... Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest.
John 4:35
Dear Co-laborer in Christ,

As we reflect on the glorious privilege we have had to touch the lives and souls of the children God has placed in our homes, may our hearts greatly praise Him. *I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.* (Psalm 86:12) Thank Him for trusting you with the responsibility of discipling His young ones.

What a blessing it was for many of the Lighthouse Christian Academy (LCA) graduates to attend their graduation ceremony at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. You will see their smiling faces in this Beacon. If you have students graduating in 2020, contact your LCA advisor, and begin your plans to attend this memorable event.

In this issue of the Beacon you will find opportunities for your high school students to go beyond the PACEs and learn to minister to others with the knowledge they have received from their education. *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.* (I Corinthians 10:31)

Rejoice with us as A.C.E. celebrates fifty years of Biblical education! *So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.* (Psalm 79:13) God has blessed this ministry greatly, and we praise Him.

It is my prayer that your labor of love for our Lord Jesus Christ will be multiplied in the life of each child in your home school. *And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.* (Isaiah 54:13)

Laboring together in His harvest field,

Esther Howard
President

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Choose Your Adventure

The year 2020 will have expanded opportunities for those who wish to attend Service Adventure. For the first time, ACEM will be offering mission opportunities in two locations—Mexico and Thailand.

The high level of interest and number of applications has led to the expanded choices of these locations. The increased level of young people wanting to participate was evidenced this year at the His Servants Reception held during International Student Convention, with more than 140 excited attendees present. There they heard about opportunities to use their God-given talents to meet the spiritual needs of others while learning new skills, making lifelong friends, and deepening their relationship with Christ.

Over the years, schools assisted by Service Adventure have expressed much gratitude for the dedication of the volunteers. Participants may find themselves constructing student offices, ministering with puppet shows, studying God’s Word daily, and sharing the Gospel. Through teamwork and organization, numerous schools in these two countries will receive the help they desperately need.

Will you ask God if He is calling your child to choose his own adventure? We encourage anyone interested to apply early as the number of participants is limited. For more information, visit acestudentprograms.com/about-sa.
He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. Psalm 7:15

Making pitfalls has been an often-used method for trapping wild animals and has also been a strategy used against enemy soldiers in times of war. Sometimes a man, having made such a pit, covered it over so completely that he fell into his own trap. Sometimes a parent can inadvertently create pitfalls that are hidden and whose dangers are not easily recognized. Here are two such pitfalls you will want to avoid.

**Pitfall #7—Relaxing or failing to enforce scoring procedures.**

Proper procedure—When a score strip appears, the student raises his national flag to request permission to score his work. The student goes to the scoring station with only his PACE. While at the scoring station, the student uses a red pen provided at the scoring station to make a red “X” beside the number of any incorrect answers and a red “X” in the first box of the score strip. Instruct your child in correct Score Key usage and provide careful but reasonable supervision of the scoring station. Minimize the possibility for obtaining answers from Score Keys without arousing feelings of distrust by making your child aware of your presence. It is easy to become distracted and not pay attention to what is going on at the scoring station. While working with your child, occasionally turn around and look. You don’t have to look at anyone or anything in particular, but your child will notice that you looked. Regularly spot-check scoring for “carelessness.” You should occasionally scan PACEs, looking specifically for proper scoring procedures and to detect marked answers (thumbnail marks, red dots, “strategically” placed red “Xs,” heavy pencil writing covering up red ink, pencils in ties or under fingernails, camera phones at scoring station taking pictures of Score Keys, etc.). Scoring procedures are predicated on honesty but offer many opportunities to present the character trait of honesty as well. Address the “heart issue” of honesty in family devotions to “shut the gate before the horse gets out.” You may want to watch the use of camera cell phones and text messaging, iPods with wireless earpieces with notes read into them, and programmable calculators, especially at the testing table.

**Pitfall #8—Failing to do a daily goal check for every child.**

Proper procedure—You should take time each morning to check your child’s goals to see that the previous day’s goals have been completed and new goals set for the current day and noting PACE subjects in which they may need academic assistance. The goal check is one of the nuts and bolts of the A.C.E. system of learning. Without a daily goal check, the A.C.E. system will not achieve the intended academic results. This is your homeschool’s single greatest academic control. If this procedure is not followed, you will have no idea where your child is academically. A goal check will spot problems (in understanding, scoring, completion of goals, etc.) very early, before they mushroom or snowball. You should be sure that your child has accomplished a specific activity during a day for which he wrote “Review” or “Study” on his Goal Card. Make sure he has not adjusted his goals without your permission, initialed in green on the Goal Card. If the Goal Check Report is your only attendance record, make sure attendance is accurately recorded for each child each day.
The beautiful campus of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg hosted Lighthouse Christian Academy’s 2018–2019 Graduation. Nestled among its historic buildings and nostalgic reminders, the Class of 2019 gathered for the 28th annual graduation ceremony.

On May 30, 2019, ninety-two out of over 600 graduates assembled from 25 states and 9 other nations around the world. With the support of a host of relatives and friends, the graduates donned their caps and gowns for this life-changing moment.

The guests were welcomed by Mr. Duane Howard, the Vice President of Accelerated Christian Education, who spoke of the distinguished history of the A.C.E. program. The commencement was blessed by the musical stylings of the Agee Family of Spencer, Tennessee, and Miss Olivia Blackman of Atlanta, Georgia.
Evangelist Rob Watkins charged the graduates in a stirring message. He admonished us to discover God who has hidden Himself in plain sight. We may discover Him in creation, in our hearts, in His Word, and in His Son. Our joy begins when God fills our lives and is reflected through us to those around us.

Upon receiving their diplomas, the graduates were presented by Mrs. Patricia Gilbey, General Manager of Academic Programs and Director of Lighthouse Christian Academy. She challenged the graduates from the words of D. L. Moody to make God their partner and their plans big for His glory. Nothing on earth can stop you when you are on God’s side. Never settle for less than His best.

Our graduates now move forward carrying the torch to light their world. They have been given the tools. They have been given the charge. Our thoughts and prayers go with them, knowing that God has amazing plans for each one.
Character Counts!

Fair is defined as: Seeing a situation from the viewpoint of each person involved. It is to be unbiased, just, honest, and impartial. The character strip above gives us a good illustration of being fair. Miguel hit a ball, and it broke a glass window in the house. He takes responsibility for his actions by saying, “Now I must pay for it.” But Ajani was playing ball with him and recognizes it could have been him that hit that ball. So the only fair thing to do was for him to help Miguel pay for the broken glass.

The golden rule for fairness is found in Matthew 7:12: *Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.* A parallel passage is Luke 6:31, *And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.* The golden rule for fairness is simply to treat others the way you want to be treated.

The traits equitable and fair are often confused. Being equitable is the spiritual aspect of a situation, whereas fair is the human aspect. Equitable is applied righteousness and justice from God’s viewpoint, but fair is seeing a situation from the viewpoint of each person involved. The measure of being equitable is the absolute, objective, and ideal standard we have in God’s Word. The measure of being fair is viewing a situation from each person’s perspective in order to help all parties see the equitable principles, laws, and rules being applied from God’s Word.

As an example, consider a yard sale. The seller has an asking price, which is his personal preference of the amount he wants to get for an item. The buyer has a personal preference of what he wants to pay for that item. They bargain back and forth on the price until they meet in the middle with a price on which they both can agree. That price then becomes a fair deal for both.

Israel was redeemed from Egypt, crossed the Red Sea, and in the wilderness the people murmured about water, food, and even Moses. Finally, God told Moses to select 70 men to help him so all the people would be dealt with fairly and would see the situation as being equitable.

At the trial of Jesus, Pilate found no fault with Him. The policy was to release one prisoner each year. When Pilate asked the mob who they wanted released, they cried, “Barabbas!” While attempting to be fair, Pilate was actually unfair to Jesus. His trial was subjective. Caiaphas’s trial was also subjective. The mob’s reaction was subjective. There was no objective, authoritative standard used for Jesus’ trials. The rulers and the people failed at being both fair and equitable.

In the early church there were certain believing Greek widows who were not being cared for daily and fairly. God told the church to select seven men of honest report to serve the Lord by waiting on tables and meeting the daily needs of all the church members both fairly and equitably.

Jesus was fair when He offered salvation to all. *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* (Matthew 11:28) The invitation is fair as all are given the free will to accept or reject it. Have you accepted God’s free gift of salvation?
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