

**March  
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# Forerunner Christian Academy

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## Building Update!

As we shared at the Spring Kick-Off- the top executives in GE finally met in Chicago and gave the final approval to move forward. Their next step is to give us an official quote for the Phase I and Phase II environmental testing. We thought they were doing this months ago. It has been incredibly hard to get any updates or information from them. I have really had to push with emails and phone calls to get them to take action. In my last email to them, instead of saying Sincerely, I signed "Persistent As Usual" which is actually a nice way of saying "incredibly annoying." Things really began to move recently when I went up to the GE office and got the contact information for Samit

who is in charge of finance in Chicago. They said they would probably have quotes for us by last Friday, but we still haven't heard from them after repeatedly trying to contact them again. I'm



sorry you have felt left in the dark, but we haven't had a lot of updates to pass on to you. Here is what we know:

They asked that we pay for all of the environmental testing. They are also proposing

that we pay an additional \$30,000 Their goal is to be out from under the building without incurring any loss.

With the potential price of the testing that they shared with us and the \$30,000, the worst case scenario would be that we would pay \$90,000 for a \$300,000 building- and it would be ours!! Which isn't bad at all!!

But... Staci Murden gave me the contact information to an environmental testing company down in Plano. I met with them last week. And they are willing to do an initial site evaluation for free AND give us a little discount on the price.

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**School-wide  
Community  
Service Project  
March 27  
See Page 5 !**

**Important Notes:**

- Parent Information Meeting March 9
- Spring Break is March 15—19
- PTO Meeting March 22
- Community Service March 27
- Family Meal Day is March 31
- No school on Good Friday, April 2

## PTO Meeting - March 22nd

With Spring Break rapidly approaching, I wanted to let you know the date of our next PTO meeting. It will be held on March 22nd, at 6:00. Please make plans to attend. We will be finalizing plans on the Grandparents Brunch as well as other items. We will also be discussing next years' PTO Board. Also please join us for a prayer meeting right before the PTO meeting at 5:30 p.m. on March 22nd.

Thank you, Staci Murden

He couldn't guarantee it without looking, but he said the maximum he could foresee charging for all of the testing would be \$25,000!!

Also, I was told that the \$30,000 to GE might be negotiable! So . . . the dollar number we might need to

raise could be considerably less than what we thought it was!! Either way- GOD WILL PROVIDE!!

On a similar note, I have talked with several people, and many people have been concerned about not having a "Plan B." I definitely understand that concern. Forgive us for not communicating the fact that we have already wrestled with that concern. And even though this might not put the concern at ease- know that just prior to getting into Fannin Bible, we scoured the county speaking to countless churches and investigating every building that might be plausible only to find every door closed on us. If . . . we are not hearing God properly, or He has a further journey of faith before we get there- the only "Plan B" possibility is: to resubmit a proposal to First Baptist Church (with lots

MORE begging!) If God closes the door on the GE building, then there is no doubt He would provide a "Plan B" that would have been His plan A from the beginning. As far as seeking a "Plan B," there is honestly nothing more that could be done at this time.

We honestly believe that God is clearly leading us to the GE building in Ector! We invite you to join us in "waiting upon the Lord" and trusting Him, even when we can't see how it is all going to unfold. Just like when the people of Israel crossed the Jordan to take the promised land, we are going to face our own walls of Jericho and our own battles. We believe this is where God is leading us and we will have victory as we follow HIM together. We will not back down and go to the "neighboring land" when we believe God is calling us forward to walk with Him in faith.

So, we ask you to join us! Let us unite together in prayer asking God to deepen our dependence on Him and fling open the door so that we will join together in unity in the fall at Forerunner Christian Academy located at 120 Redbud Road in Ector, Texas!! I love you all and look forward to seeing

God work in our midst as His name is glorified through our school and in our lives!

Persistent As Usual,  
Adam Barker

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. That GE will have found a great quote on environmental testing or that we will be allowed to seek our own company to do testing.
2. For GE to expedite all their red tape and communicate a little faster.
3. God's provision financially for the building.
4. Wisdom, time and determination for those working on Funding Development.
5. God's provision financially for the school (paying our teachers ON TIME, bills, etc.)
6. Blessings for Fannin Bible for their generosity and strength as they undergo so many challenges.
7. That we will be unified in vision, depend on Him and deepen our prayer lives together!



## Thank You From the School Board

The Forerunner Christian Academy Board of Directors would like to express our sincerest appreciation to the FCA PTO for the gifts that were presented to them at our Spring Kick-off last month. We also appreciate the kinds words from Mr. Mark

Owens who was representing the PTO. We are honored to serve the school in this capacity. We are grateful for each and every family in our school. Thank you for your support and prayers as we lead FCA.

### FCA School Board:

**Andrea Williams**, President

**Elizabeth Beber**, Vice President  
Dean of Early Childhood Education

**Kathy Brown**, Treasurer  
Dean of Administration

**Adam Barker**, Board Member  
Dean of Funding & Development

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Austin Fortune *	<b>2</b> Zachary Etheridge *	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Jason Sullivan *	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Cindy Etheridge *
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Secondary Meeting	<b>9</b> Parent Info Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> AJ Hamilton *	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> - <b>18</b> Spring Break			<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> PTO Meet- ing	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Tammy Sanders *	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Family Meal Day		<b>April 2</b> No School	* Birthday

## Chapel Notes

**COMMUNITY IMPACT:** It is our desire to impact the community around us by our Christ-like actions and attitude. We encourage community service throughout all ages within our school.

**Memory Verse:** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'... "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Mathew 25:35-36, 40

For successfully completing the challenge to collect 500 Campbell Soup label points, the students were treated to a chapel donut party! Way to go FCA, keep collecting!

We have had an amazing second semester so far! This month the students are learning more about Edward, the boy from Uganda who we sponsor through Watoto. We are even sending him a care package this week! The March Chapel Challenge is collecting 1000 Frito Lay Chip bags. They can be small lunch size or big family size bags. They will go to our teracycle account which gives FCA money for recycling! We are doing a wonderful job collecting offering for both the Bibles for BHS Graduates program and our Loving Edward project. Thank you for your faithfulness and generous hearts!



## Essay Winner: Zachary Etheridge

Mrs. Barker's class has been learning to write persuasive essays. An outside judge read the class essays and picked the essay that was the most persuasive in convincing people to support Forerunner Christian Academy. All of the essays were so awesome - it was a hard decision for the judge! The winner was Zachary Etheridge. Here is his awesome persuasive essay:



### Supporting Forerunner Christian Academy *by Zachary Etheridge*

I think everyone should support Forerunner Christian Academy. First, you will receive a Christian education. The school teaches a Biblical world view in all subjects. There is a daily chapel service held for staff and students. Therefore God is glorified through education. Second, parents will be a partner in their child's education. There are at-home school days when parents home school. The amount of students per teacher are low, which allows more input between teachers and parents. You will love the unity experienced at Forerunner Christian Academy. Please support our school.

**Exciting Elementary News!**

Hola! Kindergarten, Second and Third Grade Students are so excited about their upcoming Spanish class being taught by Mrs. Lance! Mrs. Lance has so graciously offered to come and teach basic Spanish concepts to our elementary students, such as colors, numbers, and basic words every other Friday for the remainder of the year. This will help our elementary students form a good foundation in Spanish at an early age. We can't wait!

## FCA Student Wins Award



**Selah Burnett accepts award.**

FCA congratulates Selah Burnett for winning first place in the Water and Soil Conservation essay contest. Selah is 14 and a 9<sup>th</sup> Grader at Forerunner Christian Academy. Last year she appreciated writing for and winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the essay contest." What water and soil

conservation means to me?" She is thankful for winning first place in the essay contest this year. She desires to be thankful for her blessings and seek to care for and encourage others to care for the world God has given us. Congratulations, Selah!

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## **Call To Serve**

**Parents, Teachers and Friends... in response to our March Core Value: Community Service; FCA has been challenged to have 100% school-wide participation in a community service project this month.**

**We are hosting a 'Spring Fling' on Saturday, March 27th at Clyde Cosper Nursing Home! It will be so much fun. We will do games, sing songs, serve refreshments and spread God's love to the many residents there! We will also have a time of fellowship as well as practice the songs and games the night before at our school (Friday, March 26th). Friday night will be more fun than work, so we thought we all could have dessert together (potluck)!**

**We are also asking that everyone brings some sugar free cookies to serve to the residents on Saturday.**

**So please mark your calendars with these important dates and times:  
Friday, March 26th at 7:00pm - Bring a Dessert and Practice at FCA  
Saturday, March 27th at 2:30-4:30pm - 'Spring Fling' at Clyde Cosper**

**Let's be His hands and feet in service!**

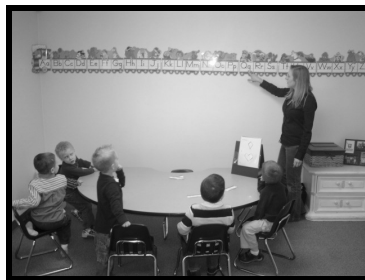
**For more information, see Trudi Fortune or Vonda Hamilton.**

# FCA Preschool News!

Mrs. Elizabeth Beber, our FCA Preschool Director, reports that we have experienced tremendous growth recently in our Preschool Program. We have numerous new children enrolled in all our classes. Our 1 and 2 year old classes have maxed out, and now there is a waiting list for these classes because of the high demand.

Because of this growth, the 1, 2, and 3 year old classes have moved to a new location at 1430 Texas Avenue (Legacy Martial Arts Academy studio). We are grateful to Sean and Andrea Williams for allowing us to operate these classes at their martial arts studio.

*Photos courtesy of Jason Sullivan, FCA 11th grade student*



## ***Matthew 6:25-34: Do Not Worry***

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life[a]?"

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.