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Fun To Be a Kid

The 3rd-5th graders who came to Kids Camp did more than just water wars and basketball drills. They heard about kids from the Bible who recognized the voice of God, and they learned how to stop and listen to His call in their own daily worship and Bible times.



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HEARTBEAT NEWSLETTER

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A Standard of Excellence

Thirteen students walked across the stage to graduate from Heartland Christian Academy in June of 2003. They represented a variety of backgrounds and experiences; and they carried with them a wide range of future dreams. They were united, however, in their appreciation for the changes which have taken place in their lives at Heartland.

Many of the students who come to Heartland have experienced great difficulty in previous school settings. Some have already dropped out of school when they arrive, and others are headed in that direction. Very few are actually performing at grade level when they enter HCA. But then a miracle seems to take place. Reading, writing, and arithmetic all seem to make more sense when Jesus Christ is the center of the classroom. Students begin to succeed in areas where they have failed before. School doesn't automatically become easy, and students must still work hard to make up for lost time; but a door of understanding often seems to open in their minds. Those miracles were acknowledged this year during the Academy's annual Awards Night at the school. Here is a sampling of the results:

- Nearly one hundred students in grades one through twelve were on the A or B honor roll.
- Eighteen students earned a Perfect Attendance award.
- Eleven individuals or ensembles received a I rating at the Association of Christian Schools International music contest in Kansas City.
- Four drama presentations earned a I rating in Kansas City.
- One art student brought home "Best of Show" and other high honors from the art competition in Kansas City.
- And more than two-hundred students came through the school year without quitting. That is certainly an achievement to be proud of.



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Members of the graduating class of 2003 expressed their appreciation for the time spent at HCA. Here are some of their thoughts:

When I look at the friends that I had in the public schools, I thank the Lord for the opportunity at Heartland. Many of them dropped out or just barely graduated. God has given me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian school, guarding me from many obstacles in the world. — Shane S.

I consider it a great honor to graduate from this school because of the things I have been taught, advice and wisdom I have attained, and the things from which I have been spared. — Stephen R.



Not only has Heartland been a structure for my life but it has also become my home. I no longer see teachers and faculty, but family. Thank you so much for what you have done in my life. — Sarah O.

It has been an honor and a privilege to attend this school. God has instilled in me a heart of gratitude towards my friends, family and teachers. I have learned the importance of dedication and always putting God first. Because of my teachers' 'tough love' and encouragement I have learned to excel in not only my studies but also my relationship with Jesus. God has truly changed me. I thank Jesus most of all. He has become my constant companion and best friend. — Anna G.



It is a privilege to be able to graduate from this God-centered school. I am not only graduating out of high school but also into a new stage of life that God has brought me to. I could not have made it this far without my Heartland family. I love them all. — Shalini P.

The structure here is good for you. When you first come to Heartland, you pretty much start your life over. You barely know anyone at first but as time progresses you find yourself influencing others in ways you never thought you would. — Jesse M.

Going to school and being in a Christian academy has been quite the experience. It has helped me to get higher grades and a chance to work with little kids. I got the chance to make friends with students from other countries, which was really special to me. — Sarah H.

FROM THE PASTOR

A Divine Gift



Charles Sharpe

It is customary to offer a blessing over our children as they move from one stage of life to another. Certainly at this time of high

school graduation, we do pray blessings on the lives of our seniors. But, the Lord has shown me recently that this idea of blessing is not as weak or as common as we might think.

The last thing Jesus did before He ascended back into Heaven was to bless His disciples. The Bible says that at least five hundred people were standing there as He lifted his hands and blessed them. This is not a light matter. In the original Greek, the word "blessing" means "a divine gift causing our work to succeed.

God's blessing gives us strength, power, and help. It is Him working in us to produce good works. Because the blessing of God is such a powerful thing, it is conditional. The Book of Deuteronomy is filled with instructions on this matter. In the twenty-eight chapter, God lays out the principle of blessing and cursing. If we love Him and obey His commandments, we will be blessed. If we ignore Him and go our own way, we will be cursed. All through the history of God's people we see this principle at work, down to our present age.

So, as these students walk out the doors from their time in high school and prepare to take the next step, we do pray blessings on them. More importantly, we pray that they will live their lives in such a way that the divine gift, the blessing, will be granted to them—to cause all their work to succeed. That is our prayer over their lives. That is our blessing.

HEARTLAND CHILDREN'S & YOUTH HOMES

Senior Sandra Burgos graduated from Heartland Christian Academy as well as the Youth Recovery Program. She expresses these sentiments on behalf of the graduating class.

My life has been completely changed, not only because I moved to a different country, but also because God is now the owner of my life.

I was born in Quito, Ecuador, on February 18, 1985. I was raised in a Catholic family in which a relationship with God did not exist. As I grew up, I realized that the relationship between my parents was not good and that affected me in many ways. The economical situation in my family brought us to a point in which my sister and I had to leave our school and stay at home. Because of this my mother had to leave us with our grandparents so that she would be able to come to the U.S. and work. By that time, my father did not take any responsibility for us, so I decided to start working.

With my mother working far away from us we were able to go back to school. I kept my job, but this was with a disagreement with both of my parents. As time went by I began trusting more in my friends than in my own family. I used to keep all of my feelings inside of me. I was just a teenager, and all I wanted was someone to love. I built relationships with people older than me, who had different interest and activities. Around this time I met a man older than me, who I thought I loved when I did not even know

what love really was. When I got pregnant, my whole life was turned. I quit my job, but I decided to finish studying. I can remember that I felt as if I was not pregnant, my life did not change until around my sixth month of pregnancy.

A friend of our family came to Ecuador and decided to bring me to Heartland. She opened the doors in order for me to come here and I am really grateful for that. I can truly say that the Holy Spirit filled me with peace when I decided to come here. God guided my way here and I am sure that He is going to keep doing it, for my life is not mine. He has taught me many things this year. I have learned how to submit to my authority, how to be grateful, patient, and loving. God's job in me is not done but He will keep His hand over me forever. The best thing that I have learned from all Heartland staff, teachers, advisors or counselors is how to be a godly mother. I love and thank each and every one of the staff at Heartland. I would never be able to pay you for what you have done for me, but I am sure that God will. I love you all.



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SUMMERTIME AT THE HEARTLAND 4-H FARM

The 4-H Farm just east of Newark is a favorite spot for HCA students this summer. Cattle, goats, rabbits, chickens, and ducks all require daily attention. Vegetable gardens and art projects fill several more hours every day.

The local 4-H fair in mid-July was a highlight for students when they presented their projects. Out of the 58 members who participated, 29 of the 123 entries qualified for submission to the State Fair. And out of the 160 animal entries shown by 26 club members, one grand champion, best in showmanship, and other awards were won.

Congratulations to everyone who participated. It truly was a "blue ribbon week" in more ways than one!



JESUS IS THE ANSWER
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9am	Sunday School
	10am	Morning Service
	6pm	Evening Service
Tuesday	7pm	RevGen Meeting
Wednesday	7pm	Mid-Week Service
Friday	7pm	Women's Bible Study
Saturday	7pm	Intercessory Prayer

"Straight from the Heart" TELEVISION PROGRAM

KTVO Channel 3	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
WGEM Channel 10	Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
WTJR Channel 16	Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.
	Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
I-LIFE (A Division of INSP)	Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

RADIO PROGRAM

WTAD 930 AM	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
WGEM 105.9 FM	Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

2003/2004 HEARTLAND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 4	Pastors' Prayer
August 22-23	Parent Conference
September 8	Pastors' Prayer
October 24-25	Marriage Retreat
November 3	Pastors' Prayer
November 14	Heartland Open House
November 20-22	Education Conference
December 1	Pastors' Prayer
January 1-2 ...	Winter Summit Youth Conference

Dates subject to change at God's leading.
Watch our website for details and/or changes, or contact the conference desk for more information.

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