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SERVING ORPHANS



Written by Madison Vaughn

Legacy's First Annual Spring Break Mission Trip was at an orphanage on the west side of Guatemala City called Casa Aleluya. A group of Legacy students, twelve freshmen, two sophomores, and four juniors, spent part of their spring break in Guatemala. They played with the orphans, brought gifts, and installed water filtration systems for the orphanage.

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MAY

This past Sunday my local church hosted author, pastor and former atheist, Lee Strobel. He chose to speak about the scripture in Matthew that encourages us to be salt and light to the world. His approach was a little different than what I've heard in the past, and I wanted to share my "take-aways" with you.

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Character Trait of the Month - March

Integrity

By Dr. Richard J. Krejcir

The character of integrity exhibits the obedience and practice of the moral code of ethics, morals, values, and precepts from God's Word. In practice, integrity will produce honor, truth, and reliability. It will allow one to keep his or her word and do the best even when no one else is aware. This is essential for deeper relationships, and of course for developing other people's confidence in you and Christianity (Psalm 15; 78:72; Prov. 2:1-11; Micah 6:8; Luke 3:13-14; 6:31; 11:42; Rom. 13:5; 14:5, 14, 22; Eph. 6:6; Phil. 4:8; Col. 3:22-23; 1 Tim. 1:5; 3:9; Titus 1:7-8; James 1:9-11; 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:5-11).

Hypocrisy, Dishonesty, Duplicity, and Corruption are the opposites of God's call! When we carry out these evil traits or do not keep our word, we are misrepresenting Christ's good name and are defiling Him with our feeble words and/or excuses. Hypocrisy gives people a false impression of God and His Church! Insincerity gives people a false impression of who we are called to be; it nullifies integrity and character!

Integrity is considered the quintessence and application of Character. It is the demonstration of who we are in Christ and that our faith is real and backed up with our attitude and word. The absence of integrity is an indication that we as Christians are perhaps fakes and frauds at worst, and ineffective and useless at best. It is essential that we pursue integrity and His transforming work to make His Name real and shown (Rom. 12).

Jesus calls us to integrity, which means we are to be true to our word as a testimony to our faith in Him. We are not to be worldly with our words or the veracity of our virtue and character. Everything we do as a child of God must be in integrity, truthfulness, and honesty, as we are representing Him who is living in us! Consistent integrity is essential for the person who claims Christ as Lord of his or her life!

So, the question is, are you a person of integrity? When we say we follow Christ and His Word, do our actions show that we do? If not, we are being a Pharisee (they are not fair, you see), which is being a hypocrite. This is reprehensible before our Lord and others around us because we are misrepresenting Christ and His character! Thus, it is imperative that when we say we are followers of Christ, our character and behavior reflect Him and His call to the best of our abilities. If we are in leadership, this is even more imperative. We demonstrate integrity when we do what we say and act out what we believe; if not, we are a fraud, and woe to us for being one!

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Serving Orphans (Continued from page 1)

“I loved going to Guatemala. Being around the children in Guatemala brought me so much joy! I would definitely love to go back again next year!” said Caroline Freeman.

On Thursday, March 7th, thirty parents, students, and teachers flew out to Guatemala. They went to the orphanage where they had different theme nights for each age group of kids. The themes were carnival night, pajama and pizza party, and a glow night. They also played soccer with the kids.

“Going on a mission trip to Guatemala was an amazing way to bond with my peers and show the love of Christ to people in need,” said Layla Faysal.

They had a fun day in Antigua to finish the trip where they went zip-lining and shopping on the last day. Next year it is planned to do a very similar trip to serve in Guatemala again and Legacy students hope to return and continue the relationships they made this spring break.

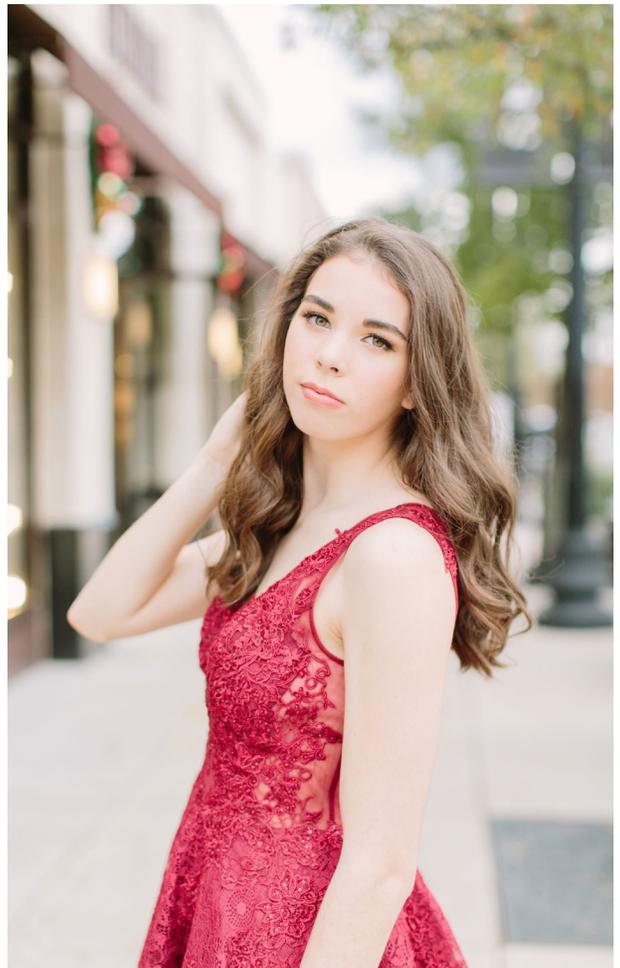
Salutatorian Spotlight

Written by Trinity Curnel

Congratulations to Grace Morris, the Legacy Class of 2019 Salutatorian! Grace takes pride in her educational position. She has played basketball all four years of high school. Grace has maintained high grades even while playing sports. She advises students to stay on top of all assignments and get your work finished when it's assigned.

In addition to being an exceptional student, Grace has also put a lot of hard work into her sports. She encourages student athletes to always put your work first. “I would always get my work done before practice or games, and if necessary, I would skip practices to go study more,” Grace says.

She decided to follow in her dad's and sister's footsteps by choosing to attend Texas A&M University. Although she was admitted to many other universities, Texas A&M was her top choice. She will be going to the Mays Business School and is majoring in finance. Congratulations and best of luck to Grace in all her future endeavors!





Legacy March Madness!

Written by Reagan Mace

On March 23rd, Legacy held their very own March Madness. It was open to all first through eighth grade students at Legacy. High School students and parents volunteered to make the event possible. March Madness centered around a basketball tournament for middle schoolers. Any middle schoolers could form a team of three to go head-to-head against their friends and the winners received prizes. Emerson Lilja said, "The basketball games were fun to watch, and I loved hanging out with my friends."

If you did not want to play basketball or were not old enough, there were plenty of other fun options. For elementary, they had a pizza dinner, cake walk, nail polish station, Lego stations, crafts, games, face painting, and outdoor activities. Ellie Cox added, "My favorite station was the cakewalk." The middle schoolers could also participate in cornhole, karaoke, ping pong, and nine square. Reese Granack said, "I had so much fun getting to hang out with my friends and my favorite stations were karaoke and crafts."

A big thanks to all juniors and seniors who volunteered at March Madness! Proceeds will go toward prom expenses.

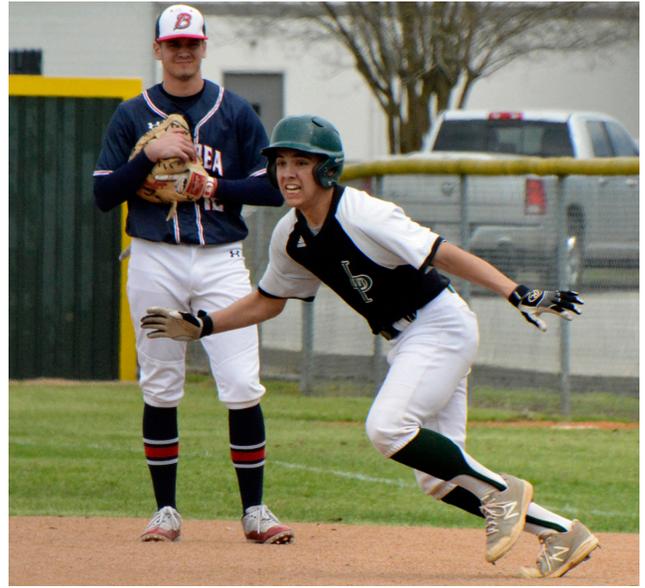


The Next Step

Written by Blaire Winkle

The Class of 2019 is ready to take the next step in their lives, to turn the page on a new chapter. Legacy Preparatory Christian Academy is proud to see their seniors graduate. Each student has persevered and is determined to end the last year of high school with great success. Several senior students have exciting plans and goals ahead of them, here are just a few of them. "My plan for after I graduate high school is to attend Blinn in Brenham, Texas. There I will complete two years of basic studies. Following Blinn, I will transfer to Texas A&M for two additional years. I am going to get my Bachelors in Fish and Wildlife," said Nick Teutsch. "I am planning on attending Texas A&M and majoring in Biomedical Science. I also hope to be on the equestrian team and eventually attend veterinary school," said Brooke Chevalier. Many of our Legacy athletes are preparing for graduating with sport commitments and continuing to expand their passion for sports. "I am going to attend McPherson College in the state of Kansas. I am very excited to play football on a whole new level. Additionally, I am planning to get my degree in health science," stated athlete Nate McCormack. "I plan to attend St. Edwards University to major in business and to play baseball," said Jack Granack. These amazing seniors have created a memorable year, leaving behind their own legacy and moving forward to the next step.





SWING FOR THE FENCES

Written by Evan Natale

The 2018 Legacy Lions Baseball team had a successful season last year and sent several players on to play college ball. Coach Granack said, “We lost a lot of seniors and it’s tough to rebuild. We are working really hard to improve on our game”. That did not stop the 2019 Legacy Lions from coming out victorious in their first home district game on March 22nd against the Warriors of Beaumont Legacy with a score of 2 to 1. Junior, Sam Bargainer, had the first run of the night while fellow junior, Charlie Mazur, finished it off with a clutch run to put the Lions ahead. Bargainer finished the night out pitching, clinching the game with only one run scored by the Warriors.

On March 26th, the Legacy Lions won their second district game against Brazos Christian easily with a score of 18 to 5. Bargainer added, “We need to build on every game, so we reach our peak in time for the playoffs.” The Lions are now 2-0 in district and look to make that 3-0 with an away game at Rosehill Christian at 4:30 on Friday, March 29th. The Lions are looking forward to a successful season and another play-off berth. Go Lions!



Dingers for Days

Written by Mariah Marts

After an exciting inaugural season last year, Legacy Softball started their second season in February with a team full of new faces. We had three seniors graduate and several players move away so this season we welcomed Berkley Jones, Mariah Marts, Mary Wittmer, Mia Giovingo, Caroline Palmer, Hannah Soltman and Amber Wentz. They joined returning players Reagan Mace, Hannah Condley, Mia Martinez, Sadie Micheletti, Brooke Foster, and Grace Lewis.

Our team is led by Captains – pitcher, Sadie Micheletti and catcher, Brooke Foster. Our pre-district highlight was our first win of the season against Northland Christian with a score of 10 to 5. Pitcher, Sadie Micheletti battled hard and pitched a great game. Reagan Mace said, “The team this season has done a good job of overcoming challenges with injuries on the team. I am looking forward to getting cleared to play and finishing off the season.” Good luck to the Lady Lions Softball team as they head into district play!



Join Scholar's Cup Today!

Written by Nick Teutch

Are you a high school student? Are you looking for more extracurricular involvement? Do you want more items on your résumé? Do you want to be part of a worldwide movement? Of course you do! Then join Meredith Wyrick, Michael Carlson, and Lena Clarke and become part of Legacy's High School Scholar's Cup Team. The World Scholar's Cup was created to be something different than traditional academic competitions and conferences: a celebration of the joy of learning, a tournament as rewarding for the team that came in last as for the team that came in first, and an enrichment opportunity that motivates students not just to demonstrate their existing strengths but to discover new ones. From a small beginning, the World Scholar's Cup has grown to reach tens of thousands of students in dozens of countries. It has now arrived at Legacy.

The most recent meeting was on Tuesday, March 26th, and I enjoyed hearing the discussions happening. While this group may sound like more homework, it is really more like having fun while learning. After speaking with the current members, I learned that there are four exciting events the group attends: team debate, collaborative writing, scholar's challenge, and the scholar's bowl. In addition to these large events, there are smaller event opportunities around the community. Join today and find out what Scholar's Cup is all about!

A Message From Mrs. May (Continued from page 1)

To refresh your memory, Jesus was speaking with his disciples when he challenged them with these words, “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” Matthew 5:13-16.

For most of us, we see this scripture as Jesus’ directive to us to be active examples of him. Mr. Strobel stressed that point. But the part that stuck with me most were two points that he tied together. The first was that, as Christians, we should be confident in our faith. As someone who had researched the birth, death and resurrection of Christ using historical and archaeological evidence, Mr. Strobel is steadfast in his faith and assured that Jesus is who He says is. I confess that as I read my Bible and try to grow in my faith, I am most motivated by the long list of evidences I find that give me peace about my Savior. But, how often are we able to have sit down conversations and civil debates with those who are critical of our faith? At least for me, it’s rare.

As Strobel moved to his closing point, he told us a story about a young lady who was “hostile” to Christianity. She grew up in a “Christian” home where her parents abused her on a regular basis. It soured her view of not just Christians, whom she labeled as hypocrites, but of Jesus. As she talked with Mr. Strobel, he invited her to come to a class at his church where people like her could ask questions, any question, about faith, Jesus, God, etc. Reluctantly, she agreed to go. After a few months, Strobel reached out to her to find out how it was going, and she gleefully told him that she had accepted Christ. “Great!” replied Strobel. “What was the one fact that helped you make your decision?”

To his surprise, she told him that facts had nothing to do with her decision. She chose to accept Jesus as her Savior because the Christians she met through this class were kind, gentle, loving, respectful, merciful, patient, etc. She later wrote Strobel a poem in which the essence was, “Don’t you know that when you’re kind to me, I believe Jesus must be kind. When you show me love, I assume Jesus is love. When you show me grace, I understand that Jesus is grace.”

This was such a reminder to me that people are watching. If you were to ask my children to give you one saying their mother repeats on a daily basis, they would say, “Actions speak louder than words.” That’s what this woman was saying. The way we live, speak, behave, interact with others, etc. is the most glaring example of what Jesus must be like. I must confess, I had to pray and ask God to forgive me for all of the people I had probably turned away from knowing Jesus because I acted in a way that wasn’t reflective of his love.

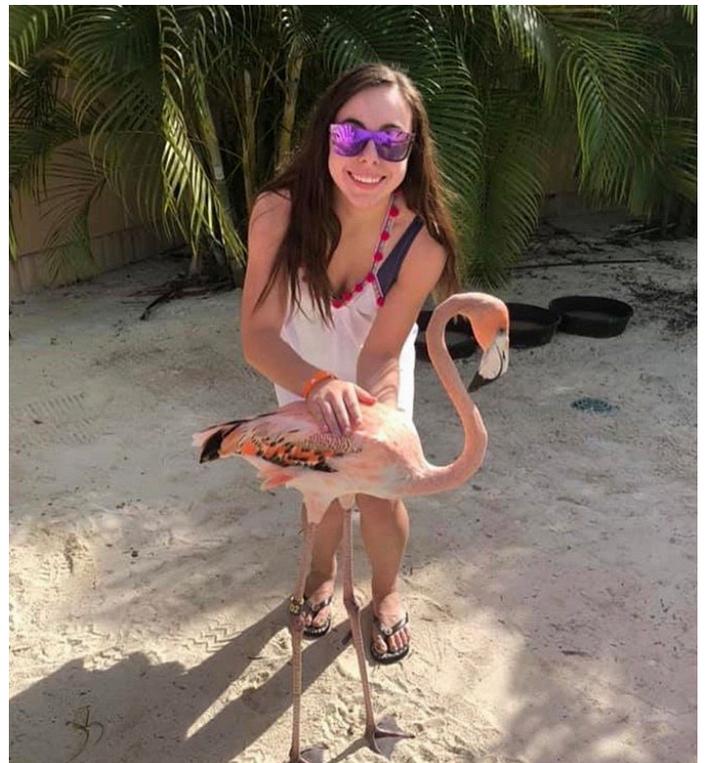
Sunday’s lesson was a good reminder to me, and hopefully to us all, that people ARE watching. Our actions speak more loudly than our words, and we must always be aware that we are Christ’s hands and feet. I pray we will be salty and bright as we go out into our community and bring our friends and neighbors to come to know Jesus.

Lions On Spring Break

Written by Lauren Lampman

Lots of Legacy Lions had awesome adventures over spring break! Here are a few of their good times:

Chloe Gonzalez went to the Bahamas. Alexa Kerr vacationed in Cancun. Several Lions went to Colorado including Lauren Lampman, Trinity Curnel, and Audrey Sipko. Carter Hutton caught up on sleep. Alexis Ever-sull had sleepovers. Ginger Freeman went rock climbing. Maylee Wendle went to Lubbock. Nick Teutsch visited New Orleans. Looks like our Lions had a great spring break.



Integrity (Continued from page 2)

The Bible calls us to a higher level of excellence than that of others around us - one of truth, love, honesty, and functionality. This is integrity in action; it is the implementation of His Ways in the practice of our daily Christian lives. We are adhering to His rules, morals, and principles (Zech. 8:16-17). This means we, as people of the faith, will place character, without excuse, ahead of our ambition. Most of all, we will have the focus to glorify God and not ourselves. In so doing, we will be doing the right thing all the time with no guilt or fear and nothing to hide. So, we do what we say we will do from the practice of God's Truth and Character that He has for us. We must be willing to do this regardless of our comfort, convenience, challenge, or controversy - without excuses (in addition, to do what is contrary to His Word and say we must do it because we said we would for integrity's sake is also evil). His ways give us meaning, and leading a righteous life gives us satisfaction.

We become a Christian by the work of the Spirit. But, our maturity in Christ and how we practice our faith is determined by the choices we make from the conviction and confidence of our beliefs. We choose to take the faith He gives and make it more real and effective. We choose to make the right choices or not, so we have no excuse when our life is messed up by neglect or poor choices. Yes, we have forgiveness and grace, but we are still left with a life that could have been so much more. So, we have to make the determination and be willing to align our lives to His Word and precepts so our behaviors represent who we are in Christ. After that, we need to be more conscious of the decisions we make, both large and small, without the compromise of solid ethics.

We must also be on guard with people who will do all they can to try to convince us to give up our integrity and character. There will be appealing arguments, passionate pleas, peer pressure, rationalizations, and ridicule on a personal level for why we do not need integrity (Job 2:3, 2:9, Prov. 29:10; 1 Cor. 15:33). Do not fret or despair when others come against you (and they will), when you stand up for truth, or when you keep your word; because of your integrity, you will be doing the right thing and you will be rewarded (1 Kings 9:4-5, Nehemiah 7:2, Psalm 41:11-12).

So, let us, without regret, lead lives that are worthy. Our call is to do as we teach, to do as we say, and to act as we teach others to act. Integrity is of the utmost importance for the Christian (Exodus 8:28-32; 1 Thess. 2: 10-12)! Why? Because God is righteous and just, and wants us to be our best in this area, too. The reason the Pharisees are equated with hypocrisy is that they were worshipping not the God of the Jews and the Law, but a made-up god that suited their own thoughts, schemas, and pride. They also covered truth and integrity with their hidden agendas and deceit (Psalm 103:1-14; Matt. 23; 1 Tim. 3:2-7; 1 Pet. 5:10)!

The fuel that will enable us to maintain our integrity is our understanding of "fullness." This is knowing who we are in Christ, and what He did for us on the Cross-that we are complete in Him! Then, we can be better able to comprehend that the Word of God is our authority. All you do, as a Christian, is a response to what He has first done in you. Couple that with the application of His Word, and it will instigate the right mark and practice of our behaviors. This is our integrity.

The willingness to model Christ's character is far more vital for us today than the willingness to just preach it. God want us to be authentic - not pretentious - because we are the Bible that non-Christians read (2 Cor. 8:9)!



Teacher of the Month

Written by Alexa Kerr

Amy Fleming, an English teacher at Legacy, is March's Teacher of the Month! Mrs. Fleming has been working at Legacy for three years. A little bit about Mrs. Fleming, in her own words: "A Florida native, I attended the University of Central Florida, graduating with a Literature degree. My husband, David, and I have been married for eighteen years, and we have four kids who attend Legacy. We moved to Texas nine years ago and consider it our home. I firmly believe that the study of literature significantly benefits a Christian in examining the world around him. I drink lots of coffee, read lots of books, love dark chocolate, and watch most anything with a British accent on Netflix."

When asked what she loves about Legacy, Mrs. Fleming said, "I love the connection students and teachers can have at Legacy. I get to know my students well. I think that's partly because we have small class sizes but also because we share a common bond in Christ. I love the conversations we get to have about academic concepts and how we glorify God in our learning."

We also asked Mrs. Fleming what advice she would give to any new kids coming into Legacy. She said, "Talk to your teachers and ask for help when you need it. Figure out how you work best and what you need to be organized."

Thank you, Mrs. Fleming, for all your hard work and dedication to your students here at Legacy.