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In His Grip

by Dan Woods, Administrator



Are you experiencing the fullness of God? In Ephesians, the apostle Paul's hope for us is that we would be filled with the fullness of God.

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Ephesians 3:17-19

A few questions have come to my mind in the last few weeks. What does the fullness of God look like in my life? In my relationship with my wife? With my children? As I searched the scriptures for the answer, I arrived in Ephesians, chapter 3. I also read Adam Clarke's commentary of this passage. Clarke begins the commentary by saying, "To be Filled with God is a great thing; to be filled with the Fulness of God is still greater; but to be filled with All the fullness of God, utterly bewilders the sense and confounds the understanding."

Clark goes on to state, "By the fullness of God, we are to understand all those gifts and graces which he has promised to bestow on man, and which he dispenses to the Church. To be filled with all the fullness of God is to have the whole soul filled with meekness,

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Students Participate in Music Clinic

Eleven Nebraska Christian students participated in the University of Nebraska-Kearney Honor Band & Choral Clinic on January 28. More than 1,000 Nebraska sophomores, juniors, and seniors auditioned for membership in one of five musical groups: Honor Choir, Festival Choir, Women's Chorus, Honor Band, and Festival Band. Students rehearsed all day, and the clinic culminated with a public performance at the UNK Health & Sports Center.

Nebraska Christian students participated in four of the musical groups. Honor Choir: junior Audra Faeh, alto; junior Stephanie



Above: UNK Honor Band and Choral Clinic participants. Front row (left to right): Rebecca Woods, Lacy Tonniges, Esther Lee, So Young Jung, Abbie Krug. Back row: Beth Ignowski, Michelle Clement, Danielle Richards, Audra Faeh, Janae Landrigan, Stephanie Ritta.

Ritta, soprano. Festival Choir: senior Michelle Clement, alto; senior So Young Jung, soprano; senior Esther Lee, soprano; junior Lacy Tonniges, alto; junior Rebecca Woods,

alto. Women's Chorus: senior Beth Ignowski, soprano; sophomore Janae Landrigan, alto; junior Danielle Richards, soprano. Festival Band: sophomore Abbie Krug, flute.



Top: State Wrestling qualifiers Caden Huenefeld (left) and Mike Swanson. Below: Mike Swanson celebrates after his state wrestling win.



NC Wrestler Takes State

Capping off a very successful season, NC seniors Caden Huenefeld and Mike Swanson qualified for the state wrestling meet in Omaha. Huenefeld, a 4-year state qualifier, wrestled in the 140-pound weight class, and Swanson, a 3-year qual-

ifier, wrestled at 189 pounds. He defeated Clete Vrbka of High Plains 6-4 in the 189-pound Class D championship match.

Swanson spent most of the season ranked first, and he earned his 100th win during the season. Huenefeld also got his 100th win during the season, finishing his career with 122 wins, the most in NC history.

The NC elementary will be presenting the Patch the Pirate musical

Afraidika Fever

March 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars now, and join us for an exciting musical adventure!

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1st Semester Honor Roll

Highest Honors (4.0)

Anna Faeh, Janae Landrigan,
Nathan Ritta, Katrina Troester

High Honors (3.75 - 3.99)

Alice Kim, Tori Swanson, Alycea Unruh, Luke Woods, Hao Hoang, Chrissy Ritta, Sarah Armatys, Audra Faeh, Chansoo Park, Tina Yang, Stephanie Ritta, Andrew Swanson, Liz Smith, Mike Swanson, Abbie Krug, Rebecca Woods, Esther Lee

With Honors (3.5 - 3.74)

Elizabeth Griess, Amber Rain-

bolt, Cheri Garwood, Katherine Welk, Katie Bailey, Jasmine Guo, Anthony Faeh, Danielle Richards, Elizabeth Smith, Karrah Miller
Honorable Mention (3.25 - 3.49)
Danielle Thiessen, Jessica Bailey, Elliot Murphy, Alex Newby, Min-dy Kim, Kimberly Deichmann, Jarrod Thiessen, Braden Swanson, Shannon Rodehorst, Daniel Cronk, Isaac Elge, Emily Murphy, Dan Yang, Raymond Johnson, Young-tae Kim, Alex McCoy, Beth Ignowski

Dollars & Sense by Tom Dockweiler ('79), Business Manager



My editor insists it is time for me to write another column. I looked over my last column and I briefly considered resubmitting it. My editor, however, is much too intelligent for me to get away with that, and most of you would notice, too. So, here is a slightly updated version of my last column.

We are still negotiating with the city of Central City and the Department of Environmental Quality about how and when to connect our campus to the city sewer system. We expect to see God provide the estimated \$250,000 in His time and in His way, but we cannot say when or how He will do that.

To my knowledge, we have one

more \$250 bill on the new building, a couple of pledges yet to come in, and then we should be done. If there is anything left unpaid by the gifts given to the building project, it will be a very small percentage. If you have not had the opportunity to see what God has provided, please stop by any time. We would love to show it to you.

The operating budget, while still slightly ahead for this year, has not recovered the cumulative deficits of the preceding three years. We have held checks for lack of funds at times, and many of you received the first general appeal letter we have sent in years. God has worked in situations like this before. Our current situation is very similar to what we were going through 11 years ago during my first year as business manager. According to previous business managers and administrators I have spoken with, that was not the first time either. Pray that we will be faithful and that God will get the glory for how He handles this current situation.

As we look ahead to next year, we are asking God for more students, more donations, and great wisdom

Calendar of Events*

MARCH

- 7 End of 3rd Quarter
- 9 Choir Tour
Ord E. Free, 10:00 AM
Broken Bow Berean, 4:00 PM
- 10 District Speech at NC
8:00 AM
Board Meeting, *7:14 PM*
- 14-15 Elementary Musical, *7:30 PM*
- 18 Winter Activities Awards Night, *7:00 PM*
- 28-29 Dinner & Benefit Auction

APRIL

- 2 Kindergarten Roundup
8:00 AM
- 6 Choir Tour
Kearney E. Free, 8:30 AM
Minden E. Free, 9:30 AM
- 11 Midterm of 4th Quarter
- 14 Board Meeting, *7:14 PM*
- 20 Choir Tour
Victory Baptist Church (Fullerton)
10:00 AM

MAY

- 6 Spring Activities Awards Night, *7:00 PM*
- 8 Senior Night
- 10 Graduation, *2:00 PM*
- 12 Board Meeting, *7:14 PM*
- 12 8th Grade Graduation
6:30 PM
- 15 School Dismisses Early
11:30 AM
End of 4th Quarter and 2nd Semester

*For additional events, check our website, www.nebraskachristian.org.



Live in Nebraska? Tune in to Dan Woods' and Gordon Thiessen's radio program "Truth in Focus" on KMMJ AM-750 Sundays at 10:30 AM and 8 PM. Be sure to check out their website: www.thinkingbiblically.org

as we seek to reduce expenses. We are confident that God knows what He is doing. Please pray with us that He would make it clear to us what we should be doing and that we would be faithful to do it.

Thanks so much for your part in the ministry of Nebraska Christian Schools. Until next time, may God bless you and yours.

Check Out Our Chapel Web Page!

www.nebraskachristian.org/chapel.html

Listen to past chapel messages and check out who's coming up next!

Eight Participate in Spelling Bee



Above: Spelling Bee champion Tori Swanson (left) and runner-up Daniel Cronk

Seventh grader Tori Swanson took first place in the junior high division of the Merrick County Spelling Bee on February 13. She will go

on to compete at the State Spelling Bee in Omaha. Eighth grader Daniel Cronk came in second. NC's other participants, Kimberly Deichmann (7th) and Derek Rose (7th) advanced to the oral round before being eliminated.

In the 5th and 6th division, all four NC participants advanced to the oral round. Fifth grader Emily Simmons and sixth graders Beran Fisher, Scott Smith, and Haley Warnock participated.

Four Selected to Academic All-State

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) recognizes activities participants who also perform well in the classroom with the Academic All-State Award. Honorees must be considered "difference makers" in an NSAA activity and attain at least a 93% cumulative grade point average on a 100% scale. Four Nebraska Christian students were selected as Academic

All-Staters from fall activities: junior Audra Faeh, volleyball; junior Elizabeth Griess, volleyball; senior Michael Swanson, football; junior Rebecca Woods, cross country.

6 Selected to All District Football Team

Six NC football players were honored with selection to the 2007 D-7 All District Football Team. 1st Team: senior Alex McCoy, kicker; senior Jon Ritta, offensive line; senior Mike Swanson, linebacker.

Killion Joins Staff



We are excited to welcome Gilbert "Gib" Killion to our staff. Gib, who has been a missionary for the past four years, is helping with basketball, the international program, and "anything else that can be done."

After going to church all his life, at the age of 35, Gib "ran into Christ." He cried out to the Lord for forgiveness, and "all things were made new in my life by His grace and mercy." He came to NC because "the Lord just opened the door," so he's here out of obedience to Him, and he looks forward to serving and working for the Lord's Kingdom.

Choir Tour Schedule

The Nebraska Christian choir will be touring on Feb. 24, March 9, April 6 and April 20. The following dates are still open for scheduling concerts: April 6 (afternoon and evening) and April 20 (morning and afternoon). If you are interested in having the choir sing at your church, please call Susan at 308-946-3836 or e-mail sritta@nebraskachristian.org. Please check our website, www.nebraskachristian.org, to see if the choir will be in your area.

Sunday, February 24

- 10:30 AM First Baptist Church, Dannebrog
- 2:30 PM First Church of Christ, Palmer
- 6:00 PM Wood River Mennonite Church

Sunday, March 9

- 10:00 AM Ord Evangelical Free Church
- 4:00 PM Broken Bow Berean Church

Sunday, April 6

- 8:30 AM Kearney E. Free Church
- 9:30 AM Minden E. Free Church

Sunday, April 20

- 6:00 PM Victory Baptist Church, Fullerton

Correction: We incorrectly identified Mr. Dale Roth in last issue's NC Almanac.

see what's happening online at www.nebraska.christian.org

You are cordially invited to attend the

Nebraska Christian Schools Dinner & Benefit Auction

The evening of Saturday, March 29, 2008

Preview for Silent Auction Items

Friday, March 28 - 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Bids may be placed during preview time.

No invitation necessary.

We believe God uses this event to provide financially for Nebraska Christian, and to proclaim our existence and excellence to many who do not know us. Be sure to invite friends that you would like to introduce to NC, or sponsor an entire table and fill it with your guests. Questions? Call the Development Office at 308-946-3836 or 308-940-0264.

Dulcimer, Basic Acoustic Guitar, Husker Nation Tour Featuring Lunch with Ron Brown and Autograph and Photo Opportunity with Tom Osborne, Antique Library Card Catalog, Antiques, 32" LCD HD TV, Snow Blower, Niobrara River Float, Carnegie Hall Tickets, Covered Wagon Elk and Buffalo Tour, Fitness Center Memberships, Variety of Gift Baskets, Golf Items, Toy John Deere Utility Tractor, Week of Camp at Maranatha Bible Camp, Fremont Dinner Train Tickets, Grocery Certificates, 2-bale Hauler, Freshwater Pearl Necklace and Bracelet, Hand Made Baby Cradle and Jewelry Box, Quilting Frame, Queen Size Hand Made Quilt, Off Road Racing Package, Black Hills Tour Package, Kyle Berck Honorary Pit Crew Experience, Pontoon Boat Excursion, Adirondack Furniture, Tickets to Broadway Musical "Annie", Deluxe Leather Office Chair, Turkey Hunt, Branson Trip, Processed Pork, Horse and Buggy Ride and Bed and Breakfast, Burwell Rodeo Tickets, Covered Wagon Ride and Cowboy Cookout, Many Food and Service Coupons, and much more.



Above: Intermediate ESL students (left to right) freshman Alice Kim and sophomores David Kim and Arisa Chon are working hard at their desks.

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gentleness, goodness, love, justice, holiness, and truth.”

There is a difference of how a believer in Christ will view fullness and how a lost, post-modern thinker would view fullness. Clarke’s description of fullness is completely different than that of the world. Instead of meekness, the post-modern thinker would be prideful and arrogant; instead of gentleness, hardness; instead of truth, relativism. God’s desire for us is that we would desire Him. That we would desire the fullness of

God in our lives. That through that desire, there would be meekness, gentleness, goodness, love, justice, holiness and truth.

Psalm 72:25-26 states, “Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.”

May the Lord continue to show mercy on us as we desire Jesus Christ, and may our fullness rest in Him. Be encouraged.

NC Flashback



The above photo features the 2nd grade class on a visit to Stuhr Museum in Grand Island. If you can name five of the people in this photo, you could win an NC baseball cap. Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org.

From the Last Issue (photo at right): Congratulations to David Johnson ('81), who correctly identified the couple as Lowell ('82) and Vicky (Masters' '81) Krieger. Their daughters are Melissa ('05), Stacey ('07), and Stephany (CS '11). Thanks to everyone who entered!



Elementary Pancake Feed Successful

The elementary held its pancake feed on Sat., February 2, in the NC gym. Over 500 people attended this annual event. Elementary students worked hard to sell tickets, and they brought in \$2006. An additional \$587 came in at the door, for a total of \$2593 before expenses.



Above: The top four sellers for the pancake feed were (left to right) Brayden Gustafson (2nd), Scott Smith (6th), Ethan Unruh (5th), and Rachel McHargue (6th).

From the Development Office

by Kathy Chase, Becky Deichmann, and Jody Heuermann



We have moved! We are now located in the west hall of the gym building in Rooms 2 and 3. This move has enabled us to be much more efficient and makes our offices more accessible to our donors. Feel free to stop by anytime.

During the move, we came across a memo sent out by former superintendent Dr. David Edgren in 2003, listing the priorities the staff saw for the Nebraska Christian campus. Of the 17 items listed, the Lord has enabled us to accomplish 11 items! We have also been able to make some improvements that weren't even on the list. It was a timely reminder from the Lord of His generous provisions for NC.

Most of our time for the next couple of months will be occupied with the Dinner and Benefit Auction to be held on March 28 and 29. Donations are coming in every day, and several tables at the dinner have already been sold. Please see the ad on page three for a partial listing of items received as of this writing. Deadline for dinner reservations is March 14. We have a very fun, elegant evening planned, and we expect this event to sell out again this year, so please call our office to secure your seat if you haven't already done so. Tickets are \$40 each, or an entire table may

be purchased for \$320. This event is a great opportunity to introduce people to NC as well as have a fun evening while raising funds for the school. Courtesy valet parking will be available, and the Knights of Rhythm Orchestra will provide dinner music.

Preview Night is Friday, March 28, from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to place silent bids on the hundreds of items that have been donated to the auction by our very generous donors. Many of these items are things you would buy anyway, such as salon services or oil changes, so why not purchase them at our auction and benefit NC? Even if you aren't the winning bidder, your bid is important as it gets the bidding started or raises the bid and encourages others to join in. Also, remember special occasions coming up in your life such as weddings, birthdays, and graduations and consider purchasing those gifts at the auction.

None of what we do would be possible without our hard-working volunteers. Thank you to all who have or will donate time and energy to our auction as well as to those who are able to donate cash or items to sell. Please pray with us that the Dinner and Benefit Auction will not only bring in much needed funds for teachers' salaries, but that it will also be an opportunity to build relationships and introduce others to Nebraska Christian Schools.

Alumni News

Tyson ('06) & Sarah (Garwood '06) Ratliff



Sarah Rebecca Garwood and Tyson Lynn Ratliff were united in marriage at the Atkinson Community Center, Atkinson, Neb., on Oct. 13, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Scott Johnson officiated.

Sarah was escorted by her father, following which a blessing on the couple's marriage was given by their parents, Dennis ('76) & Sandra (Sharman '77) Garwood and Scott ('82) & Monica (Adams '83) Ratliff.

Serving as matron of honor was Amy (Thiessen '06) Senkbile, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kelli Garwood ('06), cousin of the bride, and Crystal (Ratliff FS '07) Gustafson, sister of the groom. Sarah's cousin, Linzie Van Horn, served as miniature bride.

Candle lighters were friends of the couple Lyndsi Kembel (FS '10) and Michelle Toukan (CS '11).

Justin Ratliff (FS '05), brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Riley Garwood ('06) and Truman Faeh ('07). Hunter Dixon, cousin of the groom, was the Bible bearer.

Ushers were Grant Garwood, Andrew McHargue (CS '08), Levi Dixon (FS '09), Luke Gustafson, Jeanne Thompson, and Belinda Howard. Guestbook attendants were Vance and Ellie Garwood.

Wedding ceremony music was provided by the bride and by Trudie Van Horn and Warren Hull. Reception music included selections by Lianna Prill, Haley Hull, Steve and Michele Randolph, and Tom Sharman ('75).

Grandparents of the bride are Evan & Maxine Garwood and Leona Sharman. The groom's grandparents are Ron & Marie Adams, Emery & Dianne Ratliff and Merl & Edna Ross.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple is at home in Phoenix, Ariz.

Adeline Jade Bowerman daughter of Kevin ('90) & Christie Bowerman

Kevin & Christie are proud to announce the birth of Adeline Jade on Nov. 29, 2007. She weighed 8 lbs, 1 oz, and was 20 ½ inches long. The Bowermans currently reside in Springfield, Mo.

Ryan Faeh ('04) & Suzanne Schmid ('04)



Suzanne Rose Schmid of Aurora, Neb., and Ryan Jacob Faeh of Blasdel, NY, will be united in marriage on April 4, 2008, at the Patriot Club at Offutt Air Force Base, Offutt, Neb. Parents of the couple are Daniel & Frances Schmid of Dwight, Neb., and Lanny ('79) & Jewel (Schweitzer '82) Faeh of Central City, Neb.

Memorial Gifts

For: Chuck Bauer
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
For: Maria Bauer
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
For: Jim Dahlke
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
For: Jean Edwards
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
For: Arlene Garwood
From: Dennis & Sandra Garwood
Ross & Linda Garwood
Gil & Dorothy Glad
Bernice Grantham
Patricia Jones
Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Bob Kaltenbach

From: Dave & Ruth Ferris
Gil & Dorothy Glad
Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Nancy Landes
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
For: Don McHargue
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
John & Mary McHargue
Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Lily Oswald
From: Aaron & Mary Reisinger
For: Alistair Parlane
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris
Gil & Dorothy Glad
Darold Ortegren
Deryl & Linda Peterson

Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Rhonda Reisinger
From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore
For: Jeannine Schweitzer
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris
Gil & Dorothy Glad
Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Geraldine Tallman
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
In Honor of:
Dave & Kathy Chase and family
From: Debra Rossbach
In Honor of:
James Wright's Birthday
From: Douglas & Vicki Wright

NC Almanac

10 Years Ago ('98)

- The speech team, coached by Barb Hoff, brings home the Class C-2 runner-up trophy from the state meet in Lincoln.
- 26 seniors graduate on May 8. valedictorian Mike Fuller ('98), co-salutatorians Lisa Anderson ('98) and Josh Merchant ('98), and Rev. Wayne Nestor deliver commencement addresses.
- Tom Dockweiler ('79) receives the Alumnus of the Year award.

20 Years Ago ('88)

- The drama team, coached by Walt Hamilton ('66), presents *Tilly* at the Advance Dinner and at area churches.
- 26 seniors graduate on May 13. Korlynn (Klein '88) Applegate is the valedictorian, and Mike Dick ('88) is the salutatorian.

25 years ago ('83)

- A winter storm postpones the Advance Dinner.
- The class of 1983 graduates 19 members. Sharon (Binder '83) Balentine and Kirsten (Ferris '83) Filian are co-valedictorians, and Lori (Nelson '83) Tweedy and Hope (McGrew '83) Golden are co-salutatorians.

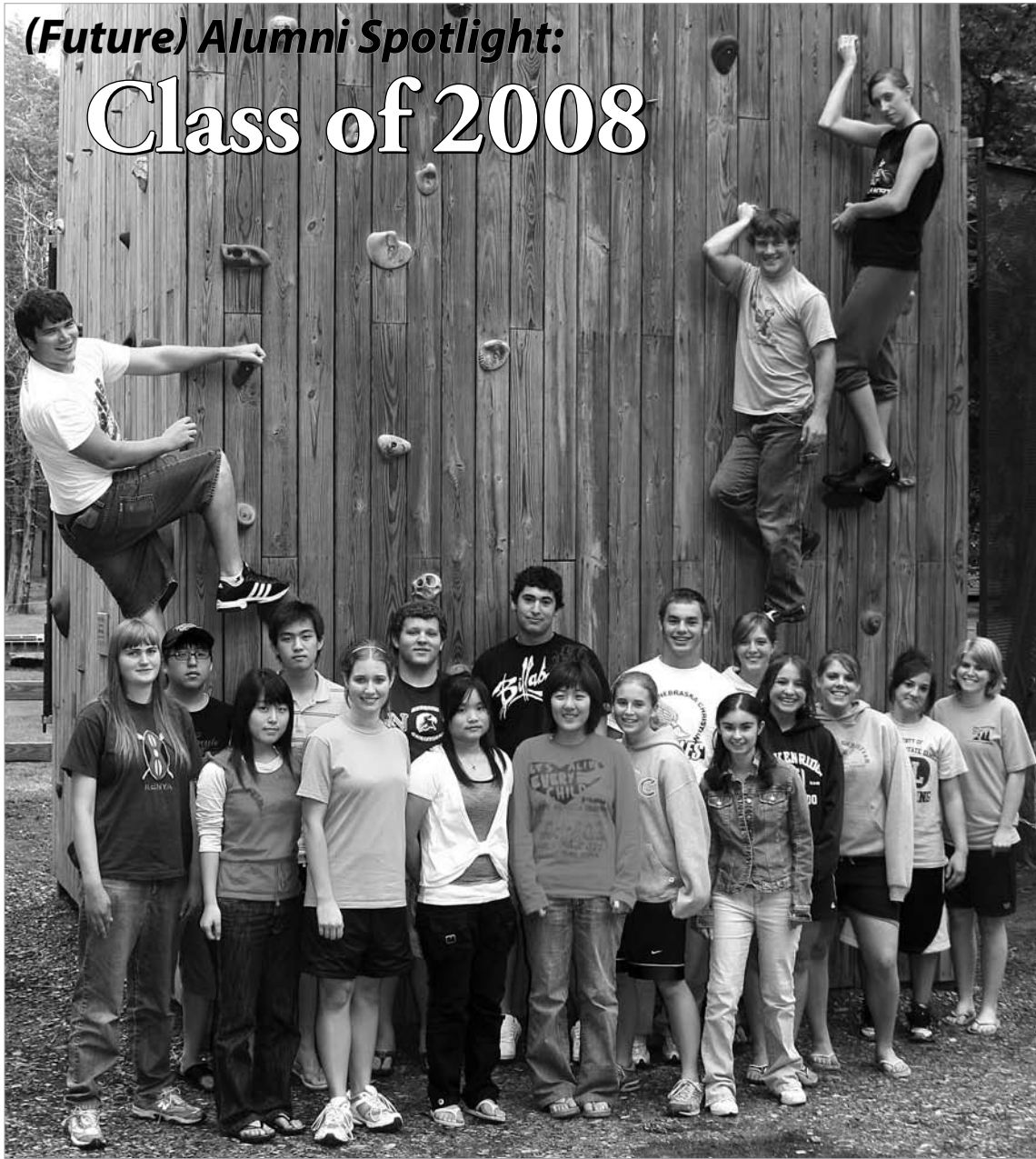
35 years ago ('73)

- April 6 the Christian Education Advance Dinner is held.
- 27 seniors graduate on May 18. Christine (Boehr '73) Harms is the valedictorian, and Marilee (Jones '73) McPherson is salutatorian.

45 years ago ('63)

- The choir appears on KOLN TV's *Choir Loft*.
- May 15-17 Curt Lehman speaks at Missionary Conference.
- On May 24, 17 seniors graduate. Gwen (Smith '63) Dyrud is the valedictorian, and Virginia (Thompson '63) Carpenter gives the honor address.

(Future) Alumni Spotlight: Class of 2008



This Alumni Spotlight features 20 future alumni: The Class of 2008. While some of these students have come and gone through the years, each is listed by the grade he or she first attended Nebraska Christian.

Kindergarten

Katie Leigh Beck is the daughter of Jerry & Linda Beck of Central City. She has attended NC for all 13 years of school. This fall, she will attend Central Community College in Grand Island, majoring in Business Technology. She appreciates NC because it has helped prepare her for the “real world” and

has caused her to have a stronger relationship with Christ.

Ashley Brooke Faeh of Central City has attended NC for a total of 10 ½ years. Her parents Lanny ('79) & Jewel (Schweitzer '82) and brothers Ryan ('04) and Truman ('07) all graduated from NC. She plans to attend college in Colorado and major in music. One of her favorite memories of NC is getting out of class to work on concessions her junior year.

Andrew Mark McHargue is the son of Mark ('85) & Judi (Elsberry '85) McHargue of Central City.

This is Andrew's 11th year at Nebraska Christian. He is considering majoring in Ag Business at a yet to be determined college. He appreciates NC because is “has prepared me to go out into the real world with a Biblical worldview.”

Christine Lee Ritta, the daughter of Mike ('78) & Kathy Ritta of Chapman, has attended NC since kindergarten. One of her favorite NC memories is driving Esther and other dorm girls to Awana. Next year, she hopes to attend UNL.

Jonathan Alan Ritta of Marquette is the son of Ed ('73) & Marilyn

At left, the Nebraska Christian Class of 2008. Front (left to right): Jamie Jividen, Esther Lee, Katie Beck, Tina Yang, So Young Jung, Chrissy Ritta, Katie Bailey. Middle: Young-Tae Kim, Dan Yang, Alex McCoy, Andrew McHargue, Mike Swanson, Liz Smith, Ashley Faeh, Beth Ignowski, Shelby Elge, Brittney Shepherd. Back: Jon Ritta, Caden Huenefeld, Michelle Clement.

Ritta. He has attended NC since kindergarten. His sisters Beth ('98) and Kate Perry ('00) also graduated from Nebraska Christian. His favorite NC memory is Spiritual Emphasis Day his 8th grade year. They played “NC Fear Factor,” and he had to drink fish oil. Next year, he plans to attend college, where he hopes to continue playing football.

1st Grade

Shelby Danae Elge is the daughter of Terry & Kelly (Bokelman '81) Elge of Aurora. Shelby is the second child in her family to graduate from NC; her sister Meagan Dees graduated in 2005. Shelby has attended NC for 10 years, and her future plans include attending college. Shelby's time at NC has influenced her to speak out about her faith and to make her faith her own.

4th Grade

Jamie Lee Jividen has spent seven years at Nebraska Christian. Her parents are Chad ('90) and Ronda Jividen of Hordville. Jamie's future plans include moving to Colorado and attending Frontier School of the Bible. Her favorite memories of NC include learning about the resurrection of Christ and completing the obstacle course at Spiritual Emphasis Day.

7th Grade

Michelle Lane Clement of Palmer is the daughter of Victor Clement and Sherry Clement. Michelle has spent six years at NC, and one of her favorite NC memories is from the D.C. trip when she and Shelby Elge ate four gallons of ice cream and then went running around the hotel. She plans to study art and history in college and participate in volleyball and track.

Michael John Swanson from Dannebrog is the son of John &

**The Senior Class of
Nebraska Christian Schools
announces its
Commencement Exercises
Saturday, May tenth
Two thousand and eight
at two-o'clock in the afternoon
Nebraska Christian Schools Gymnasium**

Sarah Swanson. Three of his siblings, Christy Nix ('02), Ted ('04), and Lindsay ('06) are NC grads. Next year, Mike plans to study history at a 4-year college. He appreciates NC because it has "equipped me with a Christian base to stand on when I leave."

8th Grade

Bethany Dawn Ignowski is the daughter of Dale & Norma Ignowski of Franklin. Beth has attended NC for 5 years. Her favorite NC memory is running through the rain in Washington D.C. while on the freshman-sophomore trip. Beth plans to attend college in the future.

9th Grade

Kathryn Ann Bailey is the daughter of Robert & Lisa Bailey of Osceola. She has attended NC for four years. Her favorite NC memories are each year's Pass the Rose chapel. Katie says that NC has "equipped me to live as a testimony for Jesus Christ." She hopes to attend college next year.

Caden Carl Huenefeld, son of Dan & Linda Huenefeld of Aurora, has attended NC for four years.

He most appreciates the friends he has had at NC because they all held each other to a high standard. In the future, he plans to get a fire science degree and become an EMT.

Elizabeth Dawn Smith has attended NC for four years. Her parents are Steven & Jane Smith of Grafton. Her sister Heather graduated from NC in 2006. She values her education at NC because it "taught me not to take my faith for granted." She plans to go to college and hopefully figure out what God wants her to do with her life.

10th Grade

Brittney Ann Shepherd is finishing her third year at NC. Her parents are Bruce & Valerie Shepherd of Minden. Brittney plans to study early child education in college. Her favorite memories are from last year's junior-senior banquet and the freshman-sophomore Washington, D.C. trip.

Wan Ting (Tina) Yang is the daughter of You Wu Yang & Rui Ying Zhao of Fujiang, China. She has attended NC for 2 ½ years. Next year, Tina hopes to go to college to study nursing, and she'd



Photos clockwise from top left: Senior Tina Yang and Mrs. Ferris stop for a picture in the hallway.

Seniors Michelle Clement (left) and Beth Ignowski help in the office with a mailing.

(Clockwise from top left) Seniors Esther Lee, So Young Jung, Jon Ritta, and Alex McCoy enjoy the Homecoming pep rally.



like to be able to travel around the world. Some of her greatest NC memories come from the time she spent living in the Girls' Dorm, and she is especially grateful for Miss Gina (Mrs. Gina Aspegren), her first dorm mother.

11th Grade

Young-Tae Kim from Bucheon City, South Korea, is the son of Kyungsu Kim & Haesuck Lee. This is his second year at NC. One of his favorite NC memories is waking up early in the dorm to cook a breakfast of noodles, rice, or soup. He is unsure of his future plans.

Dong-Eun (Esther) Lee is from Yonginci, Kyonggido, South Korea. Her parents are Seung-Ho Lee & Hae-Kyong Kim. She has been at NC for two years. Her favorite memory is attending the NC family prayer meetings that are held at the beginning of each semester. She wants to become a designer, and she hopes to attend an art & design school in the fall.

Alexander Davis McCoy from Ord has spend 1 ½ years at Nebraska Christian. His parents are Gene & Jody McCoy. He plans to go to

college next year, and his favorite NC memory is the snow days. Being at NC has challenged him to make his faith his own instead of just claiming his parents' faith.

12th Grade

So Young Jung, from Dae-gu, South Korea, is in her first year at Nebraska Christian. Her parents are Sung-Il Jung & Sun-Hee Yang. Her favorite memory at NC is the trip the international students took to Lincoln and Omaha at the beginning of the school year. She appreciates her time at NC because it has helped her to learn more about what it means to be a Christian. She plans to attend college in the future.

Shih-Chieh (Dan) Yang is in his first year at NC. Dan's parents are Tzu-Yi Yang & Shu-Ling Hsu of Taiwan. After Dan graduates, he will probably go back to Taiwan, but he would like to go to college someday. One of Dan's favorite memories of NC is going to other students' houses during breaks. While at NC, Dan's English has improved dramatically, and he is very thankful for the opportunity to study at NC.

Come to the Advance Dinner!

Please join us for our annual Advance Dinner on April 25, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. A complimentary meal will be served, and students in our music and speech departments will provide entertainment. We hope to see you there!



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133 Sing in Third Festival of Lessons & Carols



Freshmen Alice Kim (left) and Sable Homolka sing during the Festival of Lessons and Carols in December.

Maestro Eric Dale Knapp returned to Nebraska Christian in December for the 3rd annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. 133 singers ranging from junior high to adult spent all day on Dec. 14 practicing with Maestro Knapp. Forty-one elementary students who participated

in the children's choir joined in the practice in the afternoon. That evening, over 450 people attended the concert in the NC gymnasium.

Students from 12 schools as well as several homeschoolers participated in the festival. Schools represented in the choirs included Aurora, Central City, Central Community College, Chapman, Fullerton, Hastings College, High Plains, NC, O'Neill, Ord, Polk County Christian, Sutton Christian, and the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The orchestra, also under the direction of Maestro Knapp, included musicians from Central City, Grand Island, Hastings, and Palmer.



Above: 2007-2008 Nebraska Christian speech team. Left (front to back): So Young Jung, Stephanie Ritta, Audra Faeh, Rebekah Poeffel, Kris Hoehn, Darren Holzinger. Middle: Mike Swanson, Tina Yang, Esther Lee, Janae Landrigan, Head Coach Becky Ritta. Right: Ray Johnson, Kiel Hansen, Abbie Krug, Shannon Rodehorst. Not pictured: Jessica Bailey, Assistant Coach Ruth Ferris.

Left: Jr. High and High School students play a game at the Winter Spiritual Emphasis Day, held at Monroe Evangelical Free Church in Phillips on Feb. 13.