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It's Almost Spring

by Josh Cumpston, Administrator



Ahh, spring!

The robins return, the buds on trees begin to bloom, there is a certain smell in the air before and after rain, and the day-to-day budget at Nebraska Christian gets very tight. Being new to Nebraska Christian, I have been asking lots of questions and looking through lots of information to try and understand the history and how God has used this school — and it is amazing. One of the things that caught my eye almost immediately is that over the past several generations there have been times that the school hasn't had the money to pay its staff on time. Many of you know that this was the case as recently as last year.

Historically this has happened at different times of the year, but in recent years, it has been an April/May occurrence. This happens at this time of the year because the tuition money that came in at the start of 1st and 2nd semester and the gift income to that point has been spent. I think it surprises almost everyone that this shortfall has been a normal occurrence, especially when the Benefit Auction

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Above: The elementary students prepare to march in the annual Veteran's Day parade in Central City.

Rittas Receive 2011 Hall of Faith Award



At the Harvest Festival on November 4, school board member Lester Unruh presented the 2011 Hall of Faith Award to Robert ('69) & Susan Ritta. Following is the text of his speech.

"The couple we honor tonight has more than 50 years of combined service at Nebraska Christian. He attended Nebraska Christian for high school, graduating in 1969. She began working in the office in 1973. They married in the spring of 1976 and in the fall together moved to Dallas where he continued his education at Dallas Theological Seminary.

"In 1986, the young family, which now included two children, returned to NC as Boys' Dorm Parents. They served in that capacity for six years, during which time their youngest two children were born. He spent

many years teaching junior high and sophomore Bible, where he was well known for his "service assignments" which required students to spend 30 minutes each week helping someone without pay. Eventually, he eased over to the maintenance side of things, and he is now the head of maintenance and food service. He spends countless hours keeping the campus looking beautiful and running smoothly.

"She returned to the office in 1995, replacing retiring receptionist Judy Taylor. When the Marquette campus opened in the fall of 1999,

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Student Transfer Deadline: March 15, 2012

Do you know any new 10-12 grade students planning to come to NC in the fall? For transfer students to be immediately eligible in the fall, application to NC must be made on or before March 15, 2012. This would allow the student to be eligible for all NSAA varsity level activities.

All incoming freshmen are immediately eligible regardless of when they apply.

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



Quarterly Giving

Needed: \$125,000 Actual: \$60,874

And Abraham called the name

of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said, 'In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.'

Genesis 22:14 (KJV)

So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, 'On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.'

Genesis 22:14 (NIV)

In Genesis 22, we are introduced to Jehovahjireh, a name that reminds us we have a God who sees and sees to our need, or, alternatively, a God we can see because He sees to our need. The passage is rich with insight into our God and our relationship to Him.

We often legitimately use this name in the context of physical or financial needs, and God does meet us in those contexts. The ministry of Nebraska Christian Schools is evidence of that truth. The focus of this passage is not on physical or financial needs, but on a more foundational and profound need we all have.

God has demanded a sacrifice. For three days Abraham has traveled, knowing that if God does not intervene, his son will die and with him the promises of God concerning his son. Two questions face Abraham: Does God see how this jeopardizes the promises He has made? Will He see to it that the promises are fulfilled?

The answer to both questions is yes. The writer of Hebrews tells us,

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"By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac...Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead." Hebrews 11:17-19 (KJV). The evidence for this is also found in the Genesis 22 passage.

In verse 5, Abraham tells the young men that "I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." Isaac notices the need in verse 7, saying, "Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham responds in verse 8 with, "God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering."

Indeed hundreds of years later, in those same mountains, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world was crucified because God saw and saw to our greatest need. The question for us is do we see this God who has seen to our need? In the mount of the LORD it has been seen! On the mountain of the LORD it has been provided!

This passage pretty much dwarfs any concerns I might have about whether God is aware of the fact that being \$100,000 behind in budgeted gift income after the first half of the year is a threat to the mission of Nebraska Christian Schools. It even addresses my concerns over whether He has a plan for meeting this need. If you come to me like Isaac and point out the need, I can't tell you how or when, but I can tell you, the Lord will provide. He is all we really need. He is the God who sees and sees to our need.

Having watched God in the past, I can tell you that it is likely His provision for Nebraska Christian Schools will come from the generosity He has instilled in the hearts

Calendar of Events*

FEBRUARY

- 19 Choir Tour
22 Campus Preview,
8:15 AM - 1:15 PM

MARCH

- 9-10 Elementary Musical, 7:00 PM
11 Choir Tour
12 Ensemble sings at
Danger Football Game
Grand Island, 7:05 PM
23 Auction Preview, 5:00-8:00 PM
24 Dinner & Benefit Auction
31-April 1
No Compromise
Weekend, Central City

APRIL

- 8 Easter
11 Kindergarten Roundup
8:00 - 11:00 AM
13 Advance Dessert, 7:00 PM
15 Choir Tour
29 Choir Tour

MAY

- 4 Spring Concert at PAC,
Central City, 7:00 PM
12 Graduation, 10:30 AM
15 8th Grade Graduation,
6:30 PM
17 School Year Ends, 11:30 AM

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

of individuals like you. Only He knows exactly what that looks like. Please consider the possibility that He will use you to meet this need, and respond if He calls you to give. In the end we will also see Him because He has seen and seen to our need.

Thanks so much for your prayers and financial support of Nebraska Christian Schools. Until next time, may God bless you and yours.



Tune in Saturday
afternoons at 1:04 p.m.
and Sunday mornings
at 10:30 a.m. to hear
Josh and Gordon on
AM-750 KMMJ.



Above: The Festival Choir sings under the direction of Maestro Eric Dale Knapp.

Development Office

by Becky Deichmann, Kathy Chase, and Jody Heuermann



“They’re great kids. This energy and what we’re building here, it’s kind of amazing,” commented international conductor Eric Dale Knapp during a recent interview with a local TV station regarding the 7th Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. And that’s what happens when you bring 200 junior and senior high school students from five different schools and some home school students to the Nebraska Christian campus for one very full day of rehearsal. Add to that a 50-voice children’s choir, a 27-piece orchestra, an organist from New Jersey and an international conductor from New York City, and the result is an awe-inspiring performance that many would say is their most meaningful worship experience of the Christmas season.

This year the sold-out crowd also enjoyed performances by opera and concert singer Megan

Knapp of New York City and Kala Balch, a Hastings native whose career has taken her from the TV screen to major motion pictures as a professional session singer and performer. Other featured soloists and small group singers included Josh and Allene Cumpston, Kaity Flynn (’06), Susan Ritta, Lester Unruh, Jeanette Benson, the NC quartet (Katherine Welk, Zoe Flynn, Joey Sun, and Derek Rose), and the Grand Island Evangelical Free Church quartet (Jeanette Benson, TiLynn Scott, Steven Scott, and Eric Benson).

“It’s just amazing to be able to perform with this caliber of instruments and performers,” said Mike Flynn, NC’s Music Director. “Having Maestro Knapp and the professional musicians and singers work with the students gives them exposure they wouldn’t get elsewhere.”

The Festival is hosted by the NC Development Office and made possible in part by grants from the Merrick Foundation, the Nebraska Arts Council and Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation.

The Real Rewards by Andrew Swanson, Senior

Over the past several years, the Eagle football team has worked long and hard but come up just short in several key games. This year, however, was different. Led by a strong, tight-knit group of seniors who had seen their fair share of ups and downs, the team experienced the bountiful reward that comes with hard work, patience, and perseverance. However, the players are not quick to point to themselves for the success they experienced this season; instead, they point to each other and, most importantly, to God. “Instead of focusing on winning every single game, we focused more on our growth in Christ as a team. Rather than working to fulfill our selfish desires, we wanted to just give God all the glory,” stated junior Kemery Myers.

In the previous three seasons, the Eagles won a total of five games. This year, God blessed them with seven regular season wins, a district championship, and a 48-0 win over Randolph in the playoffs.

The on-field success was great, but

the Eagles were more concerned with becoming better young men and improving their friendships with each other. Throughout the entire season, the Eagles bonded together and experienced virtually no problems with class-to-class barriers. The players enjoyed practicing together and hanging out whether they were freshmen or seniors. This bond between the players greatly contributed to the success of the season. Senior Cody Smith said, “The unity of our team helped us grow together both spiritually and physically, and it helped us accomplish more than we ever thought possible.” Whenever times got tough or adversity struck the team, the team prevailed because of the bond between teammates and the strong leadership of the senior class.

The Eagles on the 2011 team will always remember the success they had on the field, but what they will really take away from the season is character growth and lifelong friendships.

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Above: NC Boys' Basketball Team. Row 1: Jerry Vuong, Kyle Bui, Turner Bowman, Ethan Unruh, Seth Bailey, Jay Han, Wai Ng. Row 2: Alex Frederick, Tim Fread, Neil Lin, Jahn Langrigan, Derek Rose, Sebastian Chang, Jack Hu, Kemery Myers. Row 3: Assistant Coach Mark Leonard, Levi Landrigan, Luke Woods, Jonny Smith, Cody Smith, Kameron Kaelin, Matt Kim, Dat Nguyen, Head Coach Clay Mankin. Not pictured: Andy La, Braden Moody, Andrew Sack.



Above: NC Girls' Basketball Team Girls. Row 1: Student manager Claire Ostrand, student manager Cassidy Ostrand, Savannah Clapper, Joanna Stuhmer, student manager Alexis Hower, student manager Sarah Simmons. Row 2: Amber Mazankowski, Ashley Mazankowski, Heidi Hofmann, Katie Griess, Bekah Mead, Cailyn Ostrand, Emily Simmons. Row 3: Head Coach Gordon Thiessen, Anna Kirby, Lydia Johnson, Maddie Kirby, Shawna Ritta, Hannah Mead, Nala Squally Gomez, Malia Rogers, Assistant Coach Tonya Ostrand.

Come See the NC Choir on Tour

March 11

10:30 am
Ord Evangelical Free
Ord

4:00 pm
Broken Bow Berean
Broken Bow

April 15

10:30 am
First Baptist
Dannebrog

2:30 pm
First Church of Christ
Palmer

6:00 pm
Victory Baptist
Fullerton

April 29

10:30 am
Concord Evangelical Free
Concord

6:00 pm
Evangelical Free
Oakland

Check www.nebraskachristian.org
for changes.

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has been such a fun and successful evening for fundraising. The Dinner and Auction do help tremendously, but the money that comes in is helping to bridge the gap from March to the end of the school year.

The teachers and staff are basically loaning the school money (their paychecks) for a month or two until tuition payments for the next year come in, or, as happened last year, a short-term loan is given to the school to pay teachers. The loan was quickly paid with new tuition money coming in, but the problem is perpetuated because it means that this year we started behind because we used tuition money for this year to pay salaries for last year. Although this has been common, I think it is something that we need to strive to reverse.

I sent many of you a letter around Thanksgiving asking people that share a connection with Nebraska Christian or to our mission to help with consistent giving and praying. Some of you responded – thank you – but we still have a long way to go. I am not sure how to state the need

that we have. I am trying to not wait until paychecks are late before bringing this to your attention. I hate to ask (I know that is hard to believe based on recent mailings), but I have felt convicted that I need to let people know our need. It is a need that, as mentioned before, could be significantly reduced if everyone would join us in this effort by giving \$10 a month.

God has been faithful during rich and lean times to Nebraska Christian. He is Jehovah-Jireh (The Lord will provide) and we trust Him. We are praying that He will stir the hearts of our Alums and friends to join with us financially. If you haven't been a consistent financial supporter in the past, I ask that you pray about this as a possibility for you and your family. If you do feel God's leading to help us with our yearly budget shortfall, you can contact Tom Dockweiler at 308-946-3836 or email him at tdockweiler@nebraskachristian.org, or you can visit our website: www.nebraskachristian.org and click on the "remember" button on the left side of the screen.

Hall of Faith *continued from pg. 1*

she became the secretary there for a few years before returning to the main campus. She is now the executive secretary and is the smiling face people first encounter upon entering the office. She loves music and enjoys participating in the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, where she has been a featured soloist several times.

"All four of their children graduated from Nebraska Christian: Becky in 1999, Andrew in 2002, Valerie in 2005, and Stephanie in 2009. For their years of service to the Lord at Nebraska Christian, we are pleased to present the 2011 Hall of Faith Award to Robert and Susan Ritta."



Above (l-r): Adrian Longoria, Seth Hower, Jon Dockweiler, and Trevor Cumpston sing from their songbooks during the annual Festival of Lessons & Carols at Nebraska Christian.

~ NC Spring Concert ~
May 4 at 7:00 p.m., Performing Arts Center, Central City



2012 Dinner and Benefit Auction

March 23rd & 24th

Over \$800,000 has been raised from our last nine auctions, and we're hoping to surpass the million dollar mark this year! As we are preparing for our 10th 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 March 1st. We have found the following to be the most desirable for our audience:

- Stay at a cabin or time share
- Dinner cruise or dinner at a lake
- 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)
- Dinner with a celebrity
- 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.

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 "in-

vestment" in this way could result in increasing our student body or support base.

You may also purchase a **corporate table** for \$1,000 (\$840 is NC's profit and your tax deduction.) This entitles you to preferred 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.

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. We are looking forward to speaking by phone with as many of you as possible. Expect a call sometime early in March.

Stop by the office or call 308-946-3836 or Kathy's cell at 308-940-0264 and let us know how you would like to help.

Auction Schedule:

Saturday, March 24th
Nebraska Christian
Gymnasium

5:00 p.m. – Hors d'oeuvres
& Silent Auction Bidding
Knights of Rhythm Orchestra

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

7:30 p.m. – Live Auction
followed by the
Scholarship Auction

Reservations for the dinner are \$50 per person. Call the NC office at 308-946-3836 to reserve today.





GUILTY AS PIE

The NC drama team competed with its play, *Guilty as Pie*, during the fall semester.

Far Left: At the district drama competition, Jessica Kim (left) explains what happened to the missing pie while Miko Li listens in amazement.

Left: Vicky Zhang (left) and James Royle give their alibis to Jeff Hilderbrand.

NCS Foundation by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director



Have you been positively impacted by the ministry of Nebraska Christian Schools? If you're receiving this publication, the answer to that question is most likely yes. NC has been around for more than 50 years and has sent students into incredibly diverse fields of study around the world. We have alumni in Central City (our Jerusalem), across Nebraska (our Judea and Samaria), on the East Coast, the West Coast, and on every continent of the world except

Antarctica (to the ends of the earth).

The reach of Nebraska Christian Schools in terms of both time and distance is a miracle, something only the Lord could do with a small, private school in a small town tucked away in the Heartland.

Put in the simplest terms, the purpose of the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation is to ensure for generations to come that the option of a Christian education is available and that the ministry of Nebraska Christian Schools continues here at home and around the world.

The Foundation was established

to help the school build a storehouse during times of plenty, so that during the lean years, by God's grace, the school can continue its work of assisting the family by providing a Christ-centered education, equipping students with a Biblical worldview and encouraging a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

So how do you choose whether to give directly to Nebraska Christian Schools or to the NCS Foundation? First, prayerfully consider your charitable giving. Funds given directly to Nebraska Christian will be used to cover the immediate

needs of the school – these funds are critical and the school relies on such gift income to meet its annual budget. Funds given to the NCS Foundation will be invested so that the principal will remain in the storehouses for perpetuity and income from the funds can be disbursed to the school as it is needed.

If you would like more information about the Foundation, please email us at jheuermann@nebraska-christian.org, or call 308-946-3836. As the Lord has in the past, He will lead as we work to "leave a legacy that builds lives for eternity."

Memorial Gifts

For: Shirley Anderson	Faith, Hope, Daniel & Nola Joy	Gil Glad	Beverly Henrichs
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad	Bob & Susan Ritta	Bob & Barbara McGrew,	Leon & Sharon Nelson
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Alumni News

Tyler ('07) & Stacey (Krieger '07) Nunnenkamp



Stacey Krieger & Tyler Nunnenkamp were united in marriage on September 17, 2011 at Faith Community Church in O'Neill, NE. Pastor Steve Randolph officiated.

Parents of the couple are Lowell

('82) & Vicky (Masters '81) Krieger of O'Neill and Gary & Joyce Nunnenkamp of Henderson.

Grandparents of the bride are Norbert & Sylvia Krieger of O'Neill and Dwight & Alice Masters of Mapleton, IA.

Grandparents of the groom are Felix & Vivian Fortune of Henderson. Grandmother of the groom is Luetta Nunnenkamp of Henderson.

Maid of honor was Stephany Krieger ('11) & Matron of honor was Melissa (Krieger '05) Weedin. Bridesmaids were Alysia (Brethouwer '07) Warner & Cheri Garwood ('09). Flowergirls were Kamryn Schneider & Madison Schneider.

Best men were Trevor Nun-

nenkamp ('07) & Andrew Nunnenkamp ('05). Groomsmen were Casey Nunnenkamp & Ryan Weedin ('06). Ushers were Ryan Garwood ('04), Tyson Ratliff ('06), Levi Landrigan (CS '12), & Jordan McHargue ('11). Ring bearer was Thomas Schneider.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the church. Serving as host and hostess were Ross ('78) & Linda (Krieger '78) Garwood and Alan & Kim Nunnenkamp.

After a honeymoon to Jamaica, the couple resides in Grand Island, NE. Stacey is employed at Howard County Medical Center in St. Paul. Tyler is employed at Juzyk Electric in Aurora.



Weddings Make Great Reunions

Stacey & Tyler Nunnenkamp met while in high school at NC, and their wedding – like many NC weddings – reunited many classmates and friends. When their photographer suggested an NC picture, Stacey thought it sounded like fun. “We were pleasantly surprised to see how many people were in the photo!” she said.

Above: NC Alumni and Wedding Guests of Tyler & Stacey Nunnenkamp. Row 1: Lynn (Peterson '79) Garwood, Cheri Garwood ('09), Alysia (Brethouwer '07) Warner, Melissa (Krieger '05) Weedin, Stephany Krieger ('11), Stacey (Krieger '07) Nunnenkamp, Tyler Nunnenkamp ('07), Trevor Nunnenkamp ('07), Andrew Nunnenkamp ('05), Ryan Weedin ('06). Row 2: Jeremy Janzen ('99), Scott Ratliff ('82), Lanny Faeh ('79), Jewel (Schweitzer '82) Faeh, Sarah (Garwood '06) Ratliff, Lanea (Garwood '01) Tucker, Linda (Krieger '78) Garwood, Ross Garwood ('78), Tyson Ratliff ('06), Janae (Landrigan '10) McHargue, Kathy (Hoyt '88) Krieger, Carmen (Dockweiler '06) Chase, Vicky (Masters '81) Krieger, Stephanie Ritta ('09), Ashley Faeh ('08), Sherry (Masters '79) Dockweiler, Jon Dockweiler (CS '19). Row 3: Paul Harder (FS '73), Ryan Garwood ('03), Jeremy Grosch ('04), Riley Garwood ('06), Jordan McHargue ('11), Lorin Krieger ('88), Brady Chase ('05), Lowell Krieger ('82), Becky Ritta ('99), Levi Landrigan (CS '12), Alycea Unruh ('11), Scott Masters ('86), Tom Dockweiler ('79), Mike Buller ('84), Melody (Dockweiler '04) Strauser, Tom Masters ('88), Zac Dockweiler (CS '16).

NC Flashback



No one guessed this NC Flashback picture correctly, so you have another chance to win our prize! Can you identify this teacher and student from Bible Character Day of Homecoming 1994? Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org. A winner will be chosen at random from all the correct submissions.

NC Almanac

10 years ago ('01-'02)

- A secondary PTF is formed to take the place of the Ladies Auxiliary.
- Senior Andrew Ritta ('02) is selected as a National Merit Finalist.
- 300 are served at the Elementary Pancake Feed at the Marquette campus.

20 years ago ('91-'92)

- Elementary students put on the Patch the Pirate Musical “The Calliope Caper.”
- The Alumni Association sponsors a Winter Carnival for NC families.

30 years ago ('81-'82)

- Classes dismiss after 5th period on Feb. 9 for an all-school sledding party at George Ferris' hill.
- Mr. Richard Olson begins reshingling the Ad Building. This is the first reshingle in NC history.

40 years ago ('71-'72)

- The Board decides to charge \$1 for tickets to the Christian Education Advance Banquet.
- Paul Oswald is elected board chairman.

50 years ago ('61-'62)

- The Advisory Council begins receiving copies of the board minutes.
- The board decides that we will not compete in Saturday athletic events.

remember

Remembering what God has done.
Supporting what God is doing.
Looking forward to what God will do.
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Left: Six juniors and seniors participated in All-State Chorus at the Lied Center in Lincoln on November 18.
Front: Katherine Welk, Zoe Flynn.
Back: Jahn Landrigan, Levi Landrigan, Joey Sun, Sebastian Chang.

Advance Dessert | Friday, April 13

Hear from the NC Music & Speech Departments while enjoying a complimentary dessert.

7:00 pm in the NC Gym. Everyone welcome. A freewill offering will be taken.



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NC Boys' Cross Country Team is State Runner-Up by Tori Swanson, Junior

This cross country season, the boys team faced the pressure of being returning champions. Besides losing four seniors, all of whom were key in nabbing last year's state title, they had great expectations laid upon them. Coach Janet Landrigan said, "Those young men [the seniors] had provided strong leadership, experience, and wisdom in helping the team win the championship. How would such a young team do?" Top runner Hans Epp acknowledged the pressure but saw it as beneficial. "There was definitely a lot of pressure this year. I know that Jahn [Landrigan] and I had to step it up and be strong leaders and good examples for the younger runners. We had pressure, but it was a good pressure that urged us on and helped build our character and skill as runners." The

boys' season was very successful despite the obstacles. They placed several times as a team in the regular season meets. At districts, the boys performed exceptionally and earned the chance at another state title.

On October 21, the team ran their hearts out for the Lord. Many medaled and some set new personal records. No one knew how the team scores would turn out. After anxiously waiting for what seemed like hours, the results were proclaimed over the loudspeakers. The 2011 Nebraska Christian team received an astounding Runner-Up title! Coach Landrigan was very proud of their achievement: "They had the commitment and heart to win



Above: Class D State Cross Country Runner-Up Nebraska Christian. Hans Epp, Jahn Landrigan, Warren Dexter, Jarron Tiemeyer, Matt Kim, Neil Lin, Head Coach Janet Landrigan.

another state championship, but the competition this year seemed to be much stronger than that of a year ago. But this team became the State Runner-Up by one point behind Ord." Even though the boys

barely missed the championship title, they were still full of gratefulness. The glory of their victories ultimately goes to God. After all, without Him, the ability to run, let alone breathe, would be obsolete.