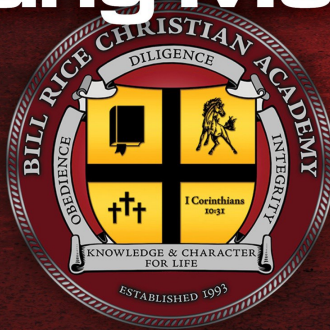


Mustang Message



November 2023

Giving and Asking By Nathan Reeves

Thanksgiving is a compound word, and during this month, we often, and rightfully so, think on the first part of this word – thanks. We are to be full of gratitude throughout the year, but especially during November.

I think we should also consider the second part of this word – giving. God commands us to give; he even tells us to give *cheerfully* (II Corinthians 9:7). God also gives us a promise when we give – “He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” (II Corinthians 9:6b) This is a promise that God will generously give to us when we generously give to Him. So let us purpose to give to Him our time, talents, and treasures during this time of year.

When we think about giving, we must also think about the recipient of our gift. If you give to our upcoming Food Drive, many young people will be helped. There are many needy people in our lives, and the “man in the mirror” is sometime the most overlooked.

As ironic as it may sound, sometimes it is much easier to give than to ask. When we ask, we are admitting that we cannot provide for ourselves. God is not bothered by our asking, but He longs for it because it shows our dependence on Him. God promises to give to those who ask according to His will. Listen to these verses on asking: “If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.” (I John 5:14) “Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.” (John 16:23)

God wants us to give and to ask. We are to give cheerfully as much as we can, and we are to ask God to meet our daily needs – no matter how small they are. Make sure you are thankful this season, but do not forget to give and ask as well.



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Current Events

Nov. 2-4 Men's Challenge

Men, we hope you'll join us for this excellent time of food, fellowship, and spiritual growth. If you've never come, you should try it this year!

Nov. 13-17 Good Shepherd Children's Home Food Drive

Use this opportunity to teach your child about giving. Let's be a HUGE encouragement to the children and staff at the children's home this year!



Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Assembly

Parents of Elementary students will want to join us for this assembly of praise. Each class will have a presentation on-stage that you won't want to miss! *No Extended Care that day.*

Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

Have a wonderful break. Enjoy the family, fellowship, and especially the food!!!



Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 Bill Rice Ranch Couples Retreat


Relax and recharge with a two-night getaway for married couples! There will be outstanding preaching, enjoyable activities, and delicious food.


Middle School T-shirts


Both crest and mascot t-shirts available for just \$18 each! Special deal alert—get one of each for just \$30!




Helpful Family Apps

 If you don't have parental controls on the devices in your home, you might be too late. This is something we recommend for all families. **Qustodio** helps parents control screen time, games, and adult content. This app does cost (starting at \$4.58/month), but it's one of the best types of apps you can have. Even if you don't get Qustodio, please get some sort of parental control app.

 **Echo** is a prayer app that allows you to create (& shuffle) a prayer list. It even can remind you throughout the week to pray for specific requests. It's simple & free!

 **Verses** provides an excellent way to memorize Scripture. It incorporates a variety of memory techniques & encourages you to start & maintain memory streaks. This one is free too!

 **Mint** is a simple, but powerful, budgeting app. This free app allows you to track all spending, set goals for saving, & tell your money exactly where to go!

Book of the Month By Nathan Reeves

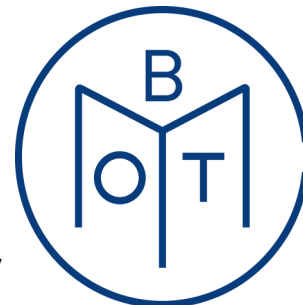


Battle for the American Mind by Pete Hegseth (Fox News)

Main Idea: American progressives (liberals) of the late 19th & early 20th centuries saw education as a vehicle to change society, one child's mind at a time. **Before you ever consider putting your child in a public school**, please read this book!

Favorite Quote: In defense of using the public school system to rid America of its Christian paideia, Charles Potter said, "What can theistic Sunday School, meeting for an hour once a week, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teaching?"

And as always, you are more than welcome to borrow this book from me.



Picture This!



Fall Retreats

MEN'S CHALLENGE
 NOVEMBER 2-4
 COST: \$125
*SAVE \$10 IF REGISTERED BY OCTOBER 27.

KWAME SELVER **EVANGELISTS WIL RICE IV** **BILL RICE**

SOLID PREACHING • GREAT FOOD • UPLIFTING FELLOWSHIP

Couples Retreat

RELAX AND RECHARGE WITH A TWO-NIGHT GETAWAY FOR MARRIED COUPLES!

NOV 30 - DEC 2

Cost \$300 per couple
*Save \$30 if registered by October 24.

Visit the Retreat webpage at www.billriceranch.org for more information



Elementary Students of the Month

Reese Smith: Reese is always using her manners and being respectful to adults at school. I am so proud of the example she is in my class!

Luca Davis: Luca shows respect with her good manner words and kind actions. She keeps our room clean and neat as well. Keep it up!

Kamryn Pulley: Kamryn is always polite and says “Yes, ma’am” and “No, ma’am” consistently. He is respectful to others by thinking of them more than himself. He encourages others when they make mistakes instead of laughing.

Charla Grazer: Charla is a very respectful young lady! She stands out for always using kind words and actions when interacting with both adults and her fellow students.

Jeremiah Daconto: Jeremiah has had a great attitude of respect! He remembers to show respect with his words as well as actions. Remembering to say “please,” allowing others a turn, and using good manners are things I’ve seen Jeremiah do many times. Great job, Jeremiah!

Keegan Merkler: Keegan always responds with a respectful tone and submissive spirit. He respects classmates’ things. He even responds respectfully when being corrected.

Aliyah Hansiriphaisane: Aliyah is a wonderful example of respectfulness. She is respectful not only to authority but also to other students!

Character Trait of the Month:

THANKFULNESS

Definition: expressing gratefulness; outwardly giving thanks!

Examples:

1. Say “Thank you” each time you receive something (e.g., help, a compliment, a test, a treat, etc.).
2. Never complain.
3. Say “No, thank you” each time you are offered something that you do not take.

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Middle School Student Highlight with Isaac Moss

Miss Perkins: Tell me about yourself.

Isaac: I have an identical twin brother, Joshua—he’s one minute older. I enjoy playing football and video games.

Miss Perkins: What is your favorite thing about your parents?

Isaac: When I want to accomplish something, they work with me and help me to do it.

Miss Perkins: What is your favorite thing about Middle School at BRCA?

Isaac: There are rewards for doing right, like earning your jacket!

Miss Perkins: What do you like most about your teachers?

Isaac: They give me a lot of responsibility—when there’s a hard job to do, they give it to me.

Miss Perkins: What do you hope to do when you grow up?

Isaac: I would like to be a firefighter.



Middle School Teams

