

God Continues to Bless Us Beyond Measure!

LCA's 2nd Annual Community Banquet A Huge Success!

As we reflect on the first half of the 2016-2017 school year, we are in awe as God's blessings to LCA have been beyond plentiful! We are incredibly thankful to God and the wonderful community of Llano for the amazing success of our 2nd annual community banquet. Our hopes for the success of the event were beyond fulfilled with immense love, support and gifts from the community. The banquet raised a total of \$158,671, all of which will be matched by private donors.

We are so appreciative of the bountiful blessings that this community has bestowed upon LCA. We are bursting with gratitude and love for what they have done for us. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, items for the silent and live auctions, and those who gave monetary donations. We truly appreciate all of you and your wonderful support.



*With God's power working within us,
God is able to do immeasurably
more than all we ask or imagine.
-Ephesians 3:20*

A special thank you to Bob and Tania Quigley for speaking and Isaac Carver for sharing a portion of his testimony. We also sincerely thank the amazing people and businesses of our community that sponsored the event. Those sponsors are; Air King, Dr. Bobby & Carol Limmer, Boatright CPA, PC, Oatman Land Title, Riley Mountain Engineering, LLC, Dr. Frederick Lykes, Fowler 8 Ranch, Phoenix Nest Guest Houses,



4 Oaks Ranch, All-Tex Insurance, Arrowhead Bank, Harold & Joanie Castleman, Jesse James Real Estate, Jim Rose, Jack Stewart, Kim Hughes, Llano National Bank, and Parrish Dentistry. Thank you again, we couldn't have done it without your generous support.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make the community banquet such a success! Please continue to pray for us as we grow in the wisdom and knowledge of our Lord.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Mentors in Training: Older Students Showing Kindness to Younger Students

Dr. Smith talks about the love and kindness the older students show the younger students. The picture shows Dorian Fisler watching a movie with Hunter Foster. Smith shared, "Our younger students look up to our older students and listen to them. Love this!"

LCA Receives Full Accreditation

LCA is a fully accredited academy through the Association of Christian Schools International. This accreditation, Early Education, Elementary School and Secondary School, is recognized by the Texas Education Agency. In November, a team of four educators, led by Mr. Ed Thomas, studied our school, looked over all of the paperwork associated with the school and interviewed teachers, parents and students before giving the maximum length of accreditation available to schools. LCA is accredited for five years, with a one day visit at the two and one-half year mark.



By taking this step, LCA became "real" for many people of Llano County. The school was opened six years ago and a secondary school was added four years ago. According to Mr. Ed Thomas, "LCA has been on the fast track to accreditation." The school has a staff of twelve teachers, one secretary and one teacher's aide. The student numbers have fluctuated from year to year, with 75 students at the present time and looking to grow in coming years.

Dr. Smith, the Headmaster, continues to strive for the highest standard in education for all students. When students do not perform at the level of skill he/she is capable of plans are developed with parents and the student. In doing this LCA becomes an extension of the home and the parents become a partner in their child's education. This is invaluable to the school as each child is developed to their full potential.

Because LCA does not take state or federal education dollars, LCA can maintain the high standard of performance while using Christ-centered curriculum in all subjects. The students can focus on skills they are weak in while fine-tuning skills.

Congratulations to Dr. Smith, the teachers, the Board of Directors, the students and parents for a job well-done.

Building Donated to LCA

The Lord has given LCA huge blessings this Fall. This blessing involves a building being given to the school.

The week after the accreditation visit Dr. Smith received a telephone call from Mr. Josh Leonard from Senior Living. He told Dr. Smith he had been "slipped" a piece of paper saying that Llano Christian Academy needed a building for a school. At the present time the school is located in an educational hallway and the top floor of the gym building at First Baptist Church Llano.

Mr. Leonard went on to say he would like to give the building to LCA, with the expense being what it costs to change the building from their hands to the hands of LCA. This information was shared with the Board of Directors and the decision was made to go forward with the acquisition of the building and land.

Because children and teachers were being put in the building, the Board had an environmental study completed on the building. The company found issues with asbestos and mold. The Board then contacted abatement companies in the area for bids on doing the work needed to bring the building to a healthy level.

At the present time the bids are coming in and the Texas Baptist Builders (TBB) have been contacted to help with the knocking out walls and making classrooms for the students. According to Mr. Neiland Fain, a member of the TBB, 14 classrooms can be created in the building, with offices and storage areas in each wing. LCA will know in a few weeks if the TBB can help with the building.

Thank you to Senior Living for offering this to LCA as a home until we can build.





Israel Bound

On November 26th a group of 36 individuals left for Israel for the first of many trips to The Holy Land sponsored by LCA, led by Jim and Phyllis Ann Rose. The group spent 12 days in the land set aside for God's chosen people. The land is beautiful South to North and East to West. The people were helpful and friendly to us as we walked and traveled to places in the Bible.

Dr. Smith was asked about the favorite part or parts of the trip. She didn't even blink an eye and started to tell me, "There were two places that impressed my heart concerning my Savior." The first was the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane. From the Mount of Olives you see down on the city of Old Jerusalem. "Dr. Rose gave us some extra time in the Garden to walk and talk with the Lord," Dr. Smith shared. She went on to say, "I think about when Christ returns He will come down from the Mount of Olives and enter the city. Wow, and I was standing right there!"

The second place was the Sea of Galilee. "We went out on a boat and were taught about the ministry of our Lord after he left Nazareth. Jesus had that area as His headquarters for the remainder of His ministry on earth," she shared.

Dr. Smith laughed and said, "I guess to sum the trip up - I put dirt in my Bible and made it real."

LCA will be sponsoring a second trip in 2018 between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The trip will be booked in February with Friendship Tours so people can start sending in payments for the trip. If you would like to go, please contact LCA at 325-247-4942 or Dr. Smith at 713-562-1142.



Matching Funds for LCA

A group of anonymous donors have put \$500,000 in the Llano National Bank. This money will be used as a pot to match for our Capital Campaign. As the Board of Directors raises money for future building needs money will be drawn out of Llano National Bank and placed in the LCA Land and Building account. What happens when that \$500,000 has been matched? The donors have another \$500,000 for LCA to match.

This is such an awesome gift to LCA and the matching fund has allowed people to give gifts knowing their gift will be doubled. Can you give to the matching fund? Absolutely, if you write a check please mark it by writing Capital Campaign or Land and Building Account on the memo line. Credit Card gifts and cash gifts are also accepted for the matching fund account, but please let Dr. Smith know where your gift is to be placed.



Isaac Carver represented LCA at the State Cross Country Meet held in Waco on October 29th. Isaac was in a pack of 130 young men and had a great run.

Way to go Isaac!

LCA News, Events & Activities

LCA's First Graduating Senior



**Braden
Tuman
LCA Senior**

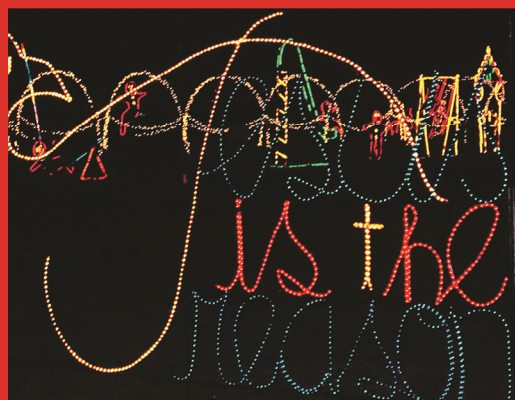
After six years, LCA will graduate the first senior. His name is Braden Tuman and he came at the beginning of his eighth grade year. Braden is a leader among the students and was elected the Student Council President. He not only professes his faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ, but his life demonstrates that faith and understanding of who he is in Christ. Braden is planning to attending Schreiner University in Kerrville after graduation and possibility majoring in engineering.

There is a college fund set up for Braden and if you would like to give to that fund, contact Dr. Smith at 325-247-4942.



Peaceful Warriors

Mr. Daniel Adams, Martial Arts Instructor, continues to bring Peaceful Warriors to the students at LCA. Mr. Adams helps the students understand the need for peace and self-control in their lives. The students pictured are Isaac Etter, Wyatt Quigley, Wyatt Corcorran, Jackson James, Kyle Suarez, McKya Jones, Samuel Honig, Nathan Maples, Gabriel Peuziat and Dorian Fisler. Congratulations to the students who passed their belt test and keep kicking!



Starry Starry Nights
LCA had a display at Starry, Starry Night this year for the first time. The students raised money selling soft drinks and water at Wild West Weekend to pay for our display piece, which reads "Jesus is the reason."

Spring Challenges Announced

K - 1st The Ten Commandments

2nd - 5th The American Creed

6th - 12th Psalm 91

Spring Talent Show & Silent Dessert Auction March 6th - 6:00pm, FBC Sanctuary

All monies raised at the Silent Dessert Auction will go to a sound system at the American Legion Hall that LCA will donate.

Programs presented at the Hall many times can't be heard, especially if there is a big crowd.

Please come and support the students and our project to reach out to our community.



LCA Christmas Program Highlights