

The Lighthouse BEACON

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Here am

Exodus 3:4



From the President



Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)
Any successful ministry to children includes a commitment to God to give the young ones in our care the very best. As you know, dedication and commitment are so very important.

Christian education that touches hearts for time and eternity requires more than an academically strong curriculum. It must be immersed in the Word of God and its principles. Over the past forty-five years, God has been faithful to guide A.C.E.[®] in both of these areas with a goal of “Reaching the World for Christ . . . One Child at a Time!”

A.C.E. and LCA are also committed to you as homeschool parents. How grateful we are that you have chosen to give your children a Biblically sound education with strong academics. As your children work through the PACEs, it is imperative that they memorize the Scripture verses and learn each character trait. Our Lord desires for each of us to live our lives in a way that reflects Him and His Word, that we would truly be a light to each one He brings into our lives. *O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together. (Psalm 34:3)*

As you read this *Beacon*, you will find tools to assist you in giving your children an education that will prepare them for time and eternity. Also, consider encouraging your children to enlarge their desire to serve our Lord. *Serve the LORD with gladness . . . (Psalm 100:2)* The 2016 Service Adventure in Thailand would be an amazing opportunity for them to grow in their walk with our Lord!

It is my earnest prayer for each of us to stand before our God and the children He has placed in our lives with a determination to say, *Here am I [Lord]. (Exodus 3:4)*

A servant of Jesus Christ, for the children’s sake and God’s glory,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Esther Howard".

Esther Howard, D.Litt.
President

When the Literacy Light Bulb Turns On

Accelerated Christian Education[®] continues to use proven learning methods that have been around for decades.

Illiteracy is a problem that has plagued educators for generations. According to a United States Education Department study released in 2015, an estimated 32 million adults in the United States could not read. This accounts for one in seven Americans. Around the world nearly 16 percent of people over the age of 15 cannot read, according to statistics published by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

How is it possible that so many students walk away from schools without the ability to read?

The United States spends over \$15,000 per student on education, more than any other nation. And yet every year, over 1.2 million students drop out of high school in the United States alone. That’s one student every 26 seconds—or 7,000 students a day. The United States, which had some of the highest graduation rates of any developed country, now ranks 22nd. Despite this massive amount of spending, government schools have failed to prevent many students from being discouraged, giving up on education, and dropping out of school.

How did these students slip through the cracks? Were they not taught properly, or did they just not learn to read?

While educators search for the answers, Lighthouse Christian Academy implements the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum that has successfully used the centuries-old phonetic system for the last 45 years to help generations of students learn to read. This system has helped turn on the “light bulb of literacy” in the minds of countless children and adults. The experience of learning to read is different for each student. Some catch on early, while others take longer to grasp the concepts. As a homeschool educator, embrace this realization and focus on each individual’s ability.

A.C.E. offers several programs to help students read. It is important to start with the ABCs with Ace and Christi Pretest, formerly known as the Reading Readiness Test, and Coordination Development Tests

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to determine the proper placement for beginning students. The basics of phonetics are introduced in both the Kindergarten with Ace and Christi program and the ABCs with Ace and Christi program.

Both programs build within students the desire and ability to start reading. By the end of the Kindergarten with Ace and Christi program, many students are able to read. Students are able to read the Bible at the end of 15 weeks using the ABCs with Ace and Christi program.

Older students, adults, and non-English speakers require a different approach to experiencing their own “light bulb moment.”

Videophonics® is a literacy program for students aged 9 through adult.

English As Your Second Language is a 6- to 12-month course for adults wanting to learn English, while the new ABCs for English Learners program is geared for younger students.

Readmaster®, part of the Readmaster Plus® software suite, is another valuable tool that helps increase the reading speed of students. This software should be used for all students in Levels 1 through 12.

Educators need to help each student find his own “light bulb moment” through individualized learning. Empowering students to learn for themselves opens their minds to see how they can glean truth from God’s Word and gain knowledge to view the world from God’s perspective. When they see that God has given them the ability to increase in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, they begin to realize their own

potential. “For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.” (Proverbs 2:6)

When the reading light bulb turns on, it will unlock the individual’s potential to learn for a lifetime. *ACE* Used by permission of A.C.E.

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CHARACTER COUNTS

Content



Have you ever heard someone say “My car is too old” or “I have nothing to wear”? We want new and we want it now! But what if God has another plan? Maybe He is trying to teach us to be content.

The above character strip that comes from Science PACE 1015 illustrates the character trait “content.” In this character strip, we see that Ace doesn’t have money to buy ice cream like the other students. Instead of becoming sad, angry, or finding someone to blame, he finds contentment. The character trait “content” is defined by A.C.E. as: Understanding and accepting that God has provided everything that I need for adjusting to circumstances around me.

The Bible has many examples of those who were content. John the Baptist showed contentment by humbly preaching repentance of sin while living in the desert clothed in camel hair and eating wild honey and locusts. Abraham was content to let his nephew Lot have first choice of the land and what appeared, at first, to be a better plot. Job, having lost nearly everything, declared . . . *the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.* (Job 1:21) And the apostle Paul, though shipwrecked, beaten, thrown into prison, and persecuted, could still say, *Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.* (Philippians 4:11)

The attitude of contentment is not something that comes naturally. It is found only by faith and

trust in God’s beneficent provision. The sinful world promotes materialism as the means and end-all to living a “successful life.” The desire to acquire the material “treasures” of this world rather than heeding the words of Matthew 6:20 to “lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven” has left many disillusioned and broken. Matthew 6:21 continues, *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* God wants our hearts to be content and filled with the abundant blessings He has given us, as 1 Timothy 6:6 states, *But godliness with contentment is great gain.*

The Christian has many reasons to be content beyond our earthly needs. Hebrews 13:5 states, *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.* His eternal presence and salvation is something we could not attain on our own.

Every day our students discern the character traits that we display. Are we setting forth a Godly role model in both the positive and challenging moments? Children tend to emulate their parents in action and attitude. Are your children exhibiting a spirit of contentment? Do they live the words of 1 Timothy 6:8, *And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

How content are you with what God has given to your family and homeschool? May we strive each day to reflect upon God’s blessings in our lives and display Godly contentment.

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2015 CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS' CONVENTION

A.C.E. invites and encourages our LCA parents to attend a fall Christian Educators' Convention (CEC). This meeting will provide you with an opportunity to update your professional skills and exchange ideas with A.C.E. staff. Visit our website for details and information.

- Receive professional training.
- Realize new techniques for implementing the individualized approach to learning.
- Review the basics of A.C.E. and gain practical helps for your Learning Center.
- Refuel your spiritual life through insightful General Sessions.
- Revitalize your personal walk with the Lord.
- Raise your global vision.
- Meet other Christian educators from your area.
- Renew your conviction for Christian education.

Please note this requirement: Those attending come from many different denominational backgrounds. In deference and respect for each one in attendance, an appearance standard that reflects the A.C.E. standard has been designed for CEC. In a spirit of Godly submission, please abide by the following standards.

Gentlemen: Dress slacks, dress shirts, ties, and dress shoes (no denim jeans)—suits or sport jackets are appropriate.

Ladies: Dresses or suits and blouses (no pants)—skirts and dresses are to come to the bottom of the knee or longer and blouses or jackets should be at the neckline.

Babies and children will not be permitted in any session.

Go to www.aceministries.com/training/cec for all your CEC needs.



SAT and ACT Testing

All students who are in their junior or senior years of high school should plan on taking either the SAT or the ACT. These are two different tests given by two different companies and are used by many colleges as supportive data in the admissions process. The higher the score, the better the student's potential of being admitted to certain colleges and universities. Check with the college your student plans to attend to see which test they accept.

Students may register for either test at the following websites: www.collegeboard.com (SAT) and www.act.org (ACT). When you register, give the LCA school code: 431769. This same number is used for either test. When you give them this number, LCA will receive scores directly from the test publishers following testing. Visit www.collegeboard.com and/or www.act.org for testing dates.

Reminder

Remember to turn in your semester grades. Check on the Parents' Link to confirm that your academics are up to date. You may also want to print a copy of the current Progress Report for your personal records.

LCA Reenrollment Made Easy!

Reenrolling online with Lighthouse Christian Academy is easy and user-friendly. All reenrollments may be done online regardless of payment method. Just go to the Parents' Link and update the student and parent information as needed. Choose one of the payment options available. We look forward to meeting your reenrollment needs!

LCA Office Hours

Monday–Friday
8:15 a.m.–4:15 p.m.

LCA Closed

October 16: Christian Educators' Convention

November 26, 27: Thanksgiving

December 21–January 1, 2016: Christmas



LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Lighthouse Christian Academy enrolled several thousand students for the 2014–2015 school year. The 2015 senior class graduated over 500 students, who represented 48 U.S. states, and 63 countries worldwide.

On Friday, June 12, 2015, Lighthouse Christian Academy held its 24th annual graduation in Hendersonville, Tennessee. Eighty-one graduates from 28 U.S. states and 4 countries received their diplomas. The sanctuary was filled with over 1,000 family members, friends, and guests from around the world and across the United States.

Sixty-three graduates received the special recognition of the Christian Service Award for graduates who served in their local churches, other Christian organizations, or ministries worldwide.

From the opening pledges to the commencement speech given by Mr. Steve Ballinger, General Manager



CLASS OF 2015

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

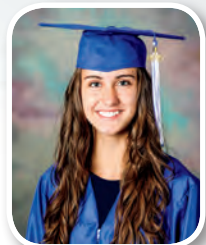


of Marketing Advancement for Accelerated Christian Education, the special music by the Agee trio, and Mrs. Patricia Gilbey's presentation of the graduation class, God's special presence and blessing were evident during the ceremony.

Mr. Duane Howard, Vice President of Accelerated Christian Education, presented the graduation certificates.

As the students move on to the next chapter in their lives, the LCA staff prays that they will rely on God's guidance, ask God for the wisdom to discern His plan for their lives, never settle for less than God's best, and trust God to work all things together for His good. *ACEM*

Congratulations Class of 2015!



Congratulations! Congratulations!



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SERVICE ADVENTURE

JULY 14-28, 2016

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Two-week mission trip for students
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