



Devotion

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

In Christian circles, it is easy to focus on the free gift of salvation for all who believe. It’s not as easy to talk about our own moral depravity and sin that separates us from Christ. In fact, even the word “sin” could be considered a taboo word these days. Sin is ugly and we don’t like to talk about it or confess it.

One could even argue a most crucial step in salvation is understanding our **need** for a Savior. As we grow in our relationship with the Lord, we become more aware of our own sin nature and this produces a Godly grief in us. In 2 Corinthians, Paul says that Godly grief produces repentance, which leads to God’s forgiveness. (2 Corinthians 7:9)

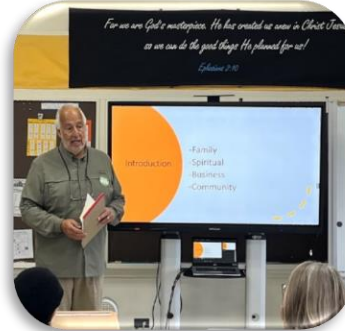
In the book of James, he goes further to say that we need to confess our sins to each other so that we may be healed. (James 5:16)

We were created in His image, to be in community and relationships. How wonderful that we receive **forgiveness** when we confess to Christ, and we can receive **healing** when we confess to each other. We serve a faithful God who keeps His promises! Praise the Lord!

~Stephanie Dow

Parent Orientation

In September, we met with all our parents to go over expectations and answer any questions for the 2023-2024 school year.



Life Skills

We recently received a text from a family who moved out of town. The following is such an encouragement, as it lets us know how the Lord has used EWA over the years to provide the scaffolding needed for a student to face insecurities and meet their challenges successfully!

“I wanted to let you know that recently, (my son’s) English teacher told them that they could get extra credit if they recited their assigned Shakespeare excerpts in front of the class. There were only a few students who did so, and he was one of them! He has a pretty shy personality, but he told a classmate that his experience at EWA helped prepare him to be able to speak in front of a class without much fear. Thank you for your years of dedication to not just Christian education, but instilling life-skills, as well.”



Stephanie Dow, EWA-ASC, is able to do a presentation of our EWA ministry to your church, mission’s conference, ladies’ group, etc. Call or text her at 315-396-0024



Volunteer Luncheon

On 10/25, our volunteers gathered together and enjoyed a time of great fellowship, food, and fun! At the beginning of the luncheon, our prayer partners teamed up with their student(s) and worked to answer the question, "What Sets You Apart?" with the incentive being the top three entries receiving rewards. The following are qualities that describe what someone looks like and sounds like who sets themselves apart from their peers/co-workers/fellow students, etc. These were thought of by our students with minimal assistance from their prayer partners. As you read this extensive list, it makes you realize how we truly need the Holy Spirit to help us live like this, for the Glory of God!

- Helping others – even if it's hard for you
 - Telling others about God
- Being kind and compassionate to one another, and forgive and be respectful of them
 - Be Christ-like, with the ability to endure in the world
 - Have your "own faith", not that of FHS or your parents
 - Avoid getting involved in what the world wants
- Someone who goes the extra mile and does above and beyond what they were asked to do
 - Being persistent – sticking to their work through obstacles
 - Putting others before yourself and thinking before you act
 - Showing "more of Jesus and less of me"
 - Loving each other as God loves you
 - Doing stuff before you're asked
 - Doing all for the Glory of God
 - Helping someone, even if no one else sees it, because God does
 - Showing respect to others, and putting them first
 - Look for ways to be kind to other and encourage them
 - Do for others, as "actions speak better than words"
 - Follow rules by obeying

The top three entries are pictured below, with some pictures from our luncheon!



**Rory
and
Mrs.
Bodah**



**Mr. and
Mrs. Harris
and
Deborah,
Sarah and
Esther**



**Mr.
Andress
and
Aaron**



EWA is organizing and bringing in monthly Career Speakers this year, for all 6-12th grade students at FHS.

Career Speaker Spotlight

Below are our September and October speakers.



Alum Dr. Meagan Leach PT, DPT owner of Return to Compete Physical Therapy, Unrivaled Strength Academy came in September to share about her career in physical therapy!



Mrs. Rhoda Leone, LMSW, RN, FNP-S was our October speaker. She shared her extensive background in nursing and gave a highly informative presentation to our students!



THANK YOU to Wegmans and Green Hills for your generous donations to EWA! With your help, we were able to provide a delicious meal for our annual Volunteer Luncheon!

A Look at Our Finances



We are so thankful for faithful donations from supporters, making EWA scholarships possible for twenty-five students. EWA needs \$17,185 per month to cover tuition for ten months (\$171,185 per school year). Our total annual budget, which includes the above tuition cost, one salary, office supplies & miscellaneous expenses, is \$206,217. We are thankful for all the ways the Lord supplies: yearly gifts, monthly, bi-monthly – through individuals, churches, businesses, foundations & “student family” contributions. It is our desire to always be good stewards with what the Lord entrusts to us. Thank you for YOUR part in this!!

In Memory Of

A donation was made to EWA "In Memory of Tom Pickett," by Cynthia Maser. Tom, and his wife Bonnie, were the first people to greet Cynthia when she started attending the church where they worshipped. He was known for carrying lollipops in his pockets for the children, his incredible work with stained-glass art, and being such a kind gentleman. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

Donations like these are meant to bring a measure of comfort for those grieving, but also are a huge encouragement to this ministry that the Lord uses to keep His work going.

Walt Price sent a donation in, "In Memory of his beloved wife of 69 years," who was taken home to be with the Lord in August. Our hearts are heavy for him as he grieves her absence. They have encouraged EWA for many years, and we truly thank the Lord for how He has used them to bless many lives as they served Him!

Joe & Rosemarie Novembrini sent a donation "In Memory of David Leighton." They attended the same church where David served as an elder. He taught science and math for EWA when we were a private school. He is dearly missed by all who knew him!

A donation was given to EWA by David/Anna Shipe in "In Memory of Carolyn Grieb," who passed away in September. Carolyn was a faithful volunteer during our school days at St. Paul's Church. She came in regularly and worked with students whom the teachers assigned to her, helping them with various academic challenges. We thank the Lord for having brought her to EWA and that we had the privilege of getting to know her!



Former EWA student, **Amya**, recently came to meet and share her artwork with one of our students who is also very artistic!



One of our eighth-grade scholarship students was recently recognized by his teacher for "Setting Himself Apart," for serving others without being asked and being a student leader amongst his peers.

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Thank you to **ALL** who support this ministry with **prayer, time, and donations**. We praise Him for **YOU** and are thankful for being able to partner together to do His work.

*Stephanie Dow –
EWA Administrative Support
Coordinator*

DONATE

Go to our website, eaglewingsacademy.org, and there you can give through PayPal or check!

Please note, because we are a ministry, PayPal does not charge a fee, so 100% of your donation will go to EWA!

Thank You

These notes are from our families to YOU! Thank you to ALL our supporters - those who pray, give of their time, resources, and donate financially. Without them, we would not be sustained in this ministry!



Dear Donors,

"Thank you so much for supporting us. Your generosity has had a huge impact on our family. We thank you so much for the love you've shown us. We keep you in our prayers." Sincerely, Parents of 12th and 10th grade students.

Psalm 9:1-2

"I will praise you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O, MOST HIGH"



"First and foremost, we want to thank God for showing us Eagle Wings Academy. We are blessed to have been here for 8 years, starting from a small Christian school and ending with a scholarship for our kids. Receiving scholarships has benefited our children's education and overall getting to know God and who He is. While our children do not always perform well in school due to laziness, EWA has always assisted them in overcoming that. Being immigrants ourselves, we find it challenging to support our children in the English language, but we are thankful to have EWA on our side. We have seen a remarkable improvement in our children's academic performance and growth in the Bible. We are truly grateful for the support and generosity of the donor, as it has not only relieved our financial burden but also provided our children with an education in a Christian environment."

Parents of 8th and 2nd grade students



Dear Supporter,

"Thank you for all you have done. We really appreciate the support you given. Thanks once again"

Sincerely,

Parents of 6th, 3rd, and 1st grade students



"We just wanted to let you know that we are very grateful for all your efforts in EWA. This opportunity for my kids to attend Faith Heritage has been a massive blessing to us for these past years and we truly appreciate you. Thank you again!"

Parents of 9th and 12th grade students



"His praise shall continually be in my mouth" Psalm 34:1

"We are thankful to God and always appreciate to EWA and sponsors, prayer partners and staff members."

"Thank you so much for your LOVE, SUPPORT, and KINDNESS toward us. You are always in our prayer!"

*May God bless you all!
Parents of 10th, 9th, and 4th grade students.*



"We are really really grateful for your commitment in giving to the cause of educating our child at FHS God bless you and your faithful."

Parents of a 4th grade student



*Hello,
"First I would like to thank God and thank you for support my sons and help us to pay for the school and thank you for helping my two boys doing homework. Thank everything you have done for my family. I want to say thank you very much."*

*May God bless you."
From, Mother of 5th and 1st grade boys*



Dear Donors,
 "I want to thank you for the generous donations to EWA. Without donors like you my kids and other kids will be unable to attend FHS but because of your donations our children can pursue the career of their dreams and learn and grow spiritually. Every gift is like a water drop that fills up the bucket. Once again, I offer my sincerest thanks for your generous support. My prayer is that the Lord will bless you for your generosity."

Parents of 5th and 1st grade students



"First of all, I want to praise God. Now my kids know about the word of God, they know how to pray and during Bible competition, she got 2nd place. I would love to thank God because each day they know more about God, may God bless Faith Heritage and Mrs. Dow and all the teachers and their families. May they continue to glorify God's name. Thank you for helping my daughter and son attend Faith Heritage School. May God bless them with good health, be blessed in the future. Thank you for praying for my children."

Parents of 3rd and 1st grade students



Dear Donors,
 "Thank you so much for your very generous donation to EWA. Because of your generosity, EWA will continue funding to some of FHS to a family that is having a financial difficulty. My son is one of those students and I am so grateful that he is able to learn and improve academically and spiritually. Every time I dropped off my son at FHS, I see so many students that are hardworking, loving the Lord and polite and it makes me so happy, especially that my son is attending school among those students and surrounded by loving and caring teachers. You played a very important part in my son's education, and I will always be grateful to you.

You are an angel God's sent to EWA's families. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

So, thank you once again for your support."

Sincerely,

Parents of a 1st grade student



Dear EWA supporter,
 "Hello! I would love to say thank you very much for support our family. And I also thank God because of you. We don't know each other or meet in life but in Christ Jesus you help us in need. Thank you so much for support our family. For us it really mean so much more than you think. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. I will recount all of you wonderful deeds. Thank you."

Sincerely, Parents of 8th, 5th & 1st grade students



Dear Sponsors,

"Thank you so much for your support of Eagle Wings Academy at FHS. Because of you, my granddaughter has additional support in her academic, spiritual, and social growth. The summer accountability, before school time and occasional lunch time with Mrs. Dow would not happen without your commitment to this Academy. As you know, the EWA team of adults is fully committed as well and serve as a liaison between our family and the school."

Thank you again for your ministry,

Parents of a 4th grade student



*Hello EWA and Respected Donors,
 "We are really appreciative of EWA's blessing and the donors who made it possible for our son to attend the Christian school and receive holistic development. Christian spiritual development is crucial in today's technologically advanced world if we are to manage ourselves and stay on the correct path we really have to keep in touch with God's words. We are incredibly appreciative of the contributors' efforts and sacrifices in providing the scholarships so that Christian families' children can continue their Christian education. I pray that as they gain more understanding of God, they will be able to point others in the direction of the Lord when they grow up. We will keep you in our prayers. Thank you for the services you offer our children, and may God richly reward you."*

Parents of a 5th grade student