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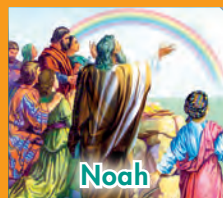
Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (Philippians 4:8)

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Dear Co-laborer in Christ,

As His precious children, God calls us to be thankful. The Book of Psalms has many verses that speak to us about praise and thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30 is one of many that are special to me. *I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.* What a great and mighty God we serve.

We are truly privileged to live in a country where we are free to continue living our lives for our Saviour and Lord. *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.* (Psalm 100:4) As I ponder on the many things for which I am grateful, my thoughts turn to how God has blessed the ministries of Accelerated Christian Education and Lighthouse Christian Academy these past many years. What a joy it is to co-labor with those of you who serve Him in the ministry of homeschooling.

Please join me in honoring Him in all we say and do. *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.* (Matthew 5:16) He has called us to light our world by touching the lives of each one He brings into our realm of influence—for His glory.

May our Lord Jesus be your strength and joy as you continue to homeschool the young people that our Saviour holds so closely. *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.* (I Corinthians 15:58)

Advancing the cause by lighting the world for His glory,

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Character Counts!

COURAGEOUS—God desires Believers to be courageous, to stand for God’s Word regardless of circumstances. Courageous is demonstrating that God is with me, giving strength and firmness of character that enables me to endure any trial or danger. In this character strip, J. Michael and Mr. Trueword are at the zoo. J. Michael notices a boy has gone over the fence and is in danger as he heads toward the bear. Mr. Trueword courageously goes over the fence and rescues the boy and takes him to his parents. That takes courage!

Noah was a man of courage. God *spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.* (II Peter 2:5) Despite the ridicule of those around him, he preached courageously for 120 years, yet only his family was saved.


Joseph was a man of courage. He was hated by his brothers, sold as a slave into Egypt, falsely accused, thrown into prison, and was forgotten in prison. Yet he courageously stood for what was right, and, in the providence of God, became Pharaoh’s right-hand man. When his brothers found him alive in Egypt, Joseph said, *But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good.* (Genesis 50:20)

Moses was a man of courage as he stood against Pharaoh, and through him God brought ten great plagues to deliver His people out of Egypt. Moses told Joshua, *Be strong and of a good courage.* (Deuteronomy 31:6) Later, the Lord told Joshua, *Be strong and of a good courage* (Joshua 1:6). Joshua then commanded the

people to *be strong and of good courage* (Joshua 10:25). This phrase appears no less than nine times in Scripture!

Civic leaders in Daniel’s day sought occasion against him. They convinced the king to sign a proclamation that no one could ask a petition of anyone but the king for 30 days. *Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforesaid.* (Daniel 6:10) Daniel was courageous to stand against the edicts of man and do what was right and pray to the God of Heaven.

Stephen was a man of courage as he preached the Word of God. The Jews were convicted of their sin; *And cast him out of the city, and stoned him.* (Acts 7:58) Paul was also a man of courage. He fearlessly preached the Word of God and was eventually placed in prison for his faith. In spite of this, he said, *According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.* (Philippians 1:20)

Scripture is replete with illustrations of both men and women who courageously stood for God. This is evident from Hebrews 11, the faith chapter. May God help us to be courageous like those we find in Scripture who stood for what was right—regardless of the cost! 

Are LCA Graduates Prepared for College? Yes!



Since its inception, countless Lighthouse Christian Academy graduates have attended college. Many have given testimonies showing how their educational experiences have helped them achieve academic degrees. So, how does the LCA program prepare students for higher education?

How LCA prepares students academically

Many graduates point to the goal-setting procedures that helped them set priorities for college projects by breaking up the tasks into bite-sized units.

Others have touted subjects such as English and Word Building for learning the basics of phonetics, grammar, and word structure from a young age. These principles are often missing from secular curricula that prefer to teach other methods, such as sight reading. PACEs provide the foundational phonetic skills needed for reading and writing mastery. Emphasis is placed upon learning the spelling, meaning, and functions of words, while practice exercises prepare students for senior- and college-level term papers and essays.

Other subjects, such as math, have grounded students with a firm foundation on the basics of arithmetic—from addition and subtraction through trigonometry. These math concepts are later practically applied in upper-level science courses and Business Math.

How LCA prepares students spiritually

Not only does LCA focus on academics, the A.C.E. curriculum is full of moral and Biblical examples aimed at giving students a blueprint for righteous living. A solid Biblical base influences and affects all learning throughout the scope of the A.C.E. curriculum. Starting at the kindergarten level, Biblical character traits and character development are the common threads woven throughout the entire fabric of the A.C.E. system. Ninety character traits, along

On to higher education

See colleges and universities attended by LCA graduates using the A.C.E. curriculum at aceministries.com/CollegeUniv.


Learn more about what ACBI has to offer at acem.org.

with corresponding Bible verses, are incorporated throughout the curriculum. Your child enjoys the illustrations, activities, and character strips that display and define each trait, from affectionate to zealous. The A.C.E. curriculum conveys that learning the Bible is enjoyable, while reaffirming the value of Godly character and purity. Charactered graduates are sought after by both employers and higher education institutions.

Where can my child go to college?

Students who wish to continue their education through the use of PACEs and other educational methods may do so through Accelerated College of the Bible International (ACBI). ACBI offers a one-year Certificate of Training in Christian Education and an Associate of Applied Arts in Christian Education degree. The third and fourth years are in development. For more information on ACBI enrollment options, visit acem.org.

Quality educational institutions around the globe recognize the high standard of instruction offered through LCA and the A.C.E. curriculum and programs. Hundreds of institutions have accepted students using the A.C.E. program on individual merit. This list was recently updated and is available for download at aceministries.com/CollegeUniv.

As an educational system, Accelerated Christian Education is the Biblical choice for your child. By understanding the basics, your child will form a solid foundation on which to base his educational future. Not only does LCA prepare students for attending colleges or universities, it arms them with the tools to live for Christ while serving others. 

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LCA graduation activities and ceremony will be held on **May 30, 2019**, at the International Student Convention site at the University of Central Missouri.

Contact your advisor for details.



**Month of April
online assessments for
LCA students Levels 4–12.**

**Date and time details will
be mailed in January.**



A.C.E. Celebrates 35 Years in Mexico

Praise the Lord! A.C.E. Mexico is celebrating its 35th anniversary of providing services to Christian schools and homeschools in Mexico. This fall, instead of holding Christian Educators' Conventions (CEC) at six separate locations, a single, three-day event was held in Mexico City, Mexico, in which more than 1,100 educators who use the A.C.E. program could together honor God for His blessings.

The number of schools using the A.C.E. program in Mexico has grown to 321, as well as many LCA families. This year's CEC featured 20 different workshops and 8 general sessions. Topics included how to prepare for Student Convention, how to use the ABCs program to its fullest, how A.C.E. is a great tool for missions, and the blessing of Educational Assistance and Service Adventure. During a general session, a guest speaker from A.C.E. highlighted the new Accelerated College of the Bible International's program and scholarships, the "What is a PACE?" brochure, and new Spanish products and PACEs. The *Readmaster Plus User Guide* Spanish translation was announced as well as the great work being done in Social Media. The Social Media team recently pointed out that nearly one-third of users on its platforms speak Spanish.

Attendees were also excited to learn that Word Building Online, which is currently in development, will offer text-to-speech capabilities, audio character strips, and varied questions on Self Tests and PACE Tests. Word Building Online is one of the most highly anticipated products among bilingual communities using the A.C.E. curriculum.

Speakers at the Convention motivated attendees to continue serving the Lord in their ministries. One speaker encouraged them to defend Christian education, their




faith, and principles. They should not shy away from explaining why they work in or have a Christian school using the A.C.E. curriculum but should justify it and defend it well by going deeper into evidence and modern examples.

An A.C.E. graduate from Peru talked about the dangers of gender ideology being promoted in government and education. He said Christians should not stand by and watch as the world decides how to educate children and make decisions for them. He emphasized going deeper into the purpose of being an educator and to realize the impact being made on the lives of so many—snatching them from the grasp of the world.

The closing speaker encouraged school staff to declare their faith, diligence in the Bible, and Christian life. He illustrated how God never intended for us to be superficial Christians, but deep, firm, dedicated followers of Christ who have been called to change entire generations through the Biblical calling of Christian education.

To close the event, A.C.E. representatives presented a plaque to A.C.E. Mexico—recognizing their years of dedication to the A.C.E. program. A symbolic presentation was also held by a group of school administrators and pastors, who represented all of those throughout the history of A.C.E.'s presence in Mexico. Commemorative diplomas were presented to over 90 A.C.E. graduates spanning the last 20 years.



Let us pray together that through Christian education in Mexico and around the world, men and women will be trained in the Word of God and will make a difference in this world. 



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