

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWSLETTER, **NORRIS' NEWS!**

Clovis Christian Schools



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GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT CCS! Dear Eagle Families,

Just wow! Thanks be to God! We've had a seamless, joyful, and energetic start to the new school year! I think we can all agree that although summer holds its share of blessings, the promise of Autumn, marked by events such as cooler mornings, turning leaves, bonfires, volleyball, football, fall festivals, and earlier sunsets are a welcome respite as the seasons change!

And by the way, CCS has GARGANTUAN BLESSINGS NEWS coming soon! Stay tuned! Wink, wink! 😊

Last week we emailed and posted our September calendar with an outline of important upcoming dates. With that said, a reminder that our goal is for ALL parents/caregivers to serve as an integral part of Clovis Christian Schools. This is accomplished through a multitude of ways, such as volunteering at school in various capacities, attending school events and athletic functions as a family, assisting with school events and fundraisers, such as our upcoming Home and Harvest Celebration in November, serving on a Strategic Planning team, and answering the call for help or assistance as additional events unfold. Just a reminder, our first official PACE meeting (Parents Assisting in Christian Education) will be held next Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. Mrs. Lusk will provide a quick overview of the role of PACE, along with highlights and suggestions for committees, etc. This will be followed by our Booster Club meeting at 6:00, presented by Crystal Moroney. We would LOVE to see you here!

We strive to serve as dynamic communicators between the school and home! Please assure you are checking emails and regularly referencing info. on our website! Just as important, please consider following us on Facebook! It's nearly every day that we post important information, great photos, and highlights of fabulous "goings-on" at C.C.S.

My monthly Newsletter, **Norris' News**, will typically feature Key Updates and Announcements, highlights relative to Strategic Planning initiatives, and most importantly, a devotional to share with your family! By the way, Board President and Pastor, Rick Raney's Devotional is featured this month!

STRATEGIC PLANNING!

And speaking of Strategic Planning!

I wanted to assure that all of our families are aware of the intense planning processes we have in place as a catalyst for continuous school enhancement as part of our five year short and long-term planning priorities.

Our primary focus areas for C.C.S. encompass the following :

- *Christian Roots and Spiritual Fortification*
- *School Safety and Health*
- *Financial Sustainability*
- *Civic Showcasing and Community Connections*
- *MS/HS Student Culture and Academic Affairs*
- *Campus Beautification and Expansion*

As always, monthly events and athletic schedules are always included in the monthly calendar we send out as well!

Blessings for a beautiful September!

Dr. Shelly Norris

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Family Devotional Thoughts

Pastor and Board President, Rick Raney

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John 1:10-13 NIV

God has worked out a lot of things for you today.

God made and created this day!

He made this day for you.

He made *you* for this day.

Since the moment God created man on this planet He has been unfolding His plan for humanity. He has been revealing an incredible purpose and goal for each one of us.

God created you, with a plan, and a time, and a purpose.

In short...

- God created man with the authority to rule this planet and to represent Him in all we do. **Choosing to Walk with Jesus**
- The choice is given to every *generation*, to every *family*, to each and every *person*, so the choice is given to *you*!

So much work has already gone into just today happening. Teachers have worked out their lesson plans. Coaches are working out their exercise and practice plans for each athlete and team.

- Mankind rebelled against God, but God made a way for man to reclaim his original purpose and calling, it's called redemption.
- God initiated and brought about redemption for mankind all by Himself.

Before you were even born all these things have already happened.

- God created man, man rebelled against God and lost his soul and his place walking with God.
- God redeemed mankind and reopened the invitation to walk with him.
- God sent His Son Jesus to pay the price required for redemption.
- Jesus died our death and gave us His life.
- Jesus defeated our enemies and gave us authority over them.

- Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost, you and me.

All of this happened for you before you were even born.

Yes, you were born into a sinful world full of selfishness, but you were also born into a world that has been redeemed by God and He is calling us to accept His redemption and once again walk with Him as we were intended.

Born into a family...

Obviously you have parents and grandparents who made it possible for your life to happen.

This invitation into God's redemption was and is still given to them also. They may have received this invitation and have walked with God for a long time. They walked with Him only to the extent they understand His plan, they only know what they know.

Maybe your parents are not walking with God daily, once again they can only do what they know to do.

But what about you, are you walking with God? Did you know that you can?

You need to experience this walk with God for yourself.

The Invitation

There is an invitation to receive an inheritance from God, and the invitation is yours.

God has made promises.

God has made promises to you.

John 1:10-13 NIV

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² **Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God**— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

God has chosen you for adoption...He is our creator and He has a plan that no matter how far we have gone against Him, He has made a plan of adoption to bring each of us back into His family.

Ephesians 1:3-14 NIV

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy

Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

There are no Grandchildren in God's family, only Children born not of the flesh, but born by the will of God through the work Jesus did for each of us.

Your parents and your grandparents may or may not know any of this.

Either you are God's child or you are not, the choice is yours and yours alone.

We were brought to this earth through our parents and grandparents.

But to become God's child you need at least 5 things...at least in this message...

1. You need to know what God is offering you and why...Read your Bible – its God's love letter to you personally.
2. You need to do a little study and investigation for yourself to see the truth of the offer...Once again read your Bible. The bible contains the plan I'm talking about and it also shows the history of when God revealed different parts throughout history.
3. You need to believe the truth you find in the bible.
4. You need to Acknowledge and Accept what God has already done on your behalf.
5. You need to surrender your will to His, committing your life to following Him and doing what He has said to do already, as well as what He will tell you to do specifically. We don't bring our agendas and plans to God and say now God this is how we do things...We don't bring our thoughts to Him and say this is my truth so it is truth...No we read and understand and acknowledge what truth He has revealed, and that this truth is focused on our Good, our Growth, and our fulfilling His plan.

You may have been born into a family that believes in God and follows His ways. But what about you? Your family may believe and follow, but what about you?

Maybe you were born into a family that doesn't know God and doesn't read His Word and doesn't go to church. Maybe you have never heard of God until you started attending Clovis Christian School.

I was raised in a home that drank, smoked, and partied all the time. Everyone worked hard to provide what we had. We just lived this way because it is all we knew.

Jesus got the invitation to walk with Him to my parents and grandparents and they did know that God existed but did not walk with Him as fully as they could.

I was introduced to Jesus several times in my life, but it wasn't until I was 21 that I gave my heart to him. I have been walking with God for 35 plus years now. I'm not perfect and I'm not trying to be. I am growing daily in the grace He has given me. I've learned how families are supposed to be and have worked at having that family.

I've learned that God wants to help me in all things, and I've learned that through me He wants to help others also. God has influenced thousands of people through me over the years of being in ministry.

Ephesians 2:4-5 NIV But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:8-10 ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

My wife has a family history of people walking with God and following Jesus. 5 generations in the city of Clovis, and each of them has walked with God. Her family helped charter two churches in Clovis. She has been in church and walking with God her whole life. When she was a child and needed something from God, she asked

her parents and they prayed for her and God answered their prayers. When we married she would ask me to pray and we prayed and God answered our prayers. But after 5 years of marriage we got pregnant with our first child. Now since she was carrying our child within her, she had to develop her faith and trust in God for herself. She had to ask God for things like a healthy baby, and healthy momma, and a pain free delivery. She spent time reading Gods promises to her for these things and everyday prayed those promises over our baby and her body. She walked with God and she believed God and God answered her.

When our son was born at home his hard delivery was 6 hours, and only very uncomfortable, but pain free. He was healthy and a complete joy. My wife did the same for our second child, and when she was born her hard delivery was an hour and 10 minutes. My wife slept through most of the labor and was only awake to push, and then went back to sleep after my daughter was born. God answers prayer.

So the invitation is opened to you today to walk with God in every area of your life. This invitation is not because of the physical family you have been born into. This walk is not asking God to follow your thinking and plans. This walk with God is you recognizing what He has already provided for you and you learning to apply this to your life. He has great plans for us all and especially you!

Today, right now, pray with me.

Jesus you have paid the price for me to live and walk with you every day of my life. I acknowledge this and ask you to forgive me, and once again be Lord of my life. Reveal more of yourself to me and teach me to live as a child of God. Holy Spirit fill me up with your wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of all you have provided. Show me where you are in my life already and also where you want me to introduce you. I give you my life and will and I will follow you.

In Jesus name, Amen.
