



## Anxiety

Does anyone enjoy anxiety and worry? Probably not. But it's a common experience in our hectic, sometimes chaotic life. There are plenty of opportunities for anxiety over work, finances, the economy, difficult relationships, concerns for the future, etc. Yet God has wonderfully given us an alternative to anxiety. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6, ESV). Think about the full import of what this verse says. Basically, "You don't have to worry about anything. Instead, take it to your Heavenly Father in prayer and trust him to handle it with his infinite wisdom and power." What a relief! We need not be burdened by anxiety. Yet isn't it strangely difficult for us to obey what should be a welcome command to give up being anxious?

The alternative is prayer. Not just prayer, but believing prayer that entrusts us and the circumstances that cause anxiety to the Lord, trusting that he will hear and, in his infinite wisdom, will provide what is best for us.

Pastor Mike Shingler – Board member

## Through the Eyes of...

There are many individuals the Lord raises up to support EWA.

We hope that sharing diverse perspectives from our volunteers will offer a meaningful glimpse into how the Lord works and provides through the hearts and hands of many.

The following reflection is written by **Miss Leanna Gaj**, a **devoted volunteer, supporter, and prayer partner** of EWA.



Faith. This is a word that comes to mind when I think of Eagle Wings Academy. The meaning of faith is "putting complete trust or confidence in something or someone." Eagle Wings Academy began as a step of faith and continues to be a journey of faith—a journey of absolute trust and confidence in God.

Eagle Wings Academy came into being because a group of committed volunteers took a big step of faith to start a Christian school. They had to completely trust God that He would guide them and provide their needs. This group of volunteers were faithful and obedient to God's calling, and God was faithful to provide for every single detail needed for the school: teachers, buildings, volunteers, materials, food, and finances. Even with the many changes and challenges, God has been faithful to bless and provide for Eagle Wings Academy.

I have been so blessed to be a part of Eagle Wings Academy's journey of faith. I started helping at Eagle Wings Academy as an occasional substitute teacher when they were only a few years into the ministry. Over the years, God has given me other opportunities to serve in the ministry because I was willing to step out in faith and be used by Him. He has used me in volunteering in the mornings to help students with homework and being prayer partners with several students. Eagle Wings Academy continues to amaze me and reminds me of God's faithfulness to those who are willing to be obedient vessels and fully put their faith in Him.

## Financial Update

Eagle Wings Academy anticipates a net increase of one scholarship student for the 2025-2026 academic year, bringing our total scholarship recipients to 27. This growth comes with an added expense of nearly \$30,000 per year, which includes tuition increases. Furthermore, we are committed to providing social emotional support for two additional students.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing partnership as we address this financial need and hope you will prayerfully encourage others to join us in supporting these deserving students and their families.

## More Than Scholarships

Prayer partners and volunteers are a crucial part of Eagle Wings Academy's ministry. Each of our students is paired with a dedicated prayer partner who offers support throughout the academic year. We have witnessed firsthand the power of prayer and support in our students' lives during significant moments.

We deeply appreciate your love and commitment to our students and their families. Pictured are a few of our prayer partners and volunteers.



## Career Speaker

EWA hosted Mrs. Terrlicia Shipe, public health educator for Onondaga County Health Department. She shared about her career journey and students were able to try some healthy and delicious food samples.



As a way to keep our students' minds fresh and always learning, our scholarship students are required to continue with some light academics over the summer. Elementary students will be using a fun educational online program called, I Know It for math, and reading a book about managing money called *The Great Lemonade Stand Standoff*, by Art Rainer.

Our middle and high school students will do some math and will also read a book by Jonathan McKee, *Teen's Guide to Face-to-Face Connections in a Screen-To-Screen World, 40 Tips to Meaningful Communication*.

For all students, we will have weekly "book talks" to hear what each student is learning. Students that set themselves apart will receive an award in the fall. This is all part of our mission to help prepare them for the work the Lord has for them. (Ephesians 2:10)

## Pastors' Brunch

EWA deeply appreciates the partnership of local churches. They play a crucial role in enabling us to fulfill our mission of helping students reach their God-given potential through Christian education.

We recently had the pleasure of hosting a brunch for some of our local pastors. This was an opportunity to share more about our mission and vision, and the ways in which our churches can come alongside EWA and support.

Pictured below (left to right) are a few of the pastors who were able to attend:

**Pastor Rob Burns** (The Gathering Place), **Pastor David Hertweck** (Trinity Assembly of God, Clay), **Pastor Len Flack**, (Clay Community) and **Elder Justin Baratta** (Missio Church)



## Church Partnership and Speaking

We were recently invited by The Gathering Place and Eastern Hills Bible Church to share more about Eagle Wings Academy, including updates on what's happening within our ministry and our current needs.

If your church would also be interested in having us come and share our story, please feel free to reach out to Stephanie at 315-396-0024.



## In Memory Of...

We have received a very generous donation from Bob and Linda Grindrod in loving memory of Rose Biegler. Rose passed away on February 4th at the age of 94. She dedicated her life to serving the Lord Jesus in many ways.

We are deeply grateful to the Grindrods for this thoughtful gift, which we know will be a source of comfort to her children, Anna Shipe, Erika Moore, and Eric Biegler, and their families. This donation will also be a significant blessing to the Eagle Wings Academy Ministry.

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 Administrator*

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