

# ANNOUNCER

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## **F**ear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy!

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### **Administration & Staff**

#### ***Whatsoever is Lovely***

**Mr. Rick Mingerink**  
**Administrator**

**A**s I look out my window, the light from the early morning sun is bathing the trees in a glow of orange. The rays pierce through the branches that are becoming barer as Fall's color paints the ground below. The remaining leaves dance a final time before they meet the earth. God's creation is stunning even in the smallest parts. In this moment, the scene is lovely.

As I walk the school's hallway, the laughter of children fills the space. A new day of school is beginning for them. Whether they profess it or not, they seem happy in school. They are learning. Today, they will think about things that are true.

I observe a teacher talking to a student at a back table. A well-worn Bible is laid open between them. The errant child is being disciplined from God's Word. Discoloration appears in the Bible's margin, a testament to the many times her fingers pointed to these verses over the course of her career. Waywardness is corrected. Today, I witness justice.

I see families valuing the preciousness of Christian home life. Despite the tremendous difficulty of raising a godly family in America today, I see children bearing the evidence of fathers and mothers battling to retain godliness in the home. Weary parents lay on their pillows at night exhausted from the fight. They worry about their failures. Yet, trusting God, they get back up in the morning and commit themselves to fight again. Today, I see things that are pure.

There is much ugliness in the world. There is much ugliness in ourselves. There is enough sin to bring one to despair. There is enough trouble to bring perpetual anxiousness. But today, I will not meditate on those things. Today, I will be careful for nothing. Today is a day for thanksgiving and gratitude. It is a day to know God's peace. It is a day to consider all the "whatsoevers" of truth, honesty, purity, justice,

loveliness, good reporting, and virtue that surround us. These are from God. They are ours to think upon.

The beautiful manifestations of God's presence in and around us are not hiding. They are not concealed. They are on full display every day. The question is whether we choose to think upon them; to see them in plain sight. Today is the day to lift up our eyes to the hills.

*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

-Philippians 4:6-8

## Kindergarten Devotions

Mrs. Nancy Decker

Kindergarten

It is the last day of school and transitioning from their desks to the brightly colored floor circles for singing, memory work, and Bible story is flawless. Oh, how much they have learned! We have begun every school day in this quiet space and as I get ready to say goodbye at the end of the day, I ask the class three questions. Within no time the children have answered my questions and I have compiled a list of answers that fills my poster board paper. Oh, how pleased and humbled I am to hear their responses.

### 1. What did you learn about God?

God is great. God's plan is the best for you. God is powerful. God loves us so much. God is righteous. God is the only God. God is good. God is our friend. God never leaves us.

### 2. What did you learn about the Bible?

God made the Bible. The Bible tells us about God. The Bible teaches us that you can't be proud. The Bible teaches us that God made us. The Bible is true. The Bible gives us the Ten Commandments. The Bible tells us that Jesus died on the cross.

### 3. What did you learn about yourself?

I am God's child. We are not perfect. That God gave me gifts. That God helps me listen better. That God made me so I can praise Him. That God made me so I can read the Bible and learn about Him. God created us so we can glorify Him.

And thus ended my last school year with children who are now first graders at Adams Christian School.

As a colleague once said in a recent convention sectional, we must strive as teachers to have an atmosphere of godliness in our classroom. Teachers are the weak means that God uses to create this atmosphere as they tell Bible stories, memorize God's Word, sing, and pray with the children. And devotions throughout the day are reminders that our day is not just about reading and writing and numbers, but serving Jesus, our King. As Matthew 19:14 says, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Deuteronomy 6:6-7. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

With these verses of scripture, Marion M. Schoolland introduces my morning devotion book called *Leading Little Ones to God*. Although I may not read every word of each chapter, this book is a wonderful, age-appropriate, and systematic way to teach the children about God, His three Persons, His Word, sin, prayer and many other doctrinal truths. Arming the children with doctrinal truths appropriate for their age, followed by prayer ("hands, head, and heart") and singing His praises—our day has a good beginning and a good reminder to teacher and students that most importantly during our day in school, we must grow in our knowledge, love, and obedience to our Lord.

For my noon devotions, which immediately follows our reading time, the book by Susan Hunt entitled *My ABC Bible Verses* is a perfect fit. Although we do not necessarily memorize the 26 Bible verses, we use the author's introduction and talk about hiding God's Word in our hearts. This Word is like a priceless treasure that no one can take away from us and these are verses that will help the students better know, love, and obey their holy and

majestic God of heaven and earth. Each letter has a corresponding Bible verse, a short explanation of the verse, and a story about Bill and Missy as they apply this verse to their daily lives, nicely filling one week of our noontime devotions.

Placing the verses and pictures on the wall above the piano and under the verse posted for so many years in my kindergarten classroom, “Thy Word have I hid in my heart”, are good reminders throughout the day of God and His Word. How many times have I referenced the verse for letter A— “A soft answer turneth away wrath” following a playground disagreement? And departing for a class trip begins with a reminder from our Letter L Bible verse—“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”.

And then a final devotion book, also by Susan Hunt, that correlates with our memorization of Psalm 100, and probably my favorite, is *Sammy and his Shepherd*. This book looks at Psalm 23 a verse at a time, learning about the shepherd through the eyes of his sheep. It’s a lovely imaginary story that helps explain important doctrines about Jesus, our Shepherd who saves us by His sovereign grace. Application and discussion questions follow each chapter as we use God’s picture language to teach us spiritual truths regarding Jesus our shepherd and also our relationship to the flock, our fellow believers in Christ.

And now God has given me a new class of kindergarteners, His little lambs. My prayer is that God will use me, my teaching, and my devotions to His honor and that the little ones, my kindergarteners, such as Jesus took in His arms, may learn to know and love Him more.

## ***The Pocket Bible Verse***

**Miss Lynnae Miedema  
Second Grade**

A few years ago, I heard a very wise teacher talking about Pocket Bible Verses. I was intrigued and loved the idea, so I’ve started to implement them in my own classroom. The second graders and I are going through the beginning Psalms for our morning devotions. Once a week, we do a Pocket Bible verse from these Psalms. The students choose a verse that stands out to them, and they write it on a piece of paper to keep in their pockets for the rest of the day. I enjoy doing this activity because the students are

learning to search God’s Word and find meaning in each verse they read.

Psalm 119:11 says, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” This verse speaks of the treasure that God’s Word is for those who love it and learn it. When the students and I choose a Pocket Verse we talk about what it means. They are also encouraged to read that verse multiple times throughout the day. In this way, they are hiding God’s Word in their hearts and using it to encourage their behavior.

Matthew 6:21 says, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Through this practice I hope that my students are learning to treasure God’s Word and understand that it applies to every situation, emotion, and experience we may have throughout a single day. On the days we choose a Pocket Verse, I find myself referencing it throughout the day in various circumstances. The treasure of God’s Word is visible to students when they carry it in their pockets all day.

Now that I’ve shared some of my pocket verses above, here are some that the students have chosen this year.

**Psalm 5:3** “My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.”

**Psalm 5:11** “But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.”

**Psalm 16:8** “I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.”

**Psalm 16:11** “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

**Psalm 20:5** “We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.”

**Psalm 20:7** “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.”

**Psalm 22:4** “Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.”

**Psalm 22: 26** “The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.”

**Psalm 27:1** “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

**Psalm 27:14** “Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.”

**Psalm 36:7** “How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.”

**Psalm 36:9** “For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.”

## Teachers' Convention

**Mr. Mike Feenstra**  
**Fifth Grade**

The teachers in our Protestant Reformed schools joined together for a convention in Randolph, Wisconsin. After an enjoyable Grandparents' Day at Adams Christian School, many of us teachers piled into vehicles to make the trek around the south end of Lake Michigan. After battling Chicago traffic, we arrived in the Randolph community in the early evening. This rural community is in central Wisconsin about 45 miles northeast of the capital in Madison.

The convention began on Thursday, October 19 with a keynote speech by Rev. Stephen Regnerus. The theme of the speech was that God is our guide, and that we teachers are also called to guide our students. He used three examples from his text in Psalm 25. First, the idea in verse eight is that guiding is like an arrow that is shot by an archer. The arrow flies straight and true to the target, so we as teachers aim at the glory of God. Second, we learned that guiding can also be walking alongside our students as we go on our journey. We help students as they grapple with new material that is difficult to understand. In our guidance of the students, it is necessary to ascertain whether our students grasp the instruction. Therefore, our assessment of student work is a covenantal work where we give feedback to them so that they grow in knowledge. Third, guiding students involves leading them as a guide leads a group of people through difficult situations. In every aspect of guiding students, we are called to give God the glory.

After the speech, we teachers attended five blocks of presentations. In each block of presentations, we could choose between 5 or 6 different topics. These speeches took place all day Thursday and on Friday morning.

One example of a sectional is the history and philosophy of mathematics. In this presentation, the speaker provided practical examples for how teachers can implement spiritual truths into our math lessons. He began by mentioning that Christian math teaching is not merely stating that, “God is an orderly God”. Rather, we must apply various spiritual applications throughout the math curriculum. Throughout the speech, he summarized a scholarly work on mathematics that was produced by the Federation of Protestant Reformed Schools and found at [prcs.org/resources/federation-produced-materials](http://prcs.org/resources/federation-produced-materials). For example, we teachers must remind students of the subtle lies of modern philosophy. One such lie states while God created the world, He merely lets the world run by itself. In opposition to this lie, Christian teachers must proclaim that God created all things in six 24-hour days, and He controls all things each day by His almighty providence.

Another presentation was hands-on and involved science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. Participants were given four ready-made activities that could be applied to the classroom. For example, teachers could have students build a rubber band-powered boat with a hull formed of a plastic bottle! Or students can slingshot a car using rubber bands. The modern educational term for this type of lesson is STEAM which is an acronym for the academic disciplines listed above.

In addition to the professional discussions, teachers value the camaraderie and fellowship at the convention. Every three years, when the convention is held in one of our western schools, Thursday night is often an activity and fellowship night. In Randolph, there is usually a fish fry, and this year our hosts continued the tradition. The fried fish was delicious. Good food, fellowship, and fun was had by all who came. We look forward to next year's convention which will be held here at Adams Christian School.

## Marvelous Men and Wonderful Women From God

**Mrs. Renae Baas**  
**Fifth Grade**

*“There was a man sent from God whose name was John.” (John 1:6)*

Recently, the fifth graders began their memorization of the introduction to the book of John,

which is the great mystery of God incarnate. Stopped in our tracks at the sixth verse, we noted that God used a man to announce the coming of the Messiah. Reflecting on the work of John, we were reminded of the men and women of faith listed in the book of Hebrews. All had specific work to do. All were from God! God used them to fulfill His purposes.

While these men and women of Hebrews have long gone home to glory, God richly supplies us today with other men and women to lead, guide, direct and help us live godly in this wicked world. Using recent interviews with their grandparents, the fifth graders outlined fascinating highlights from the lives of their grandparents, writing in first person prose from the perspective of their dear relative. We discovered that even though our grandparents are many years ahead of us on this dangerous journey, they have funny stories and great wisdom to share. Interested in sharing these facts with others, the students participated in a live wax museum on Grandparents' Day. The reports below simply cannot do justice to the enthusiasm of the reporters, nor do they portray the students' unique appearances and classy impersonations of their esteemed relative. However, these excerpts do speak to the faithfulness of our covenant God. Upon finishing their reports, all students agreed on this one fact: our grandparents are marvelous men and wonderful women from God.

**Mrs. Jayne (Sullivan) Bodbyl**

~ Penelope VanderKolk

Ah O! Hello, my name is Jayne Carol Bodbyl...Some of my favorite toys when I was a child was a Ginny doll, a sleepy doll, and a beanie. I liked to fish and snowmobile in the winter. I also liked to wear high-waisted skirts because they were in style. We walked to school and wore dresses. My very, very favorite drink is coffee. Steak, which is good, is one of my favorite foods and so is Chinese. Oh, and I also like roast beef. When I was younger, I was the oldest of three amazing sisters, Judy, Janis, and Joyce. Don't tell but Janis is my favorite sister...I had polio as a child, and this is what I had to wear (*Penelope was fashionably dressed in a hospital gown*). The doctor came to my house and took me in his car because my mom had to stay with my sisters at home. I was in isolation and only my mom could visit me. When she did, she had to wear a gown and mask. I stayed in the hospital for ten days. I also drank orange juice with my pills. That is partly why I do not like orange juice today. But I am all better now. ...I am happy and thankful for my church family and all my grandchildren to see them walk uprightly before the Lord...Before you go, let me tell you my favorite Bible verses which are in Matthew 10:29-31, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? ...the very hairs of your head are numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."

**Mrs. Jayne (Sullivan) Bodbyl**

~ Sofia Bodbyl

"Fear ye not, therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows." This is one of my favorite Bible verses that I have today. ...My school days included walking to school with my three sisters. I had to wear skirts, blouses, and jackets. And not just occasionally, but every day we had to walk to school and back home again for lunch...Many years later in 1968 before I was married, my talented husband George was drafted into the Vietnam War when he was just nineteen years old. While he was in Advanced Training, he hurt his leg and needed crutches. Later he had orders to courageously go to Vietnam. However, when the sergeant saw my future husband, he decided to send him to Germany because of his hurt leg...I remember sending him cookies from across the ocean. ...Before I was married, I went to a Baptist church. So my husband brought me to the Protestant Reformed churches. For me the best part about growing older is that you get to know God more and more and He also become dearer to you. But the worst part for me is that you can't do the things you used to be able to do. ...You might see me around Adams helping by being a reading grandma. Thanks for listening!

**Mr. Randy Boeve**

~ Grant Looyenga

When I was a child, one of my favorite things was summer vacation. I tremendously loved hamburgers, peanut butter, and spending time at my grandparents' house. During school we did not have calculators and we had chalk boards. I love this passage in the Bible from John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I met my wife on a blind date. We found a house two weeks before we got married. I was sure wild, but she calmed me down.... As an adult, one of my favorite things to do is spend time with my brilliant grandchildren. I try to pass down wisdom to my grandchildren, Caleb, Evan, Grant, Charlie, and Ali. Sadly, I can't do the things I used to do. I am also not as healthy. I love seeing my grandchildren get older.

**Mrs. Shelley (Colston) Boone**

~ Robyn Key

...I was an only child, but we helpfully let my cousin into my home. He ended up being the brother I never had. My dad, who had just graduated the eighth grade, was working in a dangerous coal mine. They brought a parakeet down and if it died, it was not safe for them either. Later my dad tried to teach me to speak without a southern twang so that nobody would irritate me at school. ...At the age of 18, I quickly moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan to go to Kendall College of Art and Design. There I met my charming husband Randy Boone, who invited me to his employee Christmas party...Years later, I am a capable mother and wife, and I do spoil my grandchildren. I patiently help others and when I was asked at the hospital to pray for patients, it sure did surprise me. But I did! When I was in the first grade, my teacher brought in a TV to watch the details of the assassination of John F Kennedy. We were dismissed from school, and my grandma picked me up. She had just learned to drive and was slamming on the brakes! We went to her house to watch

more of the assassination. The hardest part of growing old is remembering names, but I like that I have no routine. I have loved Psalm 25 as an “adult choice” which is a prayer for guidance. This is how God brought my life to where it is today. “Remember O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.” (Psalm 25:6)

### **Mr. Frank Dykstra**

~ Wyatt Dykstra

Hi! I'm Frank Dykstra...I truly liked my BB gun as a kid and now I have a couple of gun closets full of my childhood toy. My dad was a plasterer, and my mom was a nurse. Unlike today, everything in town was shut down on Sunday. I met my wife when she was at school with me. When we met, I thought that life was a lot better with her...I have memories of the first man on the moon and the Tigers winning the world series. The worst part about oldness is pain. The best part is grandchildren. Now I am in a part of my life that I can use to diligently serve God. The one book which shows me is the Bible. Christ speaks to me through the Bible. My favorite verse is Proverbs 17:6, “Children’s children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.”

### **Mrs. Julie (Schipper) Kaiser**

~ Chloe Kaiser

...Because I grew up living behind my Grandpa Plas, we would help with his big vegetable farm. We would see him every day. My favorite toy is a sketching pad where you put a plain piece of paper over the top of a coloring book paper. The sketch pad has a lightbulb, which illuminates the image. I had a treehouse in a crabapple tree. We would pull back on a branch and launch crab apples. My favorite food was rice with butter, brown sugar, and raisins. We would wear Izod polo shirts with collars sticking up! We lived in the same wonderful block as my two sisters, mother, and Grandpa. Kids in my class rode the bus or walked to school. Very rarely would they ride with their moms.

I will eat anything my mother makes for me. I will help at fundraisers, weddings, and anything else. My duties are cleaning and cooking, and I have a love for flowers. My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 27:4 and it says, “One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in his temple.”

### **Mrs. Ellen (Kortering) Kamps**

~ Morgan Kamps

...My delightful father was a minister, so we moved a lot! ...As a child, I loved to play with barbies and dolls. I enjoy the beauty of the fall colors. My husband and I met when my father moved to Grandville, MI. We are a big, loud family, and we love to have fun. We love to faithfully serve the Lord together because He, who gives us all we need, is gracious and loves us and sent His Son. I enjoy being a mom and grandma and helping at school and in God’s blessed church...Years ago, I was running errands, and I heard about the Twin Towers. I was worried that my sons would have to grow up and go to war and fight. In God’s good providence, that did not happen...I love many Bible verse and focus on different ones on different occasions. Various special Bible verses speak to me every day. I will end with my favorite Bible verse from Isaiah 26:3, “Thou wilt keep

him in perfect peace who mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee.”

### **Mrs. Laurie (Jonker) Kamps**

~ Sadie Kamps

...As I grew up, I lived a few miles away from the stately First Church. I loved my birthday because we got to pick what to eat and did not have to clean the messy dishes. I loved to play with a skipper doll, jump rope, collect, trade marbles, and play jacks. My dad would make stilts which made me taller. ... I help my parents fairly often because they are aged. I also enjoy playing a lot of pickleball. Before my pickleball days, I smacked around a tennis ball for twenty years.

God used me as a mom and grandparent. I used to be involved in our monthly church magazine called *The Gleaner*. I also ran Heritage’s TRIP program for many years which was very enjoyable. I also willingly baked many pies for Hudsonville fair fundraisers. I was surprised in life from the all-encompassing impact of Covid that turned my life upside down. I will end this with III John 4, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”

### **Mrs. Kathy (Lambregste) Knott**

~ Sydney Knott

...I absolutely loved barbies, which is very common still today. I became extraordinarily thrilled when my dad or mom would tell me we are going to the Upper Peninsula. I loved it because we had a cottage there. Bell bottoms were extremely popular. There were not cell phones because they were not invented yet. We used encyclopedias to find things. My husband, Bob, and I first impulsively met at Mottman’s. We dated for a year and a half. We lived in married housing. My gorgeous children are Jennifer, Katie and Aaron and Roby, who unfortunately died when he was very young. My part time job was to pleasantly comfort women who lost their babies. And I have a very strong desire to help people in distress and comfort them...As I age I have more and more wisdom, and I keep in mind that I am closer to heaven. I will leave you with this touching passage. “Fear not, for I am with thee: be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee: yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” (Isaiah 41:10)

### **Mrs. Gladys (Hoekstra) Koole**

~ Evelyn VandenToorn

...I was raised in Hull, Iowa. I was an adorable little baby. My dad first saw me when I was eleven months old because he was at war in Germany. My family and I lived on a lively little dairy farm...I miserably had to weed corn and pluck beans to raise money for my family’s needs and for church. As I got older, I worked at many jobs including at an egg factory.

When I was an active second grader, I remember laying on the living room floor with some of my brothers and sisters and listening to whether President Kennedy would survive or not...Also in 1986 I remember calmly coming home and hearing that “The Challenger,” the space shuttle, had exploded. This shows that man is in God’s hand no matter how powerful he thinks he is.

My husband and I met a Bible study and shortly after we got married. My husband was a godly leader and always very active. He said to people that God gave us grace to raise

our ten children. It's not every day that a person has three sets of twins, so I count that an important privilege. ...My favorite Bible passage is Psalm 48:14. It was my wedding text and later my husband's funeral text. "For this God is our God forever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death." (Psalm 48:14)

### **Mrs. Esther (Knoll) Kortering**

~ Tarrin Kortering

Hello! My name is Esther Kortering. I was an only child and lived on a farm...Later when I was old enough, I went to a little school which only had fifty kids. When I was growing up, we had sewing machines, electricity, and automobiles. What we did not have was computers or cell phones. I am a helpful seamstress. I fix clothes to make sure they fit exactly right for your comfort. When my grandchildren get holes in their clothes, I fully fix them. I always embroider Christmas blankets every year for my family, the elderly, and the sick at church. I also alter dresses for weddings. Now that I am older, I make doll clothes for my grandchildren and other little girls who love dolls. ...When I was little, my mother would tell me to diligently learn a hymn, so now that I am older, I know almost every hymn. My favorite verse is Psalm 23:1, which is "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Just one more thing I have to say, "I wish I could have some of my grandchildren's energy!"

### **Mr. Clare Kuiper**

~ Collin Kuiper

...My best childhood memory was when Mr. Langerak would take a group of boys from church to a park. He would provide lunch for us, and we would swim in the lake and play on the playground. Growing up my favorite toy was playing with my cars and trucks in the utterly soft sand and dirt.

In 1963 I got a letter from the government that said I had to join the army. I joined the army reserves and soon found out that some of my friends joined the army reserves, too. I served in the army reserves for six years. Sometimes we had to go out of state to places like Kentucky, Missouri, or Texas. Sadly, I was far away from home when my first daughter was born. I did AIT training to be a nurse at a hospital near town and worked there one day per week. One of the nastiest surgeries I ever assisted in was a surgery on someone's eye. On the weekends we would set up surgical tents. One day I received a newspaper that had a picture of me and Cal Kalsbeek setting up tents in northern Michigan....I will end with my favorite Bible verse which is Isaiah 43:1 "But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by name; thou art mine."

### **Mr. Garth McKinney**

~ Gibson McKinney

(written about his dad) ...One of my favorite verses was John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me." I met my wife when I was out with some of my active friends at a restaurant. Now, I have six kids, all two years apart and a cheerful wife named Stephanie, who was talented at basketball. I love being a husband and a father.

God blessed me to be talented in baseball, but I had awful hamstring pulls and broke my hand. God used that to lead

me to Christ. I also won the world series with the Whitecaps Minor league team. My talent was recently recognized when I was chosen to be in the hall of fame. Now I work at Wonderland Tire Company. My family still lives in Tennessee, but I just recently visited them. If you find me, you might notice I have an accent because after all, I'm from Tennessee!

### **Mr. Duane Mingerink**

~ Kam Mingerink

...I was born in mighty Michigan in Grand Rapids. I lived in the country with my three brothers. When I went to school, I would wear dress pants. During basketball games, I would wear short shorts, which is a style that is returning. I met my wife on a blind date and our first home was a rental home in Wyoming. My friendship with my wife brought me to Christ. I always say, "Rather be ten minutes early than ten minutes late." My favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:28 because it talks about how if we love God, then all things work together for our good. ...Now I am an elder at Unity PRC and I have retired from working at Repocast. Some of my hobbies are hunting and fishing. I love watching my many grandchildren grow into Christian young people. Thank you for coming by!

### **Mrs. Sheila ( DeZwarte) VanDonselaar**

~ Audrey VanDonselaar

...I remember how I loved to drive my dad's tractor around in my childhood. My favorite food was steak, though I rarely got it as a girl because we did not have much money. But I remember when I got white bell bottom pants, which were in style...My school days were different than yours today. The subjects were taught differently but the build of the school was still the same. We had something called a chalkboard and we wrote on it with chalk. I went home for lunch, and I enjoyed seeing my mother during that time. I adore children and I love to help babysit. I have a lot of patience, and I am a giver. I strive to willingly give time and help out with children.... I will never forget the time when there was a church in Iowa and Rev. Lubbers was the minister. His daughter was a very tall woman, the tallest woman I had ever seen. She came with Rev. Lubbers to the ranch, and he took her outside to see if she was taller than the corn..." God brought these times into my life and as I grow older, I am getting slower. But I also have more time to help.

### **Mr. Dennis VanUffelen**

~ Lance TenBroeke

...When I got older, I started milking the cows, feeding hay, and cleaning the corrals. I also helped on my uncle's chicken ranch, collecting eggs and generally cleaning up. When I was old enough to drive, I would drop off fertilizer orders and the people were always amazed at how much they got in the truckload! I was kept busy as a kid helping on the farm.

It was 1969 when I graduated, and the Vietnam war was raging. My number was 189 I think, and I was nervous about going to war. Nixon was President at the time. Thankfully, the war ended before I was drafted.

When I was diligently looking toward retirement, I got a house with a large, wooded backyard! I got some John Deere tractors to help work around the yard...One of the things I enjoyed the most was to give grandchildren tractor rides in the words and in the neighborhood...

## ***Antithetical Worldview Shaping***

**Mrs. Susan VanKoevering**

**Eighth grade**

Imagine walking along a dusty road in Galilee or sitting at the feet of Jesus in Bethany. While his disciples listened to Jesus speak, they were not just learning facts and figures. The Messiah was a worldview shaper. It was important to our Lord that his followers would come to understand their place in the world, and he took every opportunity to teach them practical lessons about how to be salt and light in a depraved fallen world. As parents and teachers who follow in the footsteps of our Savior, we have a calling to shape the worldviews of the next generation. How? By teaching them what it means to live antithetically.

The truth of the antithesis is an important part of our worldview at Adams Christian School because it is found on virtually every page of scripture. During our Bible lessons from Genesis, we noted that the antithesis explains the stark contrast between saints like Enoch and Noah versus the family of wicked Lamech; and we observed that the ungodliness which characterized the prediluvian era is mirrored today by the worldly culture of our age. To deepen the application of the antithesis to our eighth graders' own lives, they were given a writing assignment based on three speeches by Protestant Reformed ministers which are printed in pamphlet form and entitled, "The Antithesis: Godly Living in an Ungodly Age."

Clearly, our students understand some of the spiritual dangers that characterize the perilous times in which we live. As you read excerpts of their writing, you will sense their awareness of sin's consequences. Even more heartening is that our students resolve by the grace of God to live antithetically. When they walk and talk with single heartedness, our junior high students show that from a child they have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make them wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (II Timothy 3: 15). May God be pleased to bless our worldviewshaping efforts both at home and at school, and may He be glorified by using us as weak means to achieve His own divine purpose.

### **Antithetical Living**

*~ Greyson Flikkema*

In this age, as many people are having problems, mainly through setting their heart on the lusts of the world, those who are friends of God may not be friends with the people of this world. Because of the sin that entered this world, years ago

people were ashamed when they publicly sinned, but now there is no shame. Behind this is the devil who sneakily tries to disconnect us from God. Covetousness, immorality, and technology can become sin that will hurt us all. We need to be unquestionably aware of the dangers in this world.

### **God is With Us**

*~ Natalie Dykstra*

What is at the heart of the antithesis? Enmity. In the beginning God said that he would put enmity between the seed of the woman and the seed of the devil. Although the devil and his smooth tongue can tempt us, which is hard to overcome sometimes, we need to learn how to say "no" to the devil and say "yes" to God. As his people we need to glorify him with all our hearts since he gave his son to deliver us from the evil of this world. We should be perfectly content with that, but sometimes we're not and we want to sin because of our human nature. Through the darkness of discontentment, God shines in Christian lives. Jesus gave himself for us, and we should be thankful. God has taken us into his kingdom in a bond of spiritual marriage. Even though we live in a dark age, let us continue focusing on the light. Let this help us live in an antithetical way.

### **Living Antithetically in a Wicked World**

*~ Kendra Kuiper*

The antithesis is spiritual separation and literally means, "to be against a certain position or viewpoint." Worldview is understanding your place in the world. Some think of worldview without the antithesis. That's common grace. The antithesis originates from God's decree of predestination, which involves the elect and the reprobate. The power [to live an antithetical life] is in Christ's suffering and death. We must live apart from the world even in this age of covetousness, immorality, and technological dangers.

### **Antithetical Living**

*~ Dana Bleyenbergh*

It is essential to know how the world shows its immorality and covetousness through technology. The world abuses technology. It is not wrong to use technology because it can be good. It can help spread the gospel across the world and other things. But the world makes it horrible. Using technology can make you covetous by making you desire something sinful. But we must remember that we need only one thing. Jesus saves us. He gives us life. He's all we need.

### **The Antithetical Journey**

*~ Hailey Velthouse*

Our calling is to monitor our lives and be responsible and even though we can hide things from people, God knows. In this tempting world, we tend to covet riches, which is vanity, because we forget that these things are all going to be destroyed. If we are content, we will live joyfully and peacefully. On this long road to the promised land there are two roads. One is wide and full of the lusts of this world, full of sin and vanity. This is the road to hell. The second road is narrow, very few travel on this path, it is the path of obedience and righteousness to God. This is the road to heaven. Although the road is narrow and a difficult journey, when it is over and the antithetical road



completed, at the finish line is the celestial city and everlasting life in perfect holiness.

### **Living Antithetically**

~Nick Dykstra

Is your life as a child of God any different than the world's? Living the antithesis means living a life in separation from the wicked world around us. The antithesis is a vital aspect of a Christian worldview which we use as our worldview today because that is what God calls us to do. Out of God's work and truth we shall shine like the sun when we are challenged by the wicked in this world of darkness. Three things we must fight against in living an antithetical life are technology, covetousness, and immorality. Strongly, we must defy these evil things and live an antithetical life as a child of God apart from the world. God, who knows how we use technology, will always know when and how we are using it, and we cannot hide it from him. Coveting earthly riches is vanity, so we must not do it. Death exposes this vanity because all our riches are left behind. We must use our bodies as the temple of the Holy Spirit. The road to heaven is a rough and hard road, but it is the right way. It is our way. These three things we must focus on in living an antithetical life according to God's word. Is this how you live?

## ***The Importance of Music Literacy***

Mrs. Lauren Dykstra

Elementary Music & 4/5 Choir teacher

The most common comment that I receive as a music instructor from parents and other viewers is that they love music but never learned to read it themselves. It's far more common than we might think and it is something that I take seriously as I consider what to teach to your children and grandchildren.

One of the primary things my students do in all my classes is learn to read music notation. Within three weeks of elementary music, we are writing and reading what we hear or are doing. Children understand this fairly intuitively. They understand from learning to read English that if they make the 'w' sound they can represent that sound with a symbol that looks like this: W. Music notation isn't much different. It's a written language of sorts, and it's quite understandable if you know what all the dots and lines and squiggles mean. Here is how I do this.

In first grade we start with rhythm notation with long and short sounds. We might sing a simple song or clap a rhythm and talk about which sounds are long and which are short (or more quickly moving). Then we write what the students heard on the board using simple music notation: the symbols that musicians have used since about the 14th century to describe these very things.

In second grade we focus heavily on hearing and writing sounds that are higher and lower. This brings us to learning about the musical bar that each of us is familiar with as we see it each time we open a Psalter. We can observe notes written on lines and in spaces, ascending and descending, as the tune moves up and down. The students learn what these notes in particular lines and spaces are called starting with Middle C.

In third grade we combine these skills. I give them more and more complex music notation and examine the rhythms and the notes on the bar. By this time, the children generally can read fairly well, and they are given full pieces of music. This year, the third graders were handed a 16-page song! They were definitely intimidated by this but when we went through it slowly, allowing for lots and lots of questions, and lots of help from myself and my helper Kelly Dykstra, they soon found that they were, in fact, perfectly capable of reading this intimidating piece without issue. This is always a surprise to them!

By the time they are entering the intermediate choir, the children are fairly proficient in music reading and are fully capable of looking at music on a bar and making the sounds that are represented there. We practice this each class with a software called Sight Reading Factory. This software generates 8 measure "songs" that we sing using our solfege skills (Do, Re, Mi) that we learned from the beginning of first grade. It allows me to slowly increase the difficulty of the songs from basic scale-like tunes to ones that include intervals (jumps) and rests (moments of quiet within a tune). By the time they leave my classroom, the fifth grade can read a three-part harmony tune at the difficulty level of most Psalter numbers.

They are thus prepared for life in our Psalm-singing churches and fully ready for more difficult and beautiful music in the choirs ahead of them. Having a solid foundation in their reading skills, they are able to expand their abilities into other areas like sound production and artistry.

## ***Hearts Revealed***

Mrs. Gracia Schipper

Jr. High Choir

The Lord directed His prophet Samuel to go to Jesse's home, to privately anoint a man of His choosing, to be the next King. When Jesse's sons

gathered together, Samuel looked at the eldest son Eliab, and said, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.” But God said to Samuel not to look at the countenance or height of his stature — man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord is interested in the heart of a man (I Sam. 16:6,7).

Outward appearances can be deceiving; they may not reveal a person’s true values or their character, integrity, or faithfulness to God. Judas Iscariot looked like a faithful disciple to man, but Jesus knew his heart (Jn 6:70).

David was God’s choice — imperfect but faithful, and most well-known in the Bible for being the *man after God’s own heart* (Acts 13:22). While handsome, David was not a striking figure, like Eliab. But David, by God’s grace, was a man who pursued after God’s heart and valued the same things God does — namely, God’s glory and God’s sheep. In his time alone in the fields, shepherding the flocks, David had come to know God as his Shepherd (Psalm 23). When a lion and a bear took a lamb from David’s flock, David smote the fierce animal and delivered the sheep out of its mouth. This prepared David to fight Goliath, the Philistine, who defied the army of the living God (I Sam. 17:32-37). David fervently loved God and was devoted to God’s people. He placed their needs above his own and willingly fought against their enemies, confident that his LORD would deliver him. David’s actions and his Spirit-inspired Psalms, reveal the affections of his heart, expressed through prayer and singing!

God looks at the heart. Proverbs 4:23 explains that everything we do flows from our hearts. Our heart is the inner essence of who we are: “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good...for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh” (Luke 6:45). Therefore, we must examine ourselves and keep our heart with all diligence (Prov. 4:23). Whatever we do, we must do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men (Col. 3:23).

How does a thankful heart express what’s in the mind, will, emotion, and conscience? It prays! It sings! The Psalmist’s mind — the rational, intellectual, emotional part of a person which interacts with and praises God — says, “My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise” (Ps. 57:7). Why do we have this joy? Jesus, who kept His Father’s commandments perfectly with joy, causes joy to remain in us and to be full (Jn 15:10,11)! We

are justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus, who gives us access by faith into this grace to stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God (Rom. 5:1,2). Jesus causes our hearts to swell with gratitude and joy, expressed by prayer and singing!

Singing is to the Lord — in God’s presence and for His ears — It’s a Godward act even if it is addressed to each other (Eph. 5:19) Why wouldn’t we sing with the spirit, and sing with understanding? “What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also (I Cor. 14:15).” Ps.147:1—Singing that is good and fitting in the presence of the Lord, is not only from the mind; it is from the heart. Singing that is good and fitting — expressing words of truth that accords with God’s Word, and heart affections that accord with God’s worth!

How is this joy in our hearts and minds revealed? “A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance” (Proverbs 15:13). Our faces then, while singing, as image-bearers of Christ, ought to show brightness of joy and adoration. Unlike any other body part, the face uniquely reveals what’s in the heart. While outward appearances can be deceiving, let it not be said of us that we were faking our praise to God. Also, there are exceptions of course, but it is not convincing that we love God when we barely open our lips to sing, and our eyes are dim. We have a responsibility to reflect that we love God and seek His face, while fighting the distractions of our flesh, the world, and Satan. After all, the face of Jesus is mirrored in His Word. II Corinthians 3 has more to say about this — Let our lives and body language be the mirror that reflects the image of Christ! Our hearts and faces are unveiled when we turn from sin and behold and reflect the Lord of the Bible. Let us show our heart’s affections for God on our faces and by our posture, that accord with God’s WORD and WORTH!

*Psalm 104:33,34 — “I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.”*

## School Board

### Federation Report

Mr. Eric Lubbers  
Federation Committee

The Federation Committee here at Adams corresponds with the Federation of the Protestant Reformed Schools to keep Adams aligned with all other schools in education, technology, and teacher training. On October 5, the committee attended the annual Federation association meeting. A large part of the Federation's work is carried out by the Federation Board. Marc Scholten served as president the last three years, and Jon Drenk as Treasurer. At the annual meeting Joel VanEgdom (Doon), and Ross Zuverink (Heritage) were voted in to replace Marc and Jon. Other members on the Board include Kyle Bruinooge (Executive Director), Dan Pastoor, Rick Noorman, Chad Uittenbogaard, Derek Van Overloop, and Ryan Worries. Please keep these men in your prayers as they work very hard behind the scenes in the teaching of our covenant children and are committed to the development and use of the mentoring program for the benefit of our teachers, and schools.

Teacher training continues to be a large part of the work of the Federation. The mentoring program has been developed with three different tiers. Tier 1: Developing a worldview filter (college students) Tier 2: Walking Alongside (first year teachers) Tier 3: Grounding and refining your craft (second- and third-year teachers). Tier 1 is still being developed. This involves more experienced teachers helping the young teachers make sense of what they learned in college and be prepared to teach in the Protestant Reformed Schools. Tiers 2 and 3 have been in place since the 2019-2020 school year. Since that time, 44 first year teachers have worked through the program. Several of the new teachers here at Adams have used these programs with a positive response from the teachers and Board. It should be noted that the mentoring program is designed to help, not replace, any other program that schools may have. The mentors and mentees are also compensated after they complete the program. The money for this comes from the dues that are paid by each school to the Federation.

We give thanks to our heavenly Father for maintaining unity in our schools, and for providing

teachers who are trained and committed to teaching our covenant children from a biblical perspective. *"He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations."* Psalm 105: 8

### Bus Safety

Mr. Eric Lubbers  
Transportation

Have you ever tried picking up 40 children, stopping at 16 different houses, obeying all the traffic laws, and trying to do this in as close to one hour as possible? Yes, this almost seems impossible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jodi Gunnink, Vicki Elzinga, Jill Essenburg, Ellen Kamps, and Erika Dykshorn who accomplished this task in a 35-foot school bus every single day. Before they hit the road to accomplish this task, they remove any snow or ice, pre-trip the bus, make sure the bus is safe, pick up 40 children, and are back at school by 8 A.M. Our bus drivers dedicate a large part of their day to transporting our children on field trips, or to school. If you see any of these drivers at school, make sure to thank them for helping Adams Christian School in this way.

Keeping our fleet of four buses running smoothly would not be possible without the dedication of our Transportation Supervisor, Melissa Looyenga. Melissa does so much work behind the scenes preparing routes, managing the fleet, scheduling all the maintenance, preparing for state inspections (her favorite day of the year), training new drivers and so much more. She has been involved in transportation here at Adams for many years. Once again, the Board would like to thank Melissa for your dedication, commitment, expertise, and willingness to serve the school in this way.

To keep our students and drivers safe, the four buses must be inspected by the state every year. With this comes a large amount of maintenance and repairs that must be done. This year was no exception. We had several repairs that were necessary to pass inspection and keep the fleet operating safely. Bus 8 is our oldest bus and is definitely showing its age. This bus is costing a lot in repairs and will need to be replaced in the very near future. The committee continues to compare quotes for new, or possibly used buses. Just as we see the rising cost of almost everything around us, repair and maintenance costs

are no different. The price of new buses has also increased by almost \$40,000 over the past three years. Bus 12 was involved in an accident, but thankfully it was not the driver's fault, and no one was injured. We were able to use a spare bus from Westside Christian while ours was getting fixed. At the time of this writing all four buses are back in the fleet and have all passed the state inspection. Please keep the Board and the committee in your prayers as we navigate through the increased cost of keeping our buses safe.

I would like to encourage all bus-riding families to review the mission statement and the transportation rules starting on page 37 in the back of the school directory. Reviewing these rules and policies with our children will help to keep each route running as smooth as possible. The rules are in place for the safety of our children and drivers, and orderly operation each day. Our hope is that the time the children spend on the bus reflects the same Christian attitude as our homes, and the classrooms of Adams Christian school. We pray that God will continue to grant traveling mercies for all bus riders and drivers. *"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."* Psalm 136:1

## School Ready

**Mr. Jordan Dykstra**  
**Building**

The bell rings and another day starts for our staff and students. For those of us who do not work at Adams, we can imagine the work of the people called to fill the roles needed to make our school function on a daily basis. One of those roles is our maintenance manager, Mark Ophoff. We can imagine what Mark's day is like. Cleaning everything from floor to ceiling and dealing with the messes students age 5-13 can make. But there are many more things Mark does for our school that we might not think of as often. He has many ongoing projects and daily maintenance issues to deal with, contractors to call and schedule, and reports to write to the building committee detailing his work. When putting his work into a paragraph in a short article, I can only tell you some of the work that he does for us as a building committee and for the school, but the list could go on and on. Mark often comments that the building must be "school ready", and we are thankful that he has been able to make it ready for our students every day.

As for the work of the building committee, there have been upgrades in the lighting in many rooms, making the rooms much brighter for staff and students. The kindergarten bathroom had some upgrades in flooring and toilets, and new playground equipment for the K-2 playground area was installed. Along the parking lot that separates Adams and Walgreens, we have had erosion problems that have caused a lot of damage to the edge of our parking lot. The erosion problem will be fixed soon. Fixing the parking lot itself will be placed on the list of future issues to repair. That list includes replacing the roof and reworking our fire suppression system. These three items will have a high dollar amount attached, so we hope to spread these items out across a few years.

God has blessed us with a nice building. We are very thankful that God has given us the financial ability to pay for the upgrades necessary and the people willing to maintain the building to make sure it is school ready.

## Our School

**Mr. Jordan Dykstra**  
**School Board President**

When driving down Byron Center Ave., you might hear your child or grandchild say, "There's our school!" when you drive past Adams. We all think the same thing, yes, you go to school there so that is our school. The word "our" indicates ownership. This ownership is different from the ownership of your own home. We cannot come into school and change rules or paint the rooms. Still, the word "our" is fitting and indicates an extremely important truth, namely, Adams belongs to the families and supporters. It is not an academy run by professionals or a private school owned and run by an organization. Adams is not owned and controlled by the teachers and administrators, as vital as they are for the good, the very existence, of the school. Adams is what it has been from the beginning—a parental school. It is owned, controlled, and maintained by parents and grandparents who love the school. It serves the covenant children who attend.

This is a shared ownership with the goal to have a school that glorifies God. The Psalms are filled with the believer's desire to praise God. "I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvelous works" (Psa. 9:1). God reminds us, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me"

(Psa. 50:23). God's people praise God when they see His works. We read in Luke 19:37, that when Jesus come down from the mount of Olives, "the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen."

Our goal as an Association member, supporter, or parent is to have this be true in our school. As parents, we talk to our children about how they can praise God in the way they talk, study for tests, dress, and how they act towards others. Our administrator, teachers, staff, and Board have this same calling. When we walk through the halls and in the rooms at Adams, what do we find? When our children come home, what are they talking about? When you walk the halls, I hope you see and hear what I have. Teachers showing their students the great works of God by teaching their subjects in the light of the Bible. Students singing praise to God. An administrator guiding the curriculum to include time for devotions and making sure God's Word is being taught. Many staff members give of their time to make sure God's Word continues to be imparted to our children. The work of the school is evident in our own children. They come home singing Psalter numbers they have learned. They have the ability to pray, read God's Word and grow in their understanding of it. We are very thankful for the godly teachers and staff we have at Adams and the unity we have in the goal of teaching our children to praise the Lord. We thank God daily for "our" school.

## **Teaching the Next Generation**

**Mr. Tyler Pipe**  
**Treasurer**

*"That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments." Psalm 78:7*

**W**hy do we send our children to a good Reformed, Christian school? I'm sure that thought has crossed a few of our minds as we write tuition checks, support drive checks, help out at numerous school functions, etc. The world would likely answer with the following: 'because public schools are not safe, the education is better, public school Boards have become too liberal, or parents have a voice in the material being taught'. Those are definitely valid reasons to consider Christian over public education. That is not the answer that Asaph provides

to the Christians in Psalm 78. Asaph says don't hide the traditions from the children. Teach the children about the wonderful works of God. Then in verse 7 he declares why we teach the traditions, 'so that they set their hope in God!! This is why we teach everything from a Reformed, biblical perspective at Adams. So that our children put all their hope in God!! That is the reason why we make church and school causes our #1 budget responsibility. So that our children put all their hope in God.

It takes just under \$2 million to operate this precious school. The process for determining the school's budget usually starts in December. Each Board committee reviews what is needed for the following school year. The Board revises the budget many times, but then finally approves it at our April meeting. The budget is finally presented and approved at the May Association meeting.

Now that the budget is approved, we need to start collecting money to maintain our school operations. There are two main revenue streams: Tuition and the support drive.

Tuition is 70% of the overall budget. The Finance committee is very pleased with the current state of tuition. Please keep in mind that tuition is due at the beginning of each month. The Finance committee usually counts within the first two weeks of each month. We strongly encourage our families to use ACH which automatically withdraws from your financial institution. Approximately 50% of our 120 families currently utilize ACH. If you have any ACH questions, please notify a member of the Finance committee.

The Support Drive goal is \$377,085 is 20% of the budget. We recently kicked off the Fall Support Drive at the end of October. As of this writing, we have collected \$172,564. We greatly appreciate those who have given and/or pledged to this Kingdom cause. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Support Drive.

It is a tremendous responsibility and blessing that we are able to send our kids to Adams year after year. Thank you to each of you for your prayers and financial support.



## Other News

### ***Mothers Club***

**Mrs. Andrea Velthouse  
Mothers Club President**

According to the Mothers Club Constitution, the purpose of Mothers Club is to bring about a closer relationship between home and school and to aid the school financially. By God's grace we see that purpose being fulfilled each year at Mothers Club. What a joy it is to serve the teachers and staff of Adams Christian School and to support them as they teach our children in the fear of the Lord!

A new change that is being implemented this year is that the Mothers Club voted to have fewer meetings. In years past, we met monthly during the school calendar, except for December. We are now meeting in September, November, January, March, April, and May. At these meetings, we hear the Treasurer's report, a TRIP report, the committee reports, updates on fundraisers, and correspondence. We also deal with any old business that was tabled in a previous meeting. Finally, we end with new business where we welcome new thoughts or ideas that are brought before us by way of a motion.

Overall, being a part of Mothers Club is a great way to become involved and volunteer your gifts and abilities to the service of our school community! We welcome new members at any meeting and hope to see more mothers join us! We thank God for giving us the work and pray He blesses the work of our hands.

### ***Classroom Candids!!***



KA – Mrs. Nancy Decker



KB – Mrs. Sara Kalsbeek





1A – Mrs. Karen Ensink



2B – Miss Lynnae Miedema



1B – Mrs. Annica Kuiper



Third – Miss Marissa Holstege



2A – Miss Heidi Gritters

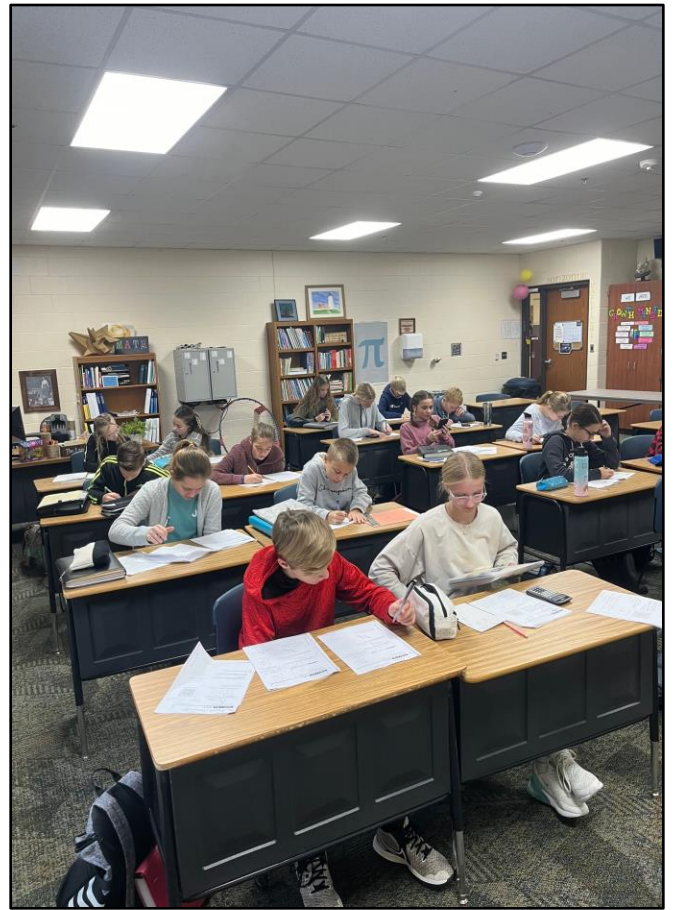


4A – Mr. Phil Wigger





5A – Mr. Mike Feenstra



7B – Mrs. Kristin Dykstra



5B – Mrs. Renae Baas



Eighth – Mrs. Susan VanKoeving