

The Bear News

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Upcoming Events

- » **March 23**—End of the Third Quarter.
- » **March 30**—No School.

Just Ask Jeanine

Dear Jeanine,

How do I deal with fake people in my life?

Sincerely, Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Something you're gonna have to realize is, no matter where you are or who you're with, there are going to be fake people everywhere. How you're going to deal with them is your decision. I personally try to avoid them all together. I believe the only thing you can really do is just examine yourself, and try your hardest not to be fake like so many others.

Sincerely, Jeanine.



Verses From Devotion

¹ **Galatians 3:28 (NIV)**

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

² **Romans 3:23 (NIV)**

[F]or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

³ **Matthew 7:1 (NIV)**

Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

⁴ **Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Devotion

In our society, we fail to understand the true significance of respect and the magnitude of this single action. However, God's word encourages us to incorporate respect in our daily lives. How can we achieve this?

First, we must realize that respect is something we choose to give. We can choose to show respect towards our friends, while, at the same time, choose to disrespect a person we don't like. We decide.

However, we must also realize that respect is something that shouldn't be earned. If someone needs to earn our respect, we do not actually respect the person. In reality, we are respecting their act of fulfilling our requirements and expectations set for them. In other words, we respect their ability to be or do something. Although this isn't entirely horrible, it has very little to do with respecting the actual person.

With that being said, we should choose to respect everyone. When we choose to disrespect a person, we place ourselves above them. In God's eyes, we are all created equal through Jesus Christ.¹ We have all wrongly sinned, and no sin is worse than any other.² We are no better than our family members, friends, and even our enemies.³ Sure, we may not get along with someone, but we should still respect them.

I know, this isn't easy. No one ever said it was. There will always be people who anger us, treat us horribly, and show absolutely no care for us. However, rather than responding in anger and hurt, we should choose to be kind towards them. We shouldn't just fake it, either. We should really, really, *really* mean it.

My advice to you is to treat everyone with respect. Everyone you will encounter has a purpose.⁴ Through your actions, you will reveal to them their significance in this world—God's purpose for them. Additionally, you as a person will grow physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Jokes

Q: What do you get if you cross a cat with a dark horse?

A: Kitty Perry.

Q: Why did the picture go to jail?

A: It was framed.

Q: What do you call a three-footed aardvark?

A: A yardvark.

Riddles

Q: A cowboy rides into town on Friday, stays for three days, then leaves on Friday. How did he do it?

A: His horse's name was Friday.

Q: You walk across a bridge and you see a boat full of people yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?

A: All the people on the boat are married.

Q: What can run but can't walk?

A: A drop of water.

Tongue Twisters

» A big bug bit the little beetle, but the little beetle bit the big bug back.

» A sailor went to sea to see what he could see. All he could see was sea, sea, sea.

» Six slippery snails slid slowly seaward.



Ava Winquist, big sister to ten month old Malachi, is our *Young One of the Week*. She is seven years old and is in first grade. Her birthday is on December 14.

When she grows up, she wants to be a vet. Her favorite class is anything with Mrs. Collins.

Open House

On Tuesday, February 27, Great Commission Schools held an open house. The purpose was to show the school to families outside of the school, so that they could consider coming to the school. We had many families attend the open house—both related and not related to GCS.

During the open house, many students helped take families on tours throughout the school. We had play practice going on at the same time, so families going through got a good look at the hard work of the cast.

All throughout the school, the teachers had different activities and displays in their classrooms. This was to get the families and children involved.

On the third floor, Mr. Ross' eighth graders made mousetrap cars; Mr. Yohn had a demonstration with liquid nitrogen; and Mrs. Cover played a movie. On the second level, Mrs. Riley's fourth graders made books. On the main floor, Miss. Zimmerman played a video that the senior made; she had a display of games made by the sixth graders; and she had copies of the school newspaper for families to take. Also on the first floor, Mr. Garber had the finches (computer controlled robots that are programmed to move and honk when different buttons are pushed) out to play with.

At the end of the day, the open house was successful. Many families came in to tour the school, and they were able to get a feel for how the school is run.

Students of the Week



Ashton Summers is our *Middle Schooler of the Week*. He is in eighth grade and is thirteen. He has two younger siblings: Kayelynn, in fourth grade, and Landyn, in fifth grade.

He is playing Apple Seller in *Annie*. Ashton is also involved in soccer and basketball.



Alexis Williams, a basketball star, is our *High Schooler of the Week*. She is in eleventh grade and is seventeen years old. She has a younger sister named Abigail, who is thirteen years old.

After school, she plans to go to Juniata or Cedarville to become a doctor. Her favorite class is Physics with Mr. Yohn.

God's Not Dead Song Review

This song is about how God is living inside of us and how no one can take Him away from us. This song shows the strength and power that the Lord holds through the lyrics. For example:

"Let heaven roar and fire fall
Come shake the ground
with the sound of revival".

This song has helped me through difficult times of my life. The lyrics speak to me in a way I can't explain. For instance:

"Let hope arise and make the darkness hide
My faith is dead, I need a resurrection somehow
Now I'm lost in Your freedom,
and this world I'll overcome".



Word Search

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volcano
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island
canyon

