

# CCCS HAPPENINGS

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Nov 22-26:** Thanksgiving Holidays
- Dec 15 & 16:** Christmas Musical
- Dec 20-Jan 3:** Christmas Holidays
- Jan 4:** Students Return



## THE LATEST NEWS . . .

Unless you have been hiding out in your basement, you celebrated the Atlanta Braves' victory in the World Series. Our second grade teacher, Miss Julia was our representative at the parade. She reported back that it was an exciting time. Many of our students have been adorning their Braves paraphernalia along the way!

I remember the last time the Braves won it all in 1995, but for some reason this one was more exciting. There is something exhilarating about an unexpected victory. The same is true with God's unexpected blessings. They are the best! During this Thanksgiving season, give thanks for all His blessings, but especially for the wonderful, unexpected ones that have come your way this past year.

An upcoming event that I am really excited about is our Christmas musical. This year's production is entitled The Christmas Express. The students have been working hard all fall to learn the music and their parts. The dates of the performances are Wednesday and Thursday, December 15-16, at 7:00 PM. You will not want to miss this one. Make the musical a priority for your family. It will be a special time that you and your student will never forget!

After the Christmas break, we will have a busy couple of months. Our school-wide Spelling Bee will be held Friday, January 28th at 1 PM. Parents are invited to join us that afternoon. Those students who will be representing their class will be announced in January. The following Friday, February 4th, we will be hosting an ACSI District Spelling Bee for the first through fourth graders. These same students will have an opportunity to compete with students from other schools in the area.

Lastly, in February, some of our third, fourth and fifth graders will be competing in Math Olympics. At this event our best math students will have the opportunity to compete against other students from Christian schools. Both of these competitions are fun and they encourage the students to work hard and excel. As you can see there are many exciting events on the horizon! Pay close attention to the information that will be coming home in your weekly folders. We don't want you to miss a thing.

Pastor James

# ***THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING THANKS. . .***

What did the Pilgrims have to be thankful for on the very first Thanksgiving? During their second winter in America in December of 1621, the colonists that remained were left with the memory of having lost 45 out of the original 102 colonists from the winter before. Most had succumbed to scurvy, pneumonia, freezing temperatures, and even their meals were rationed to a measly handful of corn kernels! What started out as a journey of hope and anticipation, soon became one of despair and pity. And, yet they still carved out time to sit down with family and friends to give thanks to God for all that He had done for them and brought them through.

When we reflect on all that we have lost or have been deprived of, we quickly find ourselves in the same boat as the Pilgrims, maybe remembering very few things that are deserving of much appreciation. But when we begin to truly account for the gifts and blessings that God has given us, then the balance becomes innumerable. That is because He is a good God! Just as Psalm 107:1 declares, "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." This message is repeated throughout the Bible, and I hope it can be repeated in our hearts this Thanksgiving.

James 1:17 tells us that, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights." As a wise Father, God reminds us (or perhaps teaches us) that we have reason to be thankful to Him in every season. What a ride these past two years have been! Many of us have been impacted heavily by Covid. Loved ones have been lost, finances have shifted, perhaps a job situation has changed in some way, and the future seems more unknown now than it ever has been. But the truth found in God's Word remains. He is our steadfast hope. He is our anchor in the midst of unknown. In your time of trouble, say, "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."

Perspective is the key. As you sit down with loved ones at the table this Thanksgiving, would you take time to remember all that God has done for you and your family? Rather than counting your sorrow, make time to recount the many ways He has provided for you, and then express His goodness aloud with your family. "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." This Thanksgiving, may we remember the importance of giving thanks to our Heavenly Father.

Pastor Matt Houston

# Calvary Chapel's Children's Ministry

## FROM MS. STACY

So many of your kids were able to join us on Wednesday nights for Unshaken Kids! It was such a FUN ten weeks, and I hope your kids are learning to MOVE when God says move!

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path."*  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**We will be back together starting  
JANUARY 26  
for another round of Unshaken!**



If you're looking for a church home for the whole family- check out Calvary Chapel on Sunday mornings! **Unshaken Sundays meet every Sunday with two identical services at 9:15am and 11:15am.** Bring your middle schoolers to LIGHT Middle school group at 11:15am. Increase your joy in the Lord and your knowledge of God's Word by going verse by verse with Pastor Sandy.

We'll have two Christmas Eve services on Friday, December 24th! At each service we'll have a Birthday Party for Jesus for children from preschool through 5th grade. We will have a nursery for kids up to two years old.

The Hallelujah Fest!

Our annual Hallelujah Fest was such fun this past October 31, and I loved seeing so many CCCS students there! Enjoy some pictures!



# HELPING YOU HELP THEM . . . WITH MATH

Math is EVERYWHERE. Helping your student to realize this truth will open their eyes to the value of learning math in the classroom. In this edition, let's examine a few ways that you can help them gain this appreciation at home.

**TIME.** At CCCS we teach our students how to read an analog clock. This important skill helps them to understand the relationship between minutes and hours. Learning the difference in the two hands on the clock is a building block to understanding relationships, fractions and proportions. Having an analog clock in their room to use (instead of a digital one) would be a good starting place. Next, talk about time: the time that school starts and ends, when is ball practice, Sunday church times, dinner time, bed time! Periodically, ask them what time it is. Ask them how long until dinner, or how many minutes until bedtime. Older students can begin keeping a calendar. I suggest using the one in the agenda that the school provides. This is the beginnings of them learning to better manage their time!

**MONEY.** I am in favor of children having some money of their own to manage. Students need to know the name and value of each coin and bill. If you have a pocketful of change at the end of the day, pull it out and have them count it. Talk about the value of different things. What can you buy with \$5 when you go to Chick-fil-a for dinner? Allow them to order and pay for their meal. While eating go over the change they got back. Was it correct? How was it determined? With Christmas coming, allow them to earn some money and purchase a few gifts with that money. Our kids bought gifts for their siblings from the Dollar Store when they were young. They had so much fun, and Christmas giving meant so much more to them!

**MATH FACTS.** This is something we work on in class daily, but they need it to be reinforced at home. This is a great activity to do in the car. While you are driving call out the math facts orally – addition families, multiplication tables – or whatever they are currently learning in class. Give them some longer equations to figure out mentally. Here's an example of a 3rd grade problem:  $3 \text{ times } 5 \text{ minus } 6 \text{ times } 2 = \underline{\quad}$  (18 is the answer if you didn't get it!). There are some great YouTube videos you can find for your child to watch. You will want to preview any videos before using them with your child. The other hidden benefit is that you will find yourself improving in your math skills too!

Math really is everywhere!  
Mrs. Donna Chapman