

52nd
ANNUAL
SPRING PROGRAM
OF THE
NORTHUMBERLAND
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP



Friday, April 26, 2024
9:30 AM 7:00 PM

1. ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

-music: Oliver Holden; James Ellor

-words: Edward Perronet, John Rippon

Piano: James Geise, Miss Rees

[Congregation stand and join, beginning at verse 2]

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are as follows:

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let
2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of cho - your God, who
3. Ye seed of Is - rael's rae'l's sen race, who
ye
an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al
from his al - tar call; ex - tol the Stem of
ran - somed of the fall, hail him who saves you
di - a - dem, And and crown crown Him
Jes - se's his rod, and and crown crown Him
by his grace, and crown crown Him
Lord of all; Bring forth the roy - al
Lord of all; all; ex - tol the Stem of
Lord of all. Hail him who saves you
di - a - dem, and crown crown Him Lord Lord of all. - - -
Jes - se's rod, and crown crown Him Him Lord Lord of of all.
by his grace, and crown crown Him Him Lord Lord of of all.

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God, who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!**

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.**

4. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev 'ry tribe on
5. O that with yon - er sa - cred throng we

5 this ter - rest - rial ball, on this ter - rest - rial - ball, to
5 at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall, we'll

10 him all ma - jes - ty a - scribe and crown
10 join the ev - er - last - ting song,

15 crown him,
15 him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and
15 crown him, crown him, crown him, him,

21 crown him Lord of all. A - - - men.
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2. ACHIEVED IS THE GLORIOUS WORK -Franz Haydn
(from *The Creation*)

Piano: Lucy Crago, Grace Cantine

Organ: Sarah Cantine, 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. FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH -John Rutter

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Isaac Arthur, Miss Thomas

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

4. CANTATE DOMINO

-Hans Leo Hassler

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

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Jackson Mento, Miss Thomas

Reading: Ian Owens

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.

5. SING NOEL

-arr. David Hamilton

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Jackson Mento, Miss Thomas

Djembe: Mr. Bennett

Solos: Samantha Hudson, Victoria Dowd

Sing Noel, sing we all Noel!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold! Throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! Above the earth

Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn!

**6. COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY -Joseph Hart,
William Walker, -arr. Terry Kirkland**

Piano: Grace Cantine

Organ: Owen Rees, Miss Thomas

Solos: Lucy Crago, Victoria Dowd,
Samantha Hudson, Lauren Klinger
Kara Wilhelm, Savannah Yount

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love and power.

*I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome:
God's free bounty glorify.
True believe and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the Fall,
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream,
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

Why should God accept you?

NOT because I have tried to do my best

NOT because I am better than others

NOT because I have strong faith

BUT

Because JESUS lived for me [justification]

Because JESUS died for me [propitiation]

Because JESUS bought me to be his own [redemption]

OUR PROBLEM (Psalm 32:1-2)

transgression (disobeying)—We are **REBELS**

sin (falling short)—We are **FAILURES**

iniquity (twistedness—cannot be

what we were meant to be)—We are **SLAVES**

GOD'S PROVISION (Romans 3:21-26)

PROPITIATION

Jesus bore God's wrath for us.

JUSTIFICATION

Jesus lived a righteous life for us.

REDEMPTION

Jesus paid a ransom to rescue us from slavery.

We are not our own; we are bought with a price.

DELIVERANCE, RANSOM, OWNERSHIP, PERMANENCE

AMAZING LOVE!

Romans 3:23-25

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

and are justified freely by his grace

through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement*,

(*Propitiation = one who would turn away wrath)

7. IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

-words, Horatio Spafford; music, Philip Bliss

[The congregation is invited to stand and join in singing this hymn:]

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

8. OFFERTORY

[The congregation is invited to remain seated and join in singing:]

Exodus 20:1-17

-arr. John Rees

And God spoke all these words:

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those

who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

The Highest Glory

-Mark Altrogge

The highest glory, the richest praise,
the deepest worship in the highest place
Be to You, Lord, It all belongs to You!
The greatest honors that we can bring,
the sweetest anthems that we can sing,
Be to You, Lord, It all belongs to You!

You are the One who was willing to lay down Your life;
taking our sin, You were humbled and emptied and died—
that is why Your Name is high above all names,
before You every knee will bow,
You receive the highest glory now!

9. THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

-Craig Courtney

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Daniel Rees, Miss Thomas

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? of whom shall I be afraid?
Though evil-doers assail me,
when adversaries attack me, they stumble and fall.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? of whom shall I be afraid?
Though an army besiege me,
though war break out against me, my heart will not fear.

One thing I ask, one thing I seek of the Lord:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord,
and to seek Him in His temple.

For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His dwelling;
and He will set me high upon a rock.
Then shall my head be exalted
above my enemies round about me;
I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

The Lord is might light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?
The Lord is my light and my salvation,
the Lord is my light!

10. PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

-Words and music by Thomas A. Dorsey

-arranged by Mark Hayes

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Daniel Rees, Miss Thomas

Solos: Savannah Yount, Sophia Yount

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 Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord.

No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee. Ev'ry 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)]

11. JESUS, STRONG AND KIND

-City Alight Music

Piano: Pastor Rees

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.

No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.

For the Lord is good and faithful.

He will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said if am weak, I should come to Him.

No one else can be my strength. I should come to Him.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.

No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

12. FEAR NOT

-Phil Pringle

Piano: Pastor Rees

“Fear not, for I am with you,” says the Lord.
“I have redeemed you, I have called you by name,
child, you are Mine.
When you walk through the waters, I will be there,
and through the flame...
You’ll not (no way!) be drowned. You’ll not (no way!)
be burned, for I am with you.”

13. LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH

-Jeffrey L. Ames

Piano: Miss Rees

Organ: Finn Steckel, Miss Thomas

Solo: Kara Wilhelm

Sing unto the Lord a new song.
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.
Declare His glory among the nations.
**LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH
PRAISE THE LORD!**

Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name together.
Hallelujah, bless His name for He's worthy to be praised.
Clap your hands all ye people. Shout with a voice of triumph.
For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised.

Come on and praise the Lord. Let's all praise His name.
Praise Him with timbrel, praise Him with the dance.
Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands.
Sing "Hallelujah," praise His holy name.
For the Lord is worthy to be praised!

LET'S PRAISE THE LORD! EVERYBODY COME ON!
PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER! LET'S PRAISE THE
LORD!
LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH
PRAISE THE LORD!
YOU OUGHTA, YOU OUGHTA PRAISE HIM!

***All NCS 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.

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

(Revelation 5:12-14)

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 that sitteth
upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever.

15. HALLELUJAH -George Frederick Handel
(from *Messiah*)

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

(Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16)

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.

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!

Hallelujah!

NORTHUMBERLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2023-2024

SENIORS

Tyler Conner	Samuel Garvin	Lauren Klinger	Alecsander Phillips
Lucy Crago	Landon Hostetter	Malachi Mitchell	Kara Wilhelm
Victoria Dowd	Samantha Hudson	Ian Owens	Savannah Yount

JUNIORS

Conner Bennett	Deacon Kersey	Isaac Reitz	Liberty Stahl
Jackson Conner	Dillon Mack	Joshua Schmitt	Gyn Witmer
James Geise	Jackson Mento	Landon Spade	Sophia Yount
Jonathan Gray	Morgan Minnier	Grace Spaide	

SOPHOMORES

Ethan Bennett	Amelia Faust	Tyffany Nicholas	Evelyn Wilhelm
Nicholas Bisaccia	Lauren Heimbach	Evalin Owens	Keegan Yoder
Michael Cantine	Stephen Ilgenfritz	Ava Phillips	
Noah Conner	Moriah Knight	Owen Rees	
Cameron Derr	Julia Lamey	Sharita Weaver	

FRESHMAN

Brady Anderson	Maxwell Garvin	Karina Melton	Audrey Spaide
Madison Anderson	Lydia Gray	Kristen Miller	Braiden Stahl
Averie Bingaman	Sarah Heitzman	Micah Minnier	Finn Steckel
Grace Cantine	Zion Hostetter	Cole Putrow	Dauida Steele
Riley Conner	Aidan Kauffman	Tabitha Reitz	
Benjamin Friscia	Madison Mack	Jackson Shaffer	

EIGHTH GRADE

Brooke Bennett	Christopher Eroh	Connor Miller	Kaleb Ritchey
Josiah Bisaccia	Renna Evans	Eliana Mitchell	Landon Snyder
Jadon Clark	Noah Gibson	Darren Nolt	Dean Wilhelm
Chase Conner	Ivy Kersey	Evan Rankin	Ava Yount
Emma Conner	Anna-Noel Knight	Daniel Rees	Liam Zwatty
Tristen Conner	Beyonca Martin	Collette Reitz	
Halli DeRemer	Michaela Mastrolia	Wyatt Reitz	

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SEVENTH GRADE

Rudy Apfelbaum	Allison Geise	Louis Owens	Ellie Snyder
Isaac Arthur	Emma Hamilton	Kylie Ritchey	Evelyn Steckel
Sarah Cantine	Kaylyn Heimbach	Grant Ross	Gianna Steele
Ky Cook	Reagan Kersey	Julian Shaffer	Breanna Troup
Dylan Derr	Isabella Kopp	Brody Shumaker	Ethan Wolfe
Abigail Garvin	Benjamin McElroy	Andrew Simmons	Reese Wolfe

SIXTH GRADE

Allison Bennett	Amara Gemberling	Eden Kauffman	Rita Scullin
James Conner	Judah Gibson	Kara McCahan	Johnathan Seiler
Kira Conner	Bailey Gingrich	Ted Meixell	Ava Snyder
Jude Derr	Piper Hamilton	Connor Melton	Amelia Spaide
Isabelle Gabrielsen	Jovia Heise	Andrew Misener	Kyley Weaver
Drew Garvin	Jude Heise	Lloyd Reitz	Brynley Wert

FIFTH GRADE

Jewel Ahlum	Samuel Hoy	Abigail Mitchell	Rebeka Spade
Maya Beck	Anastasia Kahler	Amelia Reitz	Orin Steckel
Ashton Derr	Madelyn Kratzer	Carly Ross	Kiersten Yoder
Isaac Fatzinger	Luke Longnecker	Adilyn Shaffer	Jude Zwatty

FOURTH GRADE

Joel Arthur	Nora Hamilton	Wallace McElroy	Jack Snyder
Elisabeth Cantine	Caleb Jackson	Christian Montalvo	Charlotte Spaide
Abigail Conner	Brooklyn Kauffman	Olivia Scullin	Brylee Stahl
Raegan Feaster	Eli Kauffman	Savannah Shock	Gia Tegge
Katherine Geise	Tessa Keeley	Adalie Simmons	
Levi Gibson	Noah Long	Avarie Snyder	
Kellan Gingrich	Adlena Martin	Cole Snyder	

THIRD GRADE

Antonio Bittner	Nash Gingrich	Ethan Mowrer	Caitlyn Seiler
EmmaGrace Clark	Arabella Heimbach	Julia Nolt	Beau Shumaker
Ellie Collier	Lillian Hower	Luke Purdy	Clara Snyder
Harrison Conner	Ella Jones	Brinlee Rankin	Arden Steckel
Deacon Faust	Gabriell Kopp	Steven Rees	
Andrew Geise	Avery Longnecker	Elliott Reitz	

SECOND GRADE

Abigail Apfelbaum	Lily Gibson	Daniel Morris	Payton Rockey
Kadmiel Arthur	Lukas Harlos	Gavin Mowrer	Paisley Ross
Noah Bower	Penelope Hoy	Lucas Mowrer	Rachel Ross
Alex Dorman	Charlotte Kahler	Emma Murphy	Lyla Snyder
Xander Gallo	Lainey Kauffman	Porter Owens	Emerson Wolfe
Paul Geise	Charles Kelly	Isaiah Reitz	

FIRST GRADE

Maci Beck	Orion Floyd	Lydia Gray	Marlie McManus
Ella Conklin	Audrey Fuhr	Brixsel Guyer	Dominic Montalvo
Vincent Coolidge	Stephen Geise	Wyatt Inns	Rad Rearden
Sara Faust	Ella Gingrich	Eryn Kelly	Avelyn Wert

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Audrielle Feaster	Asher Martin	Charlotte Reed	Sawyer Sweigart
Sarah Geise	Nova McManus	Azariah Shek	
Benjamin Grimm	LynnLee Moyer	Garrett Shumaker	
Rowan Landau	Brighton Napp	Miles Snyder	

This year we have 259 students in K-12 plus 23 in preschool, which brings our total enrollment to 282 students. We praise the Lord for the opportunities minister to these children and families!

We would like to say a special thank you to Chris Conner '94, George Geise '93, Leon Geise, Bill Hudson, Ryan Landis, and Jonathan Rees '94 for managing the sound and video systems, and to Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church for allowing us to use these beautiful facilities.

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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 1:18-32, 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 worldview. 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 themselves fall far 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!

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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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