

MUSTANG MESSAGE



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A U-Turn on a Cabin Porch by Nathan Reeves

When was the last time you saw a “U-Turn Permitted” sign? They are rare. If you see a U-turn sign, it usually has a red slash through it. U-turns are sometimes necessary, but only because we’re going the wrong direction. Maybe we got off on the wrong street. Maybe we had no idea where we were going until we pulled up our GPS app, and Siri set us straight. Now, we have to get on the right path by taking a U-turn. U-turns are not fun or exciting, but sometimes we have to make them. Setting the traffic sign metaphor aside, U-turns in life are sometimes necessary too.

During my tenth and eleventh grade years, I was not living wholly for God. I had many wrong influences in my life, including wrong friends. Well, the summer before my senior year, I went back with my youth group to the Bill Rice Ranch for a week of Youth Camp. This was a highlight of my year! Being surrounded by hundreds of young people from around the country is exciting to a sixteen-year-old. After hearing three messages a day for a few days, the Lord began to work in my heart. I began to feel convicted about all the things wrong in my life. I was convinced that I needed to change some things. So, on my cabin porch, I made some tough decisions. Then, I went home on Saturday and began living those decisions out. It’s never easy parting ways with the wrong friends, but my direction had changed. And it started at the Bill Rice Ranch.

This June 9-13, we are going to the Ranch for a week of camp with as many of our school kids that will come. Now, I can’t think of any of our students who need to make a major spiritual U-turn in their life. That’s good because spiritual U-turns aren’t easy. But we all need minor U-turns every day. Little adjustments along the way – simple obedience toward a parent, the wrong movies or music out of our life, a better attitude towards a certain authority. If we make the minor U-turns every day, we won’t ever have to make the big ones. As parents, we must keep our children on the right path. Camp can help with that.

Camp at the Ranch is described as a “Controlled Environment for the Ministry of Preaching” (C.A.M.P.). Campers hear pointed, age-appropriate messages that gives them the opportunity to make minor U-turns that will keep them on the straight and narrow path. I hope you’ll consider sending your child this summer.

CURRENT EVENTS

April 5 Bill Rice Ranch Open House

Invite your friends to come out to the Ranch between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to get a glimpse of what our Day Camps have to offer. In addition to camp tours, there will also be free hot dogs, pony rides, and inflatables! We hope to see you there!

April 10 Fun Run

We are raising funds to finish our new building! Will you reach your family goal? Will we reach our school goal? Let's work hard at getting sponsors & reaching our goals...then get ready to win some AWESOME prizes! The run starts at 1:00 on this day.



April 11 Half Day

School starts at 8:00, and all students will be dismissed at 11:30.

April 14-18 Spring Break

Enjoy the week off with your family. School will resume on Monday, April 21.



April 25 Hawaiian Day

Aloha! Always a favorite, Hawaiian Day is a blast with many surprises. Elementary parents are welcome to join us for Hawaiian activities in the afternoon. Bring your beach towel for lunch on the law!



April 26 Day of Champions

All 7th-12th graders are invited to attend an action-packed day of sports tournaments and Bible preaching. If you know someone who would be interested, please see Mr. Reeves for more info.

April 28 - May 2 Middle School Spirit Week!

Middle School Spirit Week will include a different theme each day and lots of excitement! Come ready to show off all of your school & team spirit and earn lots of team points!!!



Bill Rice Ranch 101

What is West Branch?

West Branch is just that... a branch of the Bill Rice Ranch in the West. Headquartered in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, the Bill Rice Ranch helps people through revival preaching at camps and in churches, as well as providing resources for Christian growth. West Branch, based in Williams, Arizona, works to do the same for churches of the West.

A strong conviction of West Branch's philosophy of ministry is that God has chosen to use local churches to advance His cause. This conviction is evidenced in the way our camps and conferences are conducted.

FOR SALE

\$5 BRCA T-SHIRTS



We have 2 BRCA t-shirts for sale at the school. To order one, contact the office.

*limited sizes

Just \$18!



SPRING RETREATS





PIX OF the MONTH



Middle School Student Highlight with William McQuiston

Miss Williams: What is your favorite thing to do?

William: I like to play video games and play outside with friends in the neighborhood.

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

William: They are very hard working and help with all my needs.

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

William: I like how all the teachers know what they are teaching, and they know how to make it fun. Not like when I was in public school.

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

William: I like all the teams and how Mr. Reeves works hard to add fun things like skits and the Middle School wheel.

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

William: I want to be a lawyer.

Character Trait of the Month

KINDNESS

Definition: having goodness of nature; friendliness

Description: encouraging, courteous, impartial

Examples:

1. Find one person each day to give a compliment

2. At recess, play with someone you usually do not play with.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Emmie Joe Potter: Emmie Joe has shown diligence all month long! She has worked diligently on her seatwork, has paid attention in class, and has kept her seating area clean all month! She has been a great example, and I am so proud of her!

Trinity Ruepha: Trinity diligently does her seatwork, room jobs, and anything asked of her. Each morning, without being reminded she quickly unpacks and writes her names on her papers.

Haley Morphis: Haley has been a star in diligence all year long! She is faithful to complete her work and to give her best in every area.

Kamryn Pulley: Kamryn has been purposefully working to be diligent and has consistently been doing very well! Day after day, Kamryn works away at his seatwork papers by striving to do his best on every section. He also actively seeks out guidance for how he can improve.

Lyndon Rodden: From the first day of school, Lyndon has shown diligence! He has consistently finished his work, while doing his best on it. When homework is assigned, Lyndon remembers to do it and brings it to class. Whether it's in class or at recess, Lyndon gives his all! Way to go, Lyndon!

Esther Shaub: Esther has been so diligent in her daily work and homework. I know that I can count on her work to be complete and done well.

Aubrielle Garcia: Aubrielle has shown great diligence this year. She does her work thoroughly, neatly, and diligently the first time. She works hard to be diligent in every class!



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