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Spiritual Emphasis Weekend

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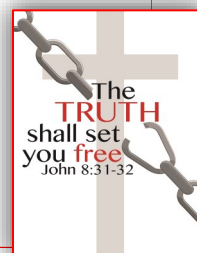
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The Spiritual Life Committee, consisting of organizational pastors, have planned this spiritual emphasis weekend that began Thursday. Our speaker for this series is Pastor Dave Ferguson, the father of one of the students currently attending AA. The title for the week is "God is..." An invitation to better know who He is.

Pastor Ferguson quoted I Corinthians 1:22, which says Jews look for miracles and the gentiles look for logic in order to accept a spiritual leader. He challenged us to know Him better on a personal level a way to accept Him as our spiritual leader.

He shared a story of his friends pranking him. When he woke up from a deep sleep, he was being carried by his friends out of his bed. Panicked, he began struggling, punching and kicking until they scattered. He then tied this into when Jesus' friends had betrayed Him and Jesus was getting beaten. Instead of fighting back, He let it happen because He loves us. He died for us to show us what a life of pure love looks like. He doesn't try to prove his spiritualness by bogging us down in miracles or logic. He shows us by example of how to live the best way possible.

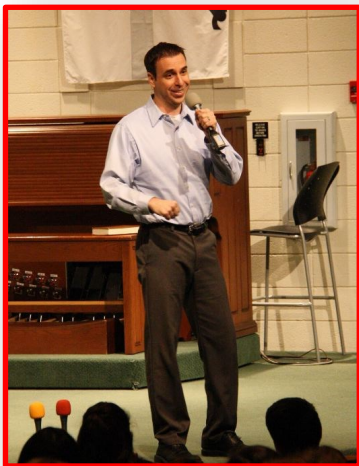
The series continues Friday with another special program in the morning followed by Satellite at PMC beginning at 7 pm. There Pastor Ferguson will conclude this emphasis weekend.



AA Highlights

Chapel

Tuesday's chapel talk was from one of our own seniors, Brianna Moore. She asked us why we as humans worry about the future. She quoted Matt. 6:25-34, which tells us that God will take care of us. If God can take care of the birds and flowers, are we not of much more importance to him? Won't He take care of us? Brianna's father, a pastor, put his trust in God. In 2003, when her family moved to Bermuda, she experienced a hurricane. While her mother was in the living room comforting Brianna and her brother, her father was sleeping! He's also slept through a tornado and a 7.2 earthquake. He can do this because he's put his full trust in God and believes that He will take care of him. Encouraging each of us to have a similar trust in Jesus.



On Wednesday, Mr. Doug Taylor, a teacher at AA talked about how when he was in college, he visited a friend who was a student missionary, while there he was asked to preach a sermon for church the following day. He accepted on the spur of the moment without having an idea for what to say. That night he was sitting in bed, reading his Bible, searching for inspiration. Because it was warm he had only a sheet on him. Suddenly, a scorpion dropped on his leg. He took a boot and smacked it off his leg and onto the floor, where he proceeded to hit it until it was dead. Climbing back into bed he started thinking how stupid it would be to just let the scorpion stay there, but that's what we do when we sin. We let the bad things "sit on our bed with us", which is a very stupid thing to do. He encouraged us to kill our bad habits and sins instead of letting them stay with us.

On Tuesday song service was lead by the freshmen class. This was their first time leading. Thank you freshmen for leading in singing.



AA Highlights

Chicago Auto Show

A bus full of Andrews Academy students enjoyed that day at the Chicago car show, Feb. 17, 2016. Not only could students see the many new models of cars but they could also try out many simulations. Students learnt a lot and enjoyed the day field trip that Mr. Ferguson planned for his technology classes.

Please go to [facebook](#) to see one of the simulations.

For more photos please go to [facebook](#).



AA Highlights

Prayer for Principal Leiterman

On Tuesday morning faculty and students gathered around Mrs. Leiterman to pray a prayer of blessing on her as she assumes principalship of Andrews Academy. You will recall that last Friday it was officially announced that our interim principal, Mrs. Leiterman, had been asked to become the permanent principal. She however had appointments on Friday and was not present when it was announced. Again, students & faculty clapped in appreciation of what she has done for AA and to encourage her as she assumes this title.



Spanish Class

For those of us who teach in A wing of the academy we enjoy the sounds of learning from Spanish class. Mrs. Sanchez, AA's spanish teacher, incorporates many learning modalities, including music & traditional costume.



AA Highlights

NHS Induction

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On Feb. 16, 2016 sixteen new members were inducted into the Andrews Academy, chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). This was the fifty-first annual NHS Induction Ceremony. Part of the service includes candle-lighting - to representing the four pillars of the NHS Society. Each of the following members described each pillar of the NHS as they lite the candle. This brings the total membership to twenty six.

For more photos please go to [facebook](#).



AA Highlights

Chinese Vespers



Andrews Academy Chinese students enjoyed an evening of snowmobile rides, sledding in the snow, wonderful food and vespers together Feb. 12, 2016. It was a rather cold afternoon, the fire by the sledding hill kept some warm. Mr. Graves shared the vespers thought, from I Corinthians 12: 12 - 27 "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." As christians we each have a role, he then compared it to his

Band class where each person has a roll and each person needs to do well in their roll. He then had instruments for everyone to use to illustrate this concept... they sounded great... and everyone better understood the text.

Thank you Mrs. Chao for organizing this fun evening together. For more photos please go to [facebook](#).



AA Highlights

Freshmen Vespers & Snow Activity

Freshmen enjoyed an evening of outdoor activities and worship together on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016. Various individuals led out in singing followed by a devotional thought by the class pastor John Kent. He always has a well planned, meaningful, and deep thought to share with the class. After sundown worship and supper the freshmen went outside to enjoy the snow together.... snow fights, sledding, hanging out together, and trying to stay warm by the fire. While this was occurring students took turns going for rides on the snowmobile or toboggan behind the snowmobile.

For more photos please go to [facebook](#).

Watching the students interact with each other throughout the snow activity and sharing together during worship reminded me once again of the great group of students we have at Andrews Academy. Andrews Academy has such a great school spirit... probably different than how the public generally defines school spirit. Andrews Academy students experience a deeper meaning of school spirit. AA students look out for each other, they are kind to each other, they are there to help each other in need, they enjoy participating in school events together, and encourage each other along in their spiritual journey as they encounter life's activities together.



Announcements

CONCERT BAND, WIND ENSEMBLE, AND HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Handbell Ensemble will all be performing at the Village SDA Church for both services this Sabbath, February 20. They will be presenting many of the songs that will be performed on their tour next week, so parents and friends are encouraged to come enjoy the tour right here in Berrien Springs! Students need to be at the church no later than 8:00am.

SILHOUETTES AND SELECT STRINGS

There will be a student/parent meeting this coming Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 PM in the AA Choir room, C47. This is our last meeting before our Music Mission Trip to Thailand. We will give you final Itinerary with addresses, contact persons and numbers, etc. Please come ready with the following:

1. **Final Payment**
2. **Passports (Bring them for me to keep!)**
3. **Any paperwork missing (Assumption of Risk form, medical form, etc.)**
4. **Personal money to exchange (We will transfer the money ahead of time to our Adventist University in Thailand and they will have the money ready for us in Thai Bahts. It will save us time going through long lines)**

TUITION

Tuition payment #7 is due on or before February 25th.

EXPO

Did you know that you can access a student/parent directory in Renweb? After you have logged into your Renweb account, under the **School Information** tab, there is a **Directory** tab that will give access to student pictures, phone numbers, addresses, if permission was given for that information to be published.