

Lion's Roar 5-6-20

Parking Lot Still Closed

Musings from Mrs. Stout

"I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. No wonder my heart is filled with joy and my mouth shouts his praises! My body rests in hope." (Acts 2:25–26 and Psalm 16:8-9)

This year I have been attending Bible Study Fellowship where we have been studying the book of Acts. These truths were taught by Peter as he preached that Jesus, the promised Messiah, indeed rose from the dead and is alive! Peter quotes David, a man after God's own heart. My heart is blessed when I read about God's close relationship with me. I hope these truths bless yours as well.

We need to remind ourselves of these truths as we face family "crises" each day. These crises are not the world changing crises on the same level of Covid19, but they are crises nonetheless. They may take the form of a child ignoring your instructions, or siblings' endlessly bickering. They may take the form of tears of frustration from both parents and children. Or children may simply refuse to do their schoolwork and wile away the day sitting stubbornly at their desk or table doing NOTHING! These very real personal crises must be dealt with each day, moment by moment.

How? Well, thanks be to God, He has given us free will, so we have a plethora of choices. We can ignore the situation and hope it goes away. I once had a friend whose children frequently misbehaved in stores. Her solution was to pretend she didn't know who the children were. That is taking ignoring to a very creative, albeit not very productive level.

We can hit the issue head on with the force of authority. The words "Because I said so!" said with passion and anger ring in my ears here. They ring in my ears because I can hear myself saying them to my children when they were of school age.

We can beg and plead with our children to love their siblings and to be kind. We can try to reason with them about how one day they will be so glad they have a brother or sister. We can dole out consequences like candy. All of these choices have some value to be sure.

What about this idea - we remind ourselves of the truth in the above verses. We preach to ourselves that God is with me. We restrain ourselves from being shaken. After all, we

have the power that created the universe by our side. We choose to fill our hearts with joy wherever we can find it. Maybe it's the joy of our child's laughter or the beauty of the spring green bursting forth in the trees. Then, let's let our mouths voice praises to our God. He is so good in so many ways. Let's speak out evidence of His goodness to us. There are so many oh so personal ways that I know that God is with me. Let me think about those things. Finally, let us rest in hope. "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19a). Let's remind ourselves of this hope that promises not to disappoint.

As we focus our minds and hearts on these truths, our words and actions will reveal these truths to our families and loved ones. And that may be just exactly what we all need in this unprecedented season of life.

Financial Assistance

Financial Assistance applications are available upon request after your returning family registration form has been returned, your application fee is paid and your tuition account is current. Financial Assistance applications are due completed and verified by May 31. They take a couple weeks to complete, so if you plan to apply please plan to have your application completed by May 15. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Yearbooks

For those who purchased year books, they will be going home in your child's packet on Friday! We do have extra's in the office available to purchase for \$25.00.

No Kids Inside

Just a reminder that we still feel it best if kids are not brought into the school during schoolwork pick up and drop off times.

National Day of Prayer

Tomorrow is National Day of Prayer! Join us as we pray God's glory across the Earth. Due to COVID-19, we'll be praying from home this year, but there will be a National Broadcast from 8-10pm ET on Godtv, Daystar, Moody, Bott, Salem Networks and Facebook live. Tune into KCAS and hear some prayers from a few of our CCS students!

For more info visit: www.nationaldayofprayer.org

To watch the Facebook live event go to: www.facebook.com/pg/natlprayer

Parking Lot Upgrade

You will all notice our beautiful new parking lot when you drop by the school on Friday to pick up and drop off packets. Phase 1 of our parking lot will be completely finished by

Monday, May 11. On that day we will welcome your vehicles through our gates. This Friday we are going to ask you one more time to park outside the fence and walk into the school. It will be a bit easier this Friday than it was last Friday. All the huge trucks and equipment have departed. Staying off the new pavement with vehicles will provide an opportunity for it to cure. Feel free to walk on it though when you come next Friday. It is so beautiful! We are so thankful for your generous donations to this project and believe it is a great upgrade to the look of our school.

We now move on to Phase 2 of the parking lot project which entails adding a new parking area in front of the Early Childhood playground. The "grindings" from the old parking lot will be stored in this area and hopefully used as a base for the new parking lot. Because this will be a new project, we are currently working through the lengthy permitting process. Thank you so much for your patience through all of this.