



## Call to Action

By Mistie McBride, ACS Board Chair



What an exciting time of year for parents and students! Kicking off a new school year at ACS is the beginning of an adventure for everyone, especially when we get to share the joy the Lord has provided with each other, our children, and our extended families in Christ!

The Board of Directors can't be more thrilled for the adventures that lie ahead. Your teaching staff and administration worked tirelessly throughout the summer preparing for this school year. So much was accomplished and there is so much more to be done. From the amazing ACS garden to the new fitness trail, growth and new beginnings surround us! On Tuesday, September 13, the board completed the first meeting of the school year. This meeting focused on advancing the goals and objectives that were identified in our August ACS Vision planning session.

The ACS Vision centers around growth - Growth of our Campus, Growth of our Ministry as a school, and overall enrollment Growth. As the world becomes so challenged and misdirected, we want ACS to be a beacon in West Texas that offers children a biblically sound and safe environment to grow in the traditional values of Christianity that we all hold so dear and direct us daily.

This is our "Call to Action". But we are asking each one of you to answer this call as well. This school is only as strong as its families and supporters. Our strength comes not from the individuals, but from our collective self. It was amazing that this Sunday at church, the message shared was also a "Call to Action". As Christians we can no longer sit passively and not stand publicly for what we believe. We have to engage, we have to

participate, and we have to share our faith.

ACS needs your time and your effort, your engagement, your participation, and your faith.

There will be several opportunities for you to participate in many campus activities and programs starting immediately this semester. This year, our goal is to increase our Ministry with the community, welcome the community to the campus, host Bible studies, offer outreach programs with our ACS Ambassadors, and so much more. As an official 4-H Charter, there will also be many more opportunities for extra curricular activities for your children.

We'd like to see tremendous campus growth this year, initially completing the Multipurpose Activities Center as soon as we can secure the funds to do so. We'd like to see a small chapel on campus, and expand an area to accommodate the growing 4-H activities like Horsemanship and Ag programs.

But we need each of you to directly support and participate in these activities and projects. You will be asked to volunteer, maybe serve on a committee, support an after school activity, help with a Bible study, present your knowledge on professional Fridays or simply give a teacher a lunch break. We need your presence and your participation. You can reach out to any board member, your child's teacher, or administration to learn more about how you can help,

Thank you for your faith in Alpine Christian School, thank you for your time, your commitment, and your presence. We are stronger together. This is a "Call to Action" for each of us.

## New Intern at ACS

By Mayson McBride, ACS Sophomore

We are excited to have a new intern on campus who is leading the students through Fit-15 and fitness training. Victoria Carby joins us from Sul Ross State University with a program focusing on Kinesiology, Recreation, Athletics, Sports Medicine, or related fields. Victoria gets to share in real world

experience as she works with ACS students. This is a terrific opportunity for ACS and SRSU to work together for the good of our students.



## Garden Growth

By Debbie Skelton, ACS Admin. Asst.



Mr. Duncan started our garden last spring and ACS was blessed over the summer with a harvest of desi squash, zucchini, okra, basil, corn, cantaloupe, baskets of beautiful zinnias & sunflowers, and tons of pumpkins just in time for fall season. He has recently partnered with several businesses in the area who purchased the produce to use in their restaurants or businesses. The students are taking turns tending to the garden and harvesting throughout the week. We are so grateful for the Ardmore Institute of Health grant we received last year to help start this garden project. We also have many businesses who have sponsored the garden and their names can be found hanging on the fence enclosure around the garden. It is such a blessing to have local support. If you would like to sponsor the garden, call our office at 837-5757 and help us grow this project even more!





## Faith & Tradition

By Susana Busey, ACS Teacher



As a parent and teacher I often reflect on what is critical to teach our children, our youth, our future generations. And why? What is the real source of success in life? In my opinion, it is not individualistic ideals that spark the divine design of community. On the contrary, it is the beauty of tradition that inspires us to work together, to build, to produce, to grow.

What is tradition? Here are some synonyms... heritage, ethics, classical, long-established and my favorite, WISDOM. Wisdom is a gift for our souls. Wisdom leads us to discern truth from falsehood. In the words of C.S. Lewis, "reason is the natural organ for truth". It's the foundation for the goodness in education, integrity, discipline, personal responsibility and unrelenting FAITH!

We must hold firmly to the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Faith, as part of tradition, is very important to pass on to our children. With Faith, we seek and trust the Will of God through His Word. His Will gives us peace and hope during life's trials. "Tradition", from the Latin traditio translates to delivery, issuing, giving over. Yes! GIVING! Let's offer the future this gift of Grace.

Tradition is perhaps one of the most important gifts. Tradition ensures that our children will learn and will grow in His Will and that they become the future pillars of our society. Combined, faith and tradition will fortify their good work for the betterment, restoration, and unmoved goodness of God's creation!

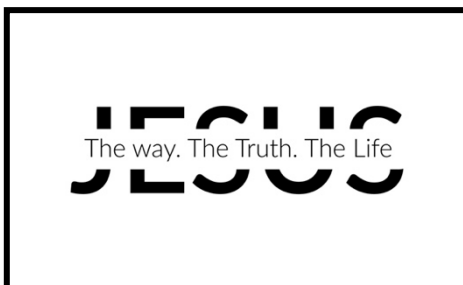
## What is the Gospel

By Gianna Turner, ACS Graduate

I'm in my first semester at Reformation Bible College truly enjoying where God has placed me. I thought it appropriate to share with you my first essay assignment. We were asked to define the Gospel:

*John 3:16 is the decree of the Gospel proclaimed by Jesus Christ.*

*It is so simple even a child could grasp it. So, what is the Gospel? Well, the Gospel is summarized into three suppositions: (a) God is holy (b) We are sinful (c) He (Jesus) alone is our substitute. The first supposition one must know is that God is the ultimate, the Arche, the Aseity. He created the world and all things in it for His glory, and humans were of His image, the Imago Dei. Apart from God, man is nothing. In Psalm 19:1, David writes, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." The second thing to understand is that man is a sinful being. In the beginning, God established a covenant with Adam, to be fruitful and multiply, to dominate the creatures, but to not eat of the Tree of Good and Evil. Adam failed to keep the covenant with God, plunging his prosperity into sin, leaving man hopeless, lost, and under the wrath of God. With that said, the third and last supposition is that, in mercy, God has provided a substitute which is Christ. He came to overcome the curse and to undo what Adam did and he did what Adam failed to do. Through His passive and active obedience, Christ accomplished the work of redemption on our behalf. He took upon Himself our sin and gave us His righteousness. He is the ultimate sacrifice, the lamb of God. Through repentance and faith in Christ alone, man was given salvation. Man's faith is justified by the propositions and the truths of the Gospel (notitia), mental assent and affirmation of those propositions (assensus), and an entire trust in those propositions and in the Person of Christ, who is at the center of the Gospel (fiducia). John 3:16 is the embodiment of the Christian faith, but the second verse, verse seventeen, is just as important, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." All those in Christ are appointed His ambassadors, apologists, to proclaim the good news of the gospel, to proclaim that God is making all things new, and to proclaim that God is all in all.*



## Executive Director's Corner

By Bobby Duncan, Executive Director

Welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 ACS School Year! We have great things planned and we are off to a roaring start. Rather than elaborate on our great progress in this edition, in light of the events and non-sense happening in our great Country and the World, I feel it important to kick things off with two quotes from one of the greatest minds ever and our first teacher. I can neither add nor subtract from the essence of his words. We must heed his words of wisdom lest we fall along with the great empires of the past. If we do nothing, our descendants will live lives subject to tyranny disgraced by our inactions. We will have failed our ancestors. Pursue selfish pleasures and risk losing civilization as we have known it. Act or be acted upon.

*"There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing." – Aristotle*

*"The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal." – Aristotle*

## Upcoming Events:

- See You at the Pole – September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Octane Fest – October 7-9<sup>th</sup>
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – October 14<sup>th</sup>

## Around Campus:



Mrs. Wallace's Class



Mrs. Busey's Latin Class