine Gnade und Wahrheit waltet über uns in Ewigkeit.

*For His grace and truth rule over us forever.*

Hallelujah!

**8. WORTHY IS THE LAMB -J.S. Bach**

(Revelation 5:12-13) (from *Cantata 21*)

[sung in German]

Piano: Jacob Furman, Miss Rees

Organ: Mrs. Ross, Miss Thomas

Das Lamm, das erwürget ist,

*The Lamb, that was slain*

ist würdig zu nehmen Kraft und Reichtum

*is worthy to receive power and riches*

und Weisheit und Stärke und Ehre und Preis und Lob.

*and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.*

Lob und Ehre and Preis und Gewalt

*Blessing and honor and glory and power*

sei unserm Gott von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit.

*be to our God forever and ever.*

## **9. GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD**

**-John Stainer**

(John 3:16-17)

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Olivia Brubaker, Miss Thomas

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the  
world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

## **10. SURELY, HE HATH BORNE OUR GRIEFS**

(Isaiah 53:4-6) (from *Messiah*)

**-G.F. Handel**

Piano: Jacob Furman, Miss Rees

Organ: Emily Crago, Miss Thomas

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. He  
was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our  
iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to  
his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us  
all.



## **11. THE TOMB STANDS OPEN WIDE      -Craig Courtney**

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Miss Thomas

Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the dead, the third day even  
as He said, and He has cancelled sin's dread curse - the tomb  
stands open wide!

He is victor o'er the grave, He tasted death then made it slave,  
and we are freed from guilt and shame - the tomb stands open  
wide!

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?  
Thanks be unto God, who gives us the victory through our  
Savior, Lord Jesus Christ!

Death could not hold Him, the grave could not contain Him,  
the darkness could not cover Him, He arose! Hallelujah!

## **12. AND CAN IT BE?      -music: Dan Forrest -words: Charles Wesley**

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Callan Heise, Miss Thomas

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain?  
For me who Him to death pursued?

**AMAZING LOVE!**

**HOW CAN IT BE THAT THOU MY GOD,  
SHOULDST DIE FOR ME?**

He left His Father's throne above,  
so free, so infinite His grace;  
humbled Himself (so great His love!)  
and bled for all His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown through Christ my own.

### **13. O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

**-music: Mark Hayes**

**-words: Charles Wesley**

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Hosannah Ilgenfritz, Miss Thomas

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Let every creature join to praise the one eternal God,  
ye heavenly hosts the song begin and sound His name abroad.

Jesus, the name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and list'ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.  
To God all glory, praise and love be ever, ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!  
Let every creature join to praise the one eternal God,  
ye heavenly hosts the song begin and sound His name abroad.

## 14. WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS

-words and music: Haldor Lillenas  
arr. Tom Fettke

Piano: Mrs. Ross, Miss Rees

[Congregation, please stand for verses 2 and 3  
and join in singing as you are able:]

1. Won - der - ful grace of Je - sus, - great - er than all my sin;  
2. Won - der - ful grace of Je - sus, reach - ing a might - y host;  
3. Won - der - ful grace of Je - sus, reach - ing the most de - filed,

5  
how shall my tongue de - scribe it, where shall its praise be - gin?  
by its trans - form - ing pow - er, saved mak - ing him God's dear - est child,

9  
Tak - ing a - way my bur - den, set - ting my spir - it free, for the  
chains have been torn a - sun - der, giv - ing me lib - er - ty; for the  
pur - chas - ing peace and heav - en, for all e - ter - ni - ty; for and the

13  
won - der - ful grace of Je - sus reach - es me.

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Won-der-ful the match-less grace, the match-less grace of Je-sus, deep-er than the might-y roll-ing

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sea, the roll-ing sea; won-der-ful grace, all suf-fi-cient for sea; high-er than the moun-tain, spark-ling like a foun-tain, all suf-fi-cient grace for e-ven

24

me, for e-ven me; broad-er than the scope of my trans-gres-sions, me; broad-er than the scope of my trans-gres-sions, sing it!

27

great-er far than all my sin and shame; O mag-ni-fy the pre-cious great-er far than all my sin and shame, my sin and shame; O mag-ni-fy the pre-cious

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name of Je-sus, praise his name! name! Praise His ho-ly name!

## 15. OFFERING

**Romans 12:9-21**

## 16. PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

**-Words and music by Thomas A. Dorsey**

**-arranged by Mark Hayes**

Organ: Sarah Breon, Miss Thomas

Soloists: Hugh Hayner, MaKayla Ferster

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

\*I need the every hour, most gracious Lord.  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to Thee.

\*[music and refrain words by Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899);  
verse words by Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918)]

## 17. BEHOLD

**-Stuart Dauermann**

(from Isaiah 12:2; 55:12) [sung in Hebrew & English]

Behold, God is my salvation.  
I will trust and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord my God is my strength and my song,  
he also has become my salvation.

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.

***All N.C.S. alumni are invited to come forward  
and join the present student body for the singing of  
Worthy is the Lamb and the Hallelujah Chorus.***

***Music will be provided for you at the front of the auditorium.***

**18. WORTHY IS THE LAMB      -George Frederick Handel**  
(Revelation 5:12-14) (from *Messiah*)  
Organ: Mr. Rees, Miss Rees

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto Him, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever.

**19. HALLELUJAH                      -George Frederick Handel**  
(Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16) (from *Messiah*)

[Congregation, please remain seated for the Hallelujah Chorus.]

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord  
and of His Christ,  
And He shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!

We would like to say a special thank you to Leon Geise, Ryan Landis, Bill Hudson, Jonathan Rees, and George Geise for managing the sound and video systems, and to Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church for allowing us to use these beautiful facilities.

# NORTHUMBERLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## 2015-2016

### SENIORS

Garrett Edinger	*MaKayla Ferster	*Gabriela Grandy	Hugh Hayner
*Ephraim Ilgenfritz	*Kyli Mahaffey	*David Mahoney	Liam O'Brien
Madeline Reese			

### JUNIORS

Dalton Bloom	Andrew Crago	Luke Donmoyer	Aaron Dressler
Andrew Groninger	Caleb Harris	*Hannah Hunt	Moriah Ilgenfritz
*Katja Jablonski	Skylar Maze	Allison Moore	Braiden Reich
*Bethany Severn	Calista Ulmer	Ian Weirick	

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Joe Amato	Isaac Breon	Madeleine Broda	Collin Delsite
Jack Dunham	Mia Epley	Brandon Erwine	Gracen Erwine
*Hosannah Ilgenfritz	Juliette Kheyfets	*Bailey King	*Abbey Lytle
Jacob Mowrey	Jacob Nelson	Delaney Solomon	Ethan Underkoffler
Kyle Wesner			

### FRESHMEN

Madeline Clark	*Emily Crago	*Kristen Derr	Justin Ermert
*Gwyneth Hudson	Cameron Moore	Luke O'Brien	Kiersten Reese
Derek Schoeppner	*Amanda Severn	Caroline Strouse	*Jessica Strouse
*Peggy Ulmer	Collin York	Joshua Zerbe	

### EIGHTH GRADE

Alexandria Bookwalter	Sarah Breon	Alexandra Broda	Olivia Brubaker
Devyn DelValle	Bethany Dressler	Rodney Englehardt, Jr.	Micah Ferster
Jacob Furman	Jack Garvin	Samuel Gross	Callan Heise
Isaac Hummel	Jerusha Ilgenfritz	Logan Kauffman	Nathan Klinger
Aaron Knauss	Joy Knisely	Lauren Leitzel	Benjamin Nelson
Joshua Richey	Megan Schoeppner	Hannah Spade	

### SEVENTH GRADE

Kaitlyn Bookwalter	Emma Daku-Treas	Elyjah DelValle	Madison Gahring
Joshua Groninger	Rebekah Hayner	Meghan Hudson	Justin Miller
Elaine Oberheim			

### SIXTH GRADE

Zander Beaver	Isaiah Clark	Sienna Cruzan	Molly Deppen
Jonathan Fisher	Emily Garvin	Olivia Hummel	Emmanuel Ilgenfritz
Emily Klinger	Nigel Kurtz	Joshua Lamey	Wesley Lloyd
Allison Miller	Karis Mitchell	Hannah Nelson	Justin Ross
Kendra Schoeppner	Wyatt Shaffer	Anna Ulmer	Emma Ulmer
Trey Wallace	Brayden Yount		

\*Recorder ensemble

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### FIFTH GRADE

Ian Anderson	Benjamin Clark	Isaac Dressler	Logan Driggers
Jasen Dunham	Logan Fisher	Nathaniel Furman	Paul Gabrielsen
Caitlyn Gray	Daniel Hayner	Dylan Kauffman	Cole Knauss
Jenika Krum	Henry McElroy	Jackson Milinovich	Christian Oberheim
Lillian Rees	Isaac Shaffer	Madeline Steinhart	Jayden Yoder
Elliana Zwatty			

### FOURTH GRADE

Ava Bowen	Derek Brubaker	Lucy Crago	Eden Daku-Treas
Landon Driggers	Amelia Gahring	Samuel Garvin	Chinmay Govind
Landon Hostetter	Samantha Hudson	Lauren Klinger	Nathan Lytle
Malachi Mitchell	Ian Owens	Eli Shaffer	Wade Shaffer
Kara Wilhelm	Savannah Yount		

### THIRD GRADE

Braxton Beaver	Conner Bennett	Isabella Cipriani	Jackson Conner
Whitney Driggers	Mia Elias	Strohm Fatzinger	James Geise
Carissa Gibson	Jonathan Gray	Aubrie Hostetter	Tyler Kitchens
Dillon Mack	Jackson Mento	Joshua Miao	Caedmon Milinovich
Morgan Minnier	Abraham Nelson	Sophia Reason	Joshua Schmitt
Landon Spade	Liberty Stahl	Sophia Yount	

### SECOND GRADE

Ethan Bennett	Calaina Berry-Propst	Nicholas Bisaccia	Michael Cantine
Noah Conner	Andrew Cruzan	Lauren Fisher	Jenna Gabrielsen
Lauren Heimbach	Makenna Hoffman	Stephen Ilgenfritz	Rafe Kahler
Aidan Kauffman	Julia Lamey	Evangeline Landau	Ingrid McElroy
Micah Minnier	Annalyn Mitchell	Justin Nolt	Evalin Owens
Owen Rees	Landen Shaffer	Waylon Shaffer	Evelyn Wilhelm
Darren Yoder	Keegan Yoder		

### FIRST GRADE

Brady Anderson	Madison Anderson	Tessa Beatty	Averie Bingaman
Grace Cantine	Maxwell Garvin	Lucas Gittens	Lydia Gray
Sara Heitzman	Zion Hostetter	Everett Kahler	Madison Mack
Cole Putrow	Nadia Reason	Jackson Shaffer	Malachi Snyder
Braiden Stahl	Finn Steckel		

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Brooke Bennett	Josiah Bisaccia	Chase Conner	Moriah Cruzan
Brennan Driggers	Noah Gibson	Shelby Hoffman	Morgan Landau
Michaela Mastrolia	Eliana Mitchell	Darren Nolt	Evan Rankin
Daniel Rees	Collette Reitz	Kaleb Ritchey	Adelyn Shaffer
Eden Shaffer	Landon Snyder	Dean Wilhelm	Ava Yount
Liam Zwatty			



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# NCS Mission Statement

*Northumberland Christian School  
was founded in 1972  
to provide  
a God-centered education  
that stimulates in the student  
a passion for excellence  
in learning, service, and worship.*

## **Why Christian Education?**

Northumberland Christian School was founded in 1972 because of a conviction that a Christian education is an important part of the training of children. Many beliefs undergird this conviction, but five principles are central to the educational philosophy of our school.

### **1. God's revelation is foundational for every area of life.**

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Prov. 9:10). God commands His people to raise their children in a context where love for God and communication about God are pervasive (Deut. 6:4-8). God has revealed Himself to man, and His revelation is central to all of life.

God has SPOKEN! Education is not man trying to figure out life – it is the creature sitting at the feet of its Creator. Romans 11:36 – From Him and through Him and to Him are all things! To Him be the glory forever. Amen. Christian education seeks to give God His proper place at the center of all things. To teach science with no view to the Creator is to miss the main point of science – creation is to bring our hearts to rejoice in the glory of God.

In Romans 1:18ff, Paul says that creation reveals the power and glory of God to all men, and to reject that revelation, to refuse to give Him glory and thanks is a great offense to God. Paul says

that ignoring God is a great sin, and godlessness leads to wickedness. The culture around us demonstrates this truth – as God has been ignored, wickedness has abounded. Education which omits God and His revelation or treats His revelation as optional and insignificant at best, lays the foundation for increasing wickedness, because there is no fear of God before their eyes (Rom. 3:18). The real world is spiritual as well as material, and to ignore the centrality of God in education is to “shelter children from the real world.”

Living in the “real world” also means our students must be taught what the world around them is thinking. They need to be taught about evolution and post-modern ideas. Unlike public schools which more and more are locked into teaching politically correct ideas and are afraid to suggest any alternative understanding, we want our children to understand the alternatives to a Christian world-view. They will stand strong for Christ not by ignoring the thinking of the world but by being able to analyze it clearly in the light of Biblical principles.

God’s revelation is not only foundational for understanding science but history as well. Jesus Christ towers at the center of history (as reflected by our calendars!), and any approach to history which does not ask what Jesus Christ reveals to us about God and truth and life will miss the main point of history. True education must continually show Christ to be central to everything. He is THE way, THE truth, and THE life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.

Because God has spoken, there IS absolute truth. There is right and wrong. It is God who defines what love is, and it is only God’s revelation that will help us understand people who are made in the image of God and for His glory. A God-centered education is important if our children are going to have a God-centered view of life.

## **2. Discipleship is an essential part of the Christian life.**

Jesus’ final words in the gospel of Matthew (28:18-20) are “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and

teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Our goal in teaching our children (and in all our relationships) is to bring them to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to grow as disciples of Christ. We teach this by our words and by our example. Indeed, Jesus says in Luke 6:40 that “everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.” Christian education is important because we want the teachers of our children to be disciples of Jesus Christ, whose influence in the lives of our children will be focused on making them disciples of Jesus Christ as well.

Our children need to know Jesus as their Prophet, Priest, and King. They must recognize their need for Jesus to teach them the truth in every area of life. They must also recognize their need of Jesus as their Savior day by day. They fall far short of God’s law; they do not love God with all their heart and soul and mind and strength, and they do not love their neighbor as themselves. Their only hope is a Savior who lived the righteous life they fail to live and then died on Calvary’s cross to pay the penalty for sins. They must also recognize that Jesus is Lord. No one can have Jesus as their Savior if they do not also bow to Him as the Lord of their life.

Children need to be surrounded by these realities every day. Their sin needs to be addressed as sin, and they must be pointed continually to their need for Jesus day by day – their need for Jesus to teach them, to cleanse them and pray for them, and to rule over them and defend them. Our goal is to bring our students to a living relationship with Jesus Christ that impacts every area of their lives every day. In light of this goal, we must immerse our children in the scriptures by daily teaching and memorization that will help them understand and apply God’s Word and lay it up in their hearts.

Much of evangelicalism today promotes a very shallow and erroneous view of Christianity that focuses on getting our children “saved” by something they do, and once they have Jesus as their “personal Savior”, the other areas of their lives are of secondary importance. It is easy to see why this viewpoint would place little value on Christian education. On the other hand, because we believe that God commands us to make *disciples* of our children

and to bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord, we value the hours they spend in school as precious time to shape their thinking and wills and hearts to a God-centered view of every area of life. Children have much to learn to give them a solid foundation for life, and elementary school, junior high school, and senior high school are all important times of learning in the lives of our young people. They need a pervasive influence of godly teachers and instruction, not just a few references to spiritual things during the limited time after school and on weekends. All these years are formative years for our children, and as parents we want to do all we can to mold them into passionate servants of God who will make an impact in the world they live.

### **3. Worship is central to all of life.**

Crucial to having the word of Christ dwell in us richly is not only that we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, but that we sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in our hearts to God (Col. 3:16). Worship is important because God commands it, emphasizes it, deserves it, prescribes it, seeks it, blesses it, and perpetuates it. An education which ignores worship will undermine the student's view of the worth and glory of God.

Worship is neither optional nor peripheral. The first four of the Ten Commandments deal with worship, because WE WERE MADE TO WORSHIP GOD. Worship is central to who we are. Our relationships with others are intended to flow from our relationship with God. We were made in His image, and His Son came to redeem us in order to bring us back to God. The goal of life is to join in the fellowship of love and joy in the Trinity (John 17). Worship is looking outside of ourselves to the One who alone is Worthy. We were made not only to glorify God but to enjoy Him forever. Students must see worship as central and should be surrounded by staff members who model a genuine joy and delight in God.

### **4. God made us to be people who think deeply and broadly about life.**

God is a God who communicates with WORDS and IDEAS, with POETRY, with SYMBOLS – a revelation that requires us to THINK and FEEL. Students must be challenged to

think deeply about the things they read and learn. They must learn to ask questions about root causes and ideas and ultimate consequences. They must also be challenged to articulate feelings as well as thoughts. God reveals His glory by beauty, not just function. He calls us to respond with all our being, not just our minds.

Students must learn to appreciate the abilities and wisdom God has given to many who are not Christians, and yet they must be able to recognize how they fall short of the glory of God. They must also learn to see how God's Word applies to every area of life and thought.

## **5. Whole-hearted service to God should motivate excellence in the pursuit of developing our skills and abilities.**

Students must learn the importance of pursuing excellence, because they are called to live for God. They are called to be like God in the way they work – concerned with precision and efficiency and beauty. They must also imitate God by working in a way that will benefit others, giving of themselves for the good of others. They need to be challenged to look beyond the pragmatism and materialism of the world around them and to aspire to something more than making money so they can have the things they want. They must be encouraged to actively develop their God-given abilities with a view to how they can best serve Him and bring Him glory in the world He has made.

Christian education is exciting! God has called us to seek to pass on to the next generation the things which God has taught us about Himself and His deeds. That's what NCS is all about. We serve a great God, and we want to help young people learn to see all of life from His perspective. We long for them not only to learn but also to delight in who God is and in all the wonders He has done and continues to do. We believe that this delight in learning about God and His world is central to equipping them to be passionate disciples of Jesus Christ who seek to serve Him in every area of life.

# THANK YOU!

Thank you for coming to our forty-fourth annual Spring Program! We thank God for the privilege of leading students in the worship of God for these many years. Thank you to many of you who have faithfully supported us through these years. Your prayers and words of encouragement have sustained us day by day. We are thankful for those of you who have entrusted your children to our care and given us the opportunity to nurture them every school day during these formative years. Thanks also to those who have supported us financially.

If you would like to receive our quarterly newsletters or if you would like to partner with us in this ministry in any way, please stop at the table in the lobby, or see the contact information below. It is God who undergirds us continually, and He does so through a growing NCS family of parents, grandparents, alumni, children, and friends. Thank you again for your help!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.  
Romans 11:36

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