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Why is Worldview Important? Why do we teach it at NC?



by Josh Cumpston, Administrator

Many worldviews including Islam, Secular Humanism, and Post-Modernism are trying to influence everything from marriage to world politics. We are trying to intentionally equip students with a Biblical worldview and help them recognize others that will vie for their attention. We want to prepare them to be salt and light and be ready to share the Gospel. We hope they will be able to interact with, influence, and serve people who don't see the world through the lens of Scripture.

Recent world, national, and first hand events have reinforced to me just how important it is to equip our students with a Biblical worldview and knowledge about competing worldviews. It has also reinforced how important NC and other sources of Biblical worldview education are for youth today. Students need to understand that ideas have consequences.

World Events: In his January 8th "Briefing" podcast following the terrorist attack on the French Newspaper for apparently insulting Mohammed, Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, made two statements that reinforce the value of students developing a Biblical perspective. He said, "One of the fundamental problems among Western elites is that they cannot understand a theological worldview—particularly the

theological worldview of Islam." He also reported that in a recent radio interview Republican Senator Lindsey Graham indicated that he believes we are witnessing a religious war. Mohler observed that Graham is one of the few that has made that connection as the United States government as well as those in Europe haven't understood or been willing to see Islam as a "cultural challenge, a theological challenge, an ideological and, more importantly, a worldview challenge."

On the whole, these acts aren't being associated with a worldview; they are seen in isolation as extreme acts of terrorism. They are extreme acts of terrorism, but they are also the consequences of ideas that come from the Islamic worldview.

We know that not all Muslims are radicalized or this extreme and many in the West don't support these kinds of attacks, but we also know that other Muslims have been unable to stop or even slow these acts of violence. In fact the violence seem to be increasing. We see young men and women, even from the West, being drawn to this worldview.

Mohler writes, "The reality is that secular elites in general find it incomprehensible to imagine exactly what has taken place in Paris—not the what, but the why."

We want our students to not just
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Volleyball: Setting a Record



by Hope Baldwin, senior

The 2014 Lady Eagle Volleyball team had an outstanding record of 27-5 to finish its season—the best volleyball record in school history. The Lady Eagles advanced through subdistricts and onto district finals with some tough games to

get through along the way. Senior Amber Mazankowski said, "The toughest game was definitely [the subdistrict final] against David City Aquinas. God really taught me to rely on my teammates. He showed me that staying positive was something we had to do as a team because, as any volleyball player knows, the game is an emotional roller coaster."

Beating a team like that is definitely a challenge, and the girls had to work very hard to get to that point, but coming together as a team had its benefits. Whether you win or lose, you're called to praise God, and the girls surely did that. With an outstanding win against David City Aquinas, the girls moved on to Sutton. Head Coach Tonya Ostrand said, "Sutton was tough because they were

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Jr. High Boys Participate in Barbershop Workshop

Five Nebraska Christian 8th Grade students took part in the new All-State Middle Level Boys' Barbershop Chorus, sponsored by the Nebraska Music Educators Association. Trevor Cumpston, Ryan Dexter, AJ Longoria, Ben Janssen and Jake Twogood were chosen to sing with the 250-voice chorus. The boys rehearsed in Lincoln on Wednesday, November 19, and the day culminated with a 4:00 p.m. concert at the Lied Center. The Pathfinder Barbershop Chorus from Fremont joined in this

musical evening. The chorus was directed by Adam Scott from Nashville, Tennessee.



Row 1: Ben Janssen, Trevor Cumpston, Jake Twogood. Row 2: AJ Longoria, Ryan Dexter.

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5th grader Cierra Dringman makes a valentine in art class. The Elementary students sent their valentines to a cancer patient.

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



This school year is barely half over, but it is already time to start looking ahead to next year. For my office, that means budgeting. On the income side of our budget, there are two main categories. Those categories are tuition payments and donations. Tuition is by far the largest source of income for Nebraska Christian Schools, but donations are absolutely essential. Without donations, the average student would need to pay \$2,500 more than what they already pay in tuition. Board policy requires that tuition costs be held to a minimum by utilizing other means of fund raising, so each year our budget calls for around \$500,000 in gift income, and each year God provides through the generosity of individuals like you.

Tuition payments come in early

in our fiscal year. By mid-February, however, the only tuition income still flowing is from families who are paying monthly or who are running a bit behind on their semester or quarterly payments. Tuition income doesn't pick up again until June, about one month before our new fiscal year begins. The annual dinner and benefit auction held in March, in addition to funding scholarships for the following year, provides income to the school when tuition income is starting to run out. Each year is different, but during the last two years, the gift income needed to carry us through June and into the next fiscal year has come in. Last year, for the first time in a very long time, early tuition payments were not used to pay end of the year expenses.

This fiscal year appears to be on track to finish in much the same way. Gift income is running slightly behind what we received last

Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 1 Choir Tour
Ord, 10:30 a.m.
Central City, 6 p.m.
- 6 Elementary Musical
7 p.m., PAC in Central City
- 10 Speech Showcase, *6:30 p.m.*
- 20 Auction Preview Night
5-8 p.m.
- 21 Dinner & Benefit Auction
5 p.m.
- 30 Fall Registration Night
7 p.m.
College Prep Meeting for Juniors, *8 p.m.*

APRIL

- 3-6 Easter Break
- 8 Campus Preview & Kindergarten Round-Up
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 10 Spring Concert
7 p.m., PAC in Central City
- 12 Choir Tour
Grand Island, 8:15 & 11 a.m.
Malcolm, 6 p.m.
- 19 Choir Tour
Nebraska City, 10:30 a.m.
Columbus, 5 p.m.
- 28 Music Showcase, *7 p.m.*

MAY

- 5 Senior Night, *7 p.m.*
- 7 Awards & Scholarship Assembly, *8 a.m.*
- 9 Graduation, *10:30 a.m.*
- 13 Last Day of School

For additional events visit
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year but slightly ahead of what we budgeted for this year. If the auction does as well as last year, we will need approximately \$50,000 more in gift income by June 30 to meet our budget for this year.

Regardless of how the year finishes, please pray that we will honor God and give thanks to Him. Pray too that we will be good stewards of whatever God does provide whether through tuition or through gift income. Thanks so much for your part in this annual cycle. Until next time, may God bless you and yours.



Tune in to
AM-750 KMMJ

Saturday at 1:04 p.m.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

to hear Josh Cumpston
and Gordon Thiessen.



Dinner & Benefit Auction March 20-21, 2015

by Kristy Langemeier & Deana Leonard, Special Events Office



More than \$1,200,000 has been raised from our last

twelve auctions. As we are preparing for our 13th auction, we can see God's hand all over this event. He has chosen to bless us not only financially, but also through the community exposure it gives us and the opportunity to invite people to our campus that might not come for any other reason. It is also a time for the entire NC family to work together and give back to the school we all appreciate so much.

We will be accepting items for our Silent and Live Auctions until February 20th. We have found the following to be the most desirable for our audience:

- Stay at a cabin or time share
- Bed and Breakfast
- Purebred puppy
- Golf experience
- Handmade items such as clock & quilts
- Tickets to sporting and fine arts events
- Hunting trips for deer, pheasant, turkey (professional or your own land)
- Unique experiences
- Spa packages

Feel free to call with your creative ideas. We may be able to network some items to create a total package, or you may be able to give us a lead to something we haven't

thought of. Unique experiences have brought thousands of dollars to this fundraiser.

Another great way to give to the auction is by donating cash to underwrite expenses of the event. The more of our expenses that are underwritten by your donations, the greater the profit the school realizes from the sale of tickets and items.

Your company may purchase a corporate table for \$1,000 (\$840 is NC's profit and your tax deduction.) This entitles you to seating for your table of eight (let us know if you need help filling your seats) and prominent recognition in the catalog at the event and in our publications.

Tables of eight can be purchased for \$400 (\$240 is clear profit to NC and your tax deduction.) Invite guests that you would like to introduce to NC such as parents of prospective students, supporters, or bidders at the auction. Your "investment" in this way could result in increasing our student body or support base.

We have found our donors to be very enthusiastic about giving to the Scholarship Auction, thus making a Christian education available to students who might otherwise not be able to attend NC.

Stop by the Special Events Office, call 308-946-3836 or Kristy's cell at 402-209-3282, or email klangemeier@nebraskachristian.org and let us know how you would like to help.

Stuhmers Receive Hall of Faith Award

Each year, the board chooses one or two individuals or couples to receive the Hall of Faith Award. This award is presented for years of service at Nebraska Christian—be it through teaching, giving of time and finances, promoting the school, or being involved in other ways on campus, these individuals have made an impact on Nebraska Christian and its students.

This year, the board selected Kerry & Janice Stuhmer to receive this prestigious honor. Board member Lester Unruh presented this award at the Harvest Festival on November 6. Below is the text of his speech:

In 1989, the couple we honor tonight first became affiliated with Nebraska Christian when they enrolled their three oldest children. Then in the fall of 1990, she became NC's kindergarten teacher. Through the 2012-2013 school year, she continued teaching in the elementary in a variety of grades, and she also served as the elementary head teacher for several of those years. While teaching in the elementary, she also frequently taught 7th grade English. In the fall of 2013, she moved up to the secondary level, teaching ESL, junior high English, art, and FCS, and she became the junior high head teacher. This year, she contin-



Janice and Kerry Stuhmer

ues as the junior high head teacher and also teaches junior high English, junior high art, and FCS.

He has been involved behind the scenes for many years, driving bus both for the route and for activities, being a member of the football "chain gang" at home games, and running sound for a myriad of events. He is a member of the Advisory Council and has served as its secretary for many years.

As a couple, they led the Elementary PTF for many years.

All five of their children are NC graduates: Travis in 1994, Sarah in 1996, Tammy in 1998, Samuel in 2007, and Joanna in 2012. This year, their grandsons Grant and Chantz began attending NC's elementary.

It is my privilege tonight to present the 2014 Hall of Faith Award to Kerry & Janice Stuhmer.

Nebraska Christian Schools 2015 Dinner & Benefit Auction Saturday evening, March 21

5:00 Hors d'oeuvres and Silent Auction bidding

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Live Auction, Scholarship Auction to follow

Reservations for the dinner are \$50 per person and can be obtained by calling the Special Events office at 308-946-3836.

New Staff



Renate Johansen

by Chris Hilderbrand, senior

Originally, Mrs. Renate Johansen was planning to be an English teacher when she enrolled at Doane College, but the thing she noticed on classroom visits was that the students didn't really seem to like the class. This upset her, as she wanted to work with students who wanted to be in the class and would enjoy her teaching. Eventually, she switched her major to Art.

After graduating, Johansen took a job teaching K-12 Art in Deshler from 1996 to 2002, and from there she turned to teaching homeschool art.

NC's superintendent Josh Cumpston approached Johansen earlier this year, asking if she would come to NC to fill a void in the art department. Originally, she refused because she was already busy teaching her own children as well as the others in the homeschool group. But over time, after hearing Cumpston on the radio and spending time in prayer, she felt that God was calling her to teach at Nebraska Christian. She began teaching the Art I & II classes three days a week when school resumed in January.

Johansen says that she especially likes three things about the school: the international program, starting the class period by going to God in prayer, and the respectful attitudes displayed by the students here.



Trish Murphy

by Madi Fuehrer, junior

Nebraska Christian Elementary School is a wonderful place for children to grow and learn in a Christ-centered environment. The elementary school has a great staff to help the kids with their education. For the spring semester, Nebraska Christian hired Trish Murphy as a teacher's aid for the 3rd through 6th grades. Murphy is replacing her daughter-in-law Janelle (Bailey '10) who left to stay at home with her newborn son.

Prior to coming to NC, Murphy worked for seven years at Polk County Christian School. She said that some of the kids from Polk County Christian actually end up coming to NC. Murphy also talked about how she enjoys being on campus and looks forward to getting to know the kids as she continues her career.

Murphy certainly is no stranger to Nebraska Christian, as her husband Chuck is on the NC board, and their children Charlene ('04), Holly ('06), Emily ('09), Elliot ('10), and Talia ('14) are all NC grads. Their youngest, Tara, is currently an NC junior.



Kaity Flynn ('06)

by Hope Baldwin, senior

Meet the new girls' dorm "mom" for the second semester of the 2014-2015 year, NC alum Kaity Flynn!

Flynn said, "It is my honor to

invest in the lives of the girls who live in the dorm on a daily basis." She also tutors and plans the activities for the dorm. Flynn will be graduating from Moody Bible Institute in May with a Bachelor's in TESOL, which stands for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. She is also working with the University of Nebraska at Kearney to receive her teaching certificate in 7th-12th English Education and in ESL (English as a Second Language).

In her spare time, Flynn loves to read and create. She said, "I knit, spin, sew, and if I get a chance, I love to sing and play piano with my sister Marilla." Flynn's parents are choir and band teacher Mike Flynn and 9th-12th science and 8th grade math teacher Dee Flynn. Flynn's older siblings Mandy ('95) and Michael ('97) are also

NC grads, and her younger sister Marilla is an NC sophomore.

Flynn said, "I came to NC as a senior. Mr. Larry Hoff approached me to work on conversational English with a Japanese student. It was that moment that set me on the path, albeit a round about one, to pursuing ESL as a career and a mission." When asked about a particular verse or passage that affected her life, she said, "One passage that has been rumbling around my mind and has been on my heart for the past two months is 1 John 2:1-11. In a nut shell it talks about 'If you're going to talk the talk, you need to walk the walk.'" There is a lot of truth in that statement, and we must truly count the cost of our walk with the Lord and challenge ourselves to take up our cross daily.

The NC family is happy to welcome Flynn home again!

NC Flashback



Can you identify these ensemble students from the early 2000's? How about these students from the early 90's? Send your guesses on one or both photos to nc@nebraskachristian.org or send us a message on our Facebook page. You'll get one entry for each photo that you correctly identify, and we'll choose a winner from all the entries.

#NCEagles



The Next 50 Years: Construction Under Way!

by Stephani (Deichmann '03) Francl, Development Director



The new girls' dorm is fully funded—Praise the Lord! It didn't happen according to “plan,”

but God's ways are higher than our ways, and He has done amazing things at NC in the last 12 months. Here is how it happened...

In February of 2014, we kicked off The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign. The plan was to renovate three buildings—the gym/dining/music building, the girls' dorm, and the boys' dorm, in that order—each of which were built about 50 years ago. The goal was to prepare the campus to serve Nebraska Christian's students and glorify the Lord for another 50 years. With a \$125,000 matching grant in hand, we kicked off the campaign and started making plans to tackle the gym building renovation first.

God was (as He always is) tweaking plans, changing hearts, moving donors to give, closing doors, opening windows, and ultimately changing the entire direction of the campaign.

By early spring the campaign's focus shifted from renovating the gym to renovating the girls' dormitory. What brought about this change?

Lots of prayer, many discussions, sleepless nights, and a unified sense that the girls' dorm had to be addressed first. While the girls' dorm doesn't affect all of our students on a daily basis like a gym renovation would, the existing girls' dorm has serious structural issues that needed to be addressed immediately. As the Building Subcommittee dove into renovation plans, it became evident that another option should be explored: building new.

The funding for a new girls' dormitory began to come in at the same time as the building plans for the new construction project were being developed. Before school ended in May of 2014 (only three months after the campaign's launch), much of the funding needed for the dorm was ready and waiting, and the plans for the building were falling into place. We broke ground in summer of 2014 so that the building could open in summer of 2015.

Throughout the fall of 2014 and leading up to Christmas, funds continued to trickle in, but costs in addition to the building (things like landscaping, furnishings, etc.) were finalized and added to the total need. Miraculously, all of the funds required to complete the en-

tire dorm project were received by December 31, 2014.

Are you blown away by God's provision?

God provided \$1,300,000 in 321 days. That's an average of \$4,049.84 per day. *\$4,049.84 per day!*

And on top of all that, God continues to move people to give to the school's general budget needs; therefore, all the teachers continue to be paid on time, and the school's bills continue to be covered each month.

In January as the framing went up and the dream of a dorm began to turn into reality, dorm parent Kaity Flynn ('06) couldn't contain her excitement: “All I see are benefits [to living in the new dorm]! More space, updated facilities and furnishings – it will be a blank slate. I love the current dorm for its character and memories, but I am excited to move into the new dorm and start filling the halls with laughter, stories, and new memories. One of my favorite times in the dorm is when we are all together, laughing and talking while cooking or eating in the kitchen. I am so excited to use the new kitchen with the girls. It is in the kitchen that a group of people who merely live together morphs into a tight-knit family.”

Students who have gone through

NCs dorms live all over the world, and so many look back on their time in the dorm with great fondness as a home away from home. When asked how living in the dorm impacted her life, Alicia, a current student, replied, “I have been living in the dorm since I was an 8th grader. When I first started living in the dorm, lots of things were hard for me, but our dorm parents and sisters helped me a lot. So for now, they are my real family and part of my life.”

This new girls' dorm facility will help NC make a difference for The Next 50 Years and more as it continues to “build lives for eternity.” Thank you for the part you have played in making this project become a reality on this campus.

As we look forward to 2015, please pray for the NC Board, Foundation Board, and the Building Subcommittee as they make plans for Phase 2, which will address the needs of the gymnasium/dining/music building. Options are being researched and explored. Please pray that the Lord's leading will be clear and that He will be glorified throughout the process.

Praise the Lord for what He accomplished in 2014! May He be glorified for The Next 50 Years and more in the new girls' dormitory.



Maestro Knapp conducts the festival orchestra during the prelude.

Festival of Lessons & Carols Returns to NC

by CJ Ruybalid, senior

photos by Susanna (Weiss '99) Poeffel

Following a year off, the Festival of Lessons & Carols returned to Nebraska Christian on Friday, December 12. Students from NC, Central City, Palmer, Aurora, High Plains, and area home schools participated in an all-day workshop that culminated in the evening's Festival of Lessons & Carols. The event was led by internationally known conductor Maestro Eric Dale Knapp and featured keyboard artist Linda Sweetman-Waters.

Knapp has made it a yearly tradition to help with the festival. "I am committed to this; I always revolve my schedule around this event," he said. "This event is unique because it has dozens of different people from different backgrounds work-

ing for months. It reflects upon the story of Christianity with the power of God to sustain us. This event is great for people who can't hear the spoken word; the music here carries the Gospel."

Knapp has been fascinated with music ever since he was a child. He played the piano from a very young age, which helped move him in the direction of his current career. He views his career as a calling to serve and a great way to spread the Gospel.

Approximately 300 musicians in the Festival Choir, Orchestra, and Children's Choir helped make the 2014 Festival a success, and more than 500 people attended the event.

The Festival can be heard in its entirety on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/user/NebraskaChristian).



Junior Matt Myers, senior Levi Elge, and senior Taylor Swantek sing with the NC Octet.



Row 1: Maddie Kirby, Brittany Ritta, Taylor Swantek, MaKenna Loy, Marilla Flynn, Wendy Bornmann, Juan Lasso. Row 2: Adrian Epp, Ethan Unruh, Levi Elge, Cameron Langemeier, Matthew Myers.

UNK Honor Band & Choir

Eleven NC students were selected to the University of Nebraska at Kearney's Honor Band & Choir. They took part in a day-long workshop at UNK on January 26, and the day culminated in an evening concert on the UNK campus.



Row 1: Marilla Flynn. Row 2: Matthew Myers, Levi Elge, Ethan Unruh

Four Selected to All-State Chorus

Four Nebraska Christian students were selected to be a part of the 2014 All-State Chorus sponsored by the Nebraska Music Educators Association.

Seniors Levi Elge (Bass 2) and Ethan Unruh (Tenor 2), junior Matthew Myers (Bass 1), and sophomore Marilla Flynn (Soprano 1) were among the 440 students that comprised the chorus. Guest

conductor for the group was Craig Jessop, Dean of the Caine College of the Arts at Utah State University and also Music Director of the American Festival Chorus and Orchestra. The chorus rehearsed November 19-21, with a final public concert on November 21 at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Nebraska Lincoln campus.

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understand the what, but also the why. They need to understand from a Biblical worldview what is really at stake. There is a clash of worldviews at the international level, and this has major implications for the next generation.

National Events: In the 2015-2016 school year, Minnesota will become the 33rd state whose high school sports league policies allow students who self-identify as transgender to play on the opposite gender's sports teams. Our laws are following the cultural shift away from what is taught in Scripture. As our students leave NC, they will need to be able to live effectively as part of a shrinking minority that still believes in the truth of God's Word applied to all areas of life, including things such as gender identity.

We see other aspects of the nuclear family eroding in our culture, and the impact of these ideas is changing our country for future generations. Our students must be prepared to stand strong in the face of societal pressure and criticism for their beliefs, while at the same time being able to love and dialogue with people that disagree with them. This is one major way we can show the world Christ's love and have a platform from which to share truth.

NC Events: The last two years I have led my Senior Bible class to Washington, D.C. as a capstone experience of their US Government and History classes and to study worldview. On one of the days we begin at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. The museum greets visitors with a small golden rat-like statue and proclaims this is what

all mammals have evolved from. There is a cartoon video that is produced for children about the evolution of this rat-like creature into all of the kinds of mammals today. The exhibits in this museum proclaim evolution as fact. Its message that we are all related and are animals ourselves clearly undercuts a creator and mankind created in God's image. Its survival of the fittest mantra takes out absolute moral truth as an option.

In the afternoon we tour the Holocaust Museum where students learn about Hitler's rise to power in Germany and the start of World War II in Europe. Our students see video, pictures, and displays of the atrocities the Nazis committed against other humans as they tried to destroy Jews and other ethnicities they felt were inferior to the Aryan race as well. If you have been to this museum, you probably remember how somber it is as you learn about the evil that man is capable of.

Debriefing with students at the end of this day is always the most powerful part of this trip. They often say that they know about evolution but have never really thought people could believe it so strongly. They talk about how they are shocked when they see parents and teachers explaining to students that evolution is how humans came to be. Two students shared they heard a small girl exclaim with delight to her dad, "Now I get it, I always wondered how it happened," and they wanted to tell her, "No, this isn't what happened at all!" Many also drew the conclusion that Hitler was just carrying out the evolution worldview when he savagely murdered millions of



80¢ by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director

I've been thinking about "quenching the Spirit" and how I do that in my life and how I can learn NOT to do that. I believe listening to the Spirit takes some practice, and so many times we don't get to exercise (and grow) our spiritual muscles because we talk ourselves out of doing the very thing we're prompted to do.

EXAMPLE: I'm standing in line at the Dairy Queen and I see someone come up 80¢ short. I think "I could cover that easily enough... I've got a dollar bill in my pocket." I start to reach for the bill. Then, I think "No—that's silly. It will be embarrassing—and, besides, people should live within their means and be able to pay for what they order." I end up not doing anything.

That's maybe a goofy example—or not.

It illustrates how often we may have a thought that is probably the Holy Spirit—and we miss the opportunity to walk in the Spirit and learn how to be led by the Spirit.

Obviously, if it may harm someone or is clearly just a "pride thing," then back off. But don't talk yourself out of it... assume it's the Holy Spirit.

I'd like to challenge you to "just do it." If you are driving down the street and see an elderly woman struggling to get out of her car...

people. He was acting as if we were all animals that have evolved accidentally, without moral absolutes, taking what we desire without conscience. They see firsthand that ideas do have consequences.

These are just some of the issues and ideas our kids will be faced with. They will need discernment and understanding of Scripture to live in but apart from the culture.

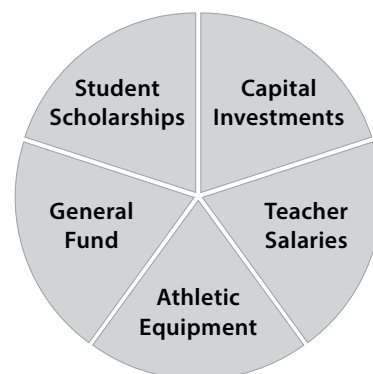
They will have many other de-

and a voice inside says "stop and help her" then just do it—before you talk yourself out of it. If you are in church listening to a missionary and you have this thought that you should give all the cash you're carrying in your pocket (even if it's over \$20) then just do it.

Would you think of this with your NC Foundation giving as well? I realize there is huge value in taking time to make decisions... and conferring with others who may be influenced by the decision. But, I think we miss opportunities to be stretched—and blessed.

*Do not quench the Spirit.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:19*

Take a look at the following endowment areas:



Is the Spirit prompting you in one of these areas? If so, I would really like to talk with you about a gift of cash, real estate, life insurance, will, or bequest. You can call me at 308-940-0249 or send me an email at jheuermann@nebraskachristian.org.

decisions to make in life such as choosing a church, a spouse, and how to raise their own families in a world that isn't always friendly to Christians.

Growing up today is tough. I am glad that NC emphasizes equipping students with a Biblical worldview. My fear is that there aren't many places still doing this, which makes our job at Nebraska Christian vital.

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Alumni News



Paul & Ruby Schreiber 65th Anniversary

Longtime NC supporters Paul & Ruby Schreiber recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married February 19, 1950, in Columbus, Nebraska, at St. John's Lutheran Church (Shell Creek). They have resided in Nebraska most of their married life, except for five years in Yates Center, KS. Their children are requesting a card shower in their honor. Cards may be sent to 2507 20th Ave, Central City, NE 68826.

Their family includes children Linda & Jim Lukesh of Lincoln; Dee & Rick Huggins of Plano, Texas; and Larry & Denise Schreiber of Central City. They have ten grandchildren: Beth & Darren Brickel of Castle Pines, Colorado; Jenny & Justin Kilzer of Grand Island; Barb Lukesh of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; John & Amanda Lukesh of Lincoln; Devin & Monica Huggins of Houston, Texas; Patrick Huggins of Plano, Texas; Josh ('99) & Chancey Schreiber of Yuma, Arizona; Amy Schreiber ('02) of Grand Island; Drew ('04) & Lydia (Kinney '04) Schreiber of Central City; and Tyler ('05) & Jena (Ward '05) Schreiber of Queen Creek, Arizona. They also have 13 great-grandchildren and two more on the way.

Nancy (Glynn '74) Cook Eulogy

Nancy (Glynn) Cook, 59, of Meeker, Colorado, passed away January 13, 2015, after a 16-month battle with cancer.

Born November 23, 1955, in Norco, California, to Lee and Joyce (Kellogg) Glynn, Nancy was the first of four children born to that union. She attended the Palmer Public Schools and later attended Nebraska Christian High School at Central City, Nebraska, graduating with the class of 1974. It was at Nebraska Christian that Nancy heard, understood and trusted in the wonderful gospel message that offers forgiveness of sin and eternal life to anyone who will trust in Christ's payment for sin on their behalf.

Following high school, Nancy attended Western Bible College in Denver, Colorado, graduating in 1979 with a Bachelors of Missions Degree. She married Kim Cook on September 15, 1979, in Meeker, Colorado. Kim continued his studies, and shortly before his seminary graduation in Denver, they welcomed their first daughter, Lindsey ('04), into the family. After pastoring churches in Colorado and Nebraska, the family settled in Meeker where their second daughter, Sydney, was born.

Nancy was a dedicated mother, attending and helping with the many activities and sports her daughters participated in. Even while caring for her family, she found time to work. She was employed in the local abstract office, did title work for the Bureau of Land Management, and worked with the handicapped through the Horizons organization.

When her twin granddaughters were born two-and-a-half years

ago, they added great delight to her life, and she spent as much time with them as she could. She was happiest when sharing time with close friends and family, and kept in touch with many through the years.

Nancy is survived by her husband Kim; two daughters: Sydney Cook of Denver, Colorado, and Lindsey (Tim) Frankl and their twin daughters of Meeker, Colorado; her mother, Joyce Glynn, of Central City, Nebraska; two brothers: Rod Glynn ('75) of Central City, Nebraska, and Donn (Michelle) Glynn ('81) of Clarks, Nebraska; a sister, Janet (Glynn '79) Corich of Morrison, Colorado; one niece and five nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lee Glynn.

Throughout her battle with cancer, Nancy kept strong in her faith, even at the end. She looked forward to being with Jesus and seeing her dad, as well as many friends who have gone before her and had the privilege of enjoying all that God has promised to those who call Him their Father. She was a believer in Christ because she was imperfect, a sinner just like all of us here today. But now all the imperfections have been taken away and we can envy her because she has left all the blemishes of this life behind, while we still groan under the burden of that load until we can also fly away to a better life. She hopes that you, too, will bet your soul that the death of Jesus Christ is an all-sufficient payment for your sin, and join her someday in a world unstained by the sin and sorrow which so often discolors this one.

NC Almanac

10 years ago ('04-'05)

- The Board considers what steps to take in updating the school's facilities.

20 years ago ('94-'95)

- Longtime NC receptionist Judy (Grantham '62) Taylor retires.
- 70 people attend January's Alumni Day
- Andrea Krug ('99) wins the junior high division of the Merrick County Spelling Bee, and Kate Ritta ('00) is runner-up.

30 years ago ('84-'85)

- The choir attends the Albion Choral Clinic.
- The 8th grade shop class builds two storage sheds for the school.

40 years ago ('74-75)

- A new boiler system is purchased for the Ad Building. This system will be used for the next 39 years.
- John Ellefson becomes the varsity boys' basketball coach, and Eben Graves becomes the JV coach.

50 years ago ('64-'65)

- 135 students are enrolled for the second semester.

Alumni:

Follow our blog to catch up with former classmates and teachers.

We've recently featured Mr. Ruben Ruybalid and Mrs. Lois Ludden, and we'll soon be checking in with several alumni.

See blog posts geared toward our alums at nebraskachristian.org/category/alumni

Memorial Gifts

For: Keith Ward Barthel & Dorothy Irene Barthel	Steen & Rogene Stone
From: Their four sons Craig, Weston, Alan & Kerry	Sue & Gene Sullivan
For: Tim Binder	Kenny & Sharon Tibbett
From: Phil & Gwen Binder	Delton & Cheryl Wegner
Wilma Binder	Scott & Patty Welk
Marilee McPherson	Marcia Wichmann
Mr. & Mrs. David Miller	For: Jerry Danhauer
Jim & Darla Rasmussen	From: Ed & Marilyn Ritta
Ed & Marilyn Ritta	For: Elsie Kasten
Mildred Root	From: Danny & Amy Bailey
Euseekers Williams, Jr. & Sheryl Williams	B. J. Bauer
For: Marie Buller	Bill & Jeanette Bauer
From: Darlene Meinert	Truman & Vonda Bauer
Regional West Physicians Clinic	Glenn & Dawn Callander
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For: Nancy Cook	Cornerstone Bank
From: Donal Bard	Becky Deichmann
Robin & Dianne Baughman	Gordon & Jewell Deichmann
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Walter & Donna Cook	Dave & Ruth Ferris
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Carolyn Davis	Carla Hill
Charles Gleason	Richard & Linda Johnson
Lorene Glynn	Leon Nelson
Constance Hughes	Alice Osterman & Tom Davis
Billie Gee & Janet Koenig	Dale & Sandra Price
Daryl & Jeanne Lutes	Bob & Susan Ritta
Dennis & Priscilla Millsap	Dorothy Ritta
Beverly O'Neil	Ed & Marilyn Ritta
Patricia Prochaska	Eddra Ritta
Becky Ritta	Mildred Root
Bob & Susan Ritta	Mike & Susan Royle
Ed & Marilyn Ritta	Duane & Jane Ruppert
Mike & Kathy Ritta	Larry & Denise Schreiber
Tom & Jody Ritta	Paul & Ruby Schreiber
Susan Rolo	Ken & Judy Taylor
Kim & Diana Ross	Carla Teel
Marilyn Salley	Scott & Patty Welk
Cleon & Lila Schwarz	For: Elsie Kasten "a beloved friend and outstanding life-long bond servant of God!"
Greg & Karen Senkbile	From: Leon & Sandra Friend
L.K. & Peggy Shults	For: Ed Lovejoy
Ethel Starbuck	From: Ed & Marilyn Ritta
Betty Stiles	For: Dean Paulsen
Mike & Donitte Stiles	From: Ed & Marilyn Ritta
	In Honor of:
	Janice Stuhmer's Birthday
	From: Anita Comstock

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diverse and competitive and we played very tight... not very well against them." The volleyball team ended its season that game against Sutton, losing in four sets.

Regarding the season, sophomore Reagan Williams said, "The sport of volleyball shows me that your ability is not from you; it's from God. It's taught me that I need to rely on God for everything and give Him the glory for it."

Senior Emily Simmons agreed, saying, "I have learned to be a team player and have realized that everything our team accomplished was through the Lord."

The team accomplished much throughout the season. One accomplishment included beating Burwell in the Goldenrod Conference Tournament championship, as well as being the conference regular season champion. No other NC team had ever won the Goldenrod Conference Tournament before. Coach Tonya Ostrand said that win was one of her most memorable moments of the season, along with beating David City Aquinas in the subdistrict finals.

Freshman Claire Ostrand said, "One of the most memorable moments for me this year was winning against David City Aquinas. I was so thankful for all our fans cheering for us. It was very encouraging." The NC crowd that night was a great one indeed.

Bringing the glory back to God, Coach Tonya Ostrand said, "God teaches us so many things through sports. This year He blessed us immensely throughout the season. We had no injuries and little depth (only nine players on Varsity), but the girls got along and worked hard. We did have a few bumps in the road, but the girls learned to work through adversity and did a better job this year of not falling apart when things didn't go their way. We still have a lot to work on, but it is getting better. Our theme, especially for the post season was: Trust the Lord, trust your teammates, and trust your training. It was a fun and exciting season. I am proud of the girls and what they were able to accomplish."

Many of the girls took a lot away from the season in regards to trusting the Lord, their teammates, and their training. It is ultimately all about bringing the glory to God and enjoying Him through it. The volleyball team did a great job this 2014 season in their performance and their attitude as well. As Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Trusting in the Lord, the volleyball team had a steady path to follow this year. Praise God for the amazing 2014 volleyball season!

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Front: Isabella Yang, Chau Nguyen, Sklyer Qu. Middle: Austin Nguyen, John Tran, Phillip Nguyen, William Le, Kyle Kim. Back: Adrian Epp, Lewis Nguyen, Martin Nguyen, Albert Yang, Kevin Lin, Math teacher Andy Falk.

Math Day by Taylor Van Pelt, senior

On Thursday, November 20th, several Nebraska Christian math students had the opportunity to show their smarts at this year's annual Math Day at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Students from all size classifications and from all across the state went to compete for a chance at a \$6,000 scholarship. The NC students who competed represented the school well. Over 1600 students were in attendance, and out of the 13 NC students who competed, 9 of them placed in the top 50% of the testing. Three of them were in the top 100 of all the students. Senior William Le and junior Albert Yang placed in the top 40 and advanced to the second round of competition. The team as a whole placed 1st in their class and 8th overall. Math teacher Andy Falk said that the students who participated represented NC in a godly manner, and he congratulates them on their success.

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- March 1 **Ord E Free** 10:30 a.m.
Grace Bible Fellowship Church Central City, 6:00 p.m.
- April 12 **Grand Island E Free** 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. services
Northwest Community Church Malcolm, 6:00 p.m.
- April 19 **Calvary Community Church** Nebraska City, 10:30 a.m.
1st Baptist Church Columbus, 5:00 p.m.