

After all, it was just marks on a page. So why should some marks leave a painful mark on his soul? Of course we know the answer. It was more than words on a page; it was specific kind of words. It was the kind of words the Bible calls “corrupting words.” And we are commanded to avoid them (Eph. 4:29).

Thankfully there are other ways to use our tongues. Our words do not have to sink spirits but can have a lifting effect. Thus we are admonished to, “Let no corrupting talk come out of our mouths but only such as is good for edification, as it fits the occasion that it may give grace to those who hear.” This means that the right word spoken in the right way at the right time can lift a person and build them up. The result is a manifestation of grace.

Imagine the potential. A graceless family situation is helped by one person committed to “breathing out grace.” What would be the effect in the workplace if grace was regularly released through you? What would happen if we committed to use our communication for the purpose of elevation?

Winston Churchill once attended a formal banquet in London. During this event the dignitaries were all asked the question, “If you could not be who you are, who would you like to be?” Most, of course, were anxious to hear Churchill’s answer. So they waited patiently as others took their turn. Finally it was time to hear his response. With his wife at his side, he rose and said, “If I could not be who I am, I would most like to be”—and here he paused to take his wife’s hand—“Lady Churchill’s second husband.”

Can you imagine the effect of these words on that person? Wouldn’t you like to have this effect on your relationships? Why not commit this year to use your communication for the purpose of elevation? Who knows, in the process of lifting others, you just might find your own spirits lifted, and we might find that our world is a little better place to be.

## Doctorate

The CLA students, board, teachers and staff are so proud of Dr. Robert McCready for reaching his milestone of his Doctor of Ministry Degree. Congratulations Dr. McCready and praise the Lord!



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

Jan. 2	In-Service
Jan. 3	Students Return to School
Feb. 6	Parent Conferences, Dismissal at 11:15am
Feb. 7	Parent Conferences, Normal Schedule
Mar. 2	End of Third Quarter
Mar. 9	Report Cards Sent Home
Apr. 2 – 6	Spring Break

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 5	Kevin Green
January 17	Lauren Clark
January 17	Logan Clark
January 17	Landon Clark
January 17	Lucas Clark
January 20	Caleb Whitfield
January 23	Madison Neely
January 27	Lucas Arnold
January 28	Mrs. Leah Cooksey



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## Communication for Elevation

Dr. Shane Arnold, Pastor of Double Springs Baptist Church

His heart was a mixture of conflicting emotions. He was sad and happy, sorrowful and rejoicing, empty and full. A few days ago he buried father, and he was left with the unenviable task of sorting through his father’s things. Every artifact from the past seemed to stir a different emotion. This was especially true when he found the journal.

He slowly traveled down memory lane with each page. He remembered Christmas mornings and birthdays. He relived New Years and Easter. With each occasion there was a fresh tear or a new laugh.

The exercise reminded him of his favorite day. It stuck out in his mind, because it was so wonderfully unusual. His dad had taken a rare day off of work. That was surprising enough, but when his dad invited him to go fishing, it was like entering another world. It was one thing for dad to be home, but it was quite another for dad to be his for a day. The day passed quickly, and he was happy. It did not matter if they caught fish, for they shared a day and created a memory.

It was so powerful that he even remembered the date. He wondered if the day had the same effect on his dad. So he turned to the day in his dad’s journal. His eyes raced across that page, and he heart dropped when he read the words, “Couldn’t work today. Went fishing. It was a wasted day.” With that his shoulders slumped and his eyes filled with tears. He left the house that day with sunken spirits.

The question is: Why? Why would his spirits sink?

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# January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 A HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 SCHOOL CLOSED CHRISTMAS BREAK TEACHER IN-SERVICE	3 BACK TO SCHOOL	4	5	6 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mom Cassandra Haren Grade Cards Sent Home	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mom Vanessa Ball	14
15	16	17	18 Chapel 9:35 am Speaker: Ms. Leah Cooksey Showcase: 3rd Grade (Brock)	19	20 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mom Julie Costner 100th Day of School	21
22	23	24	25 Chapel 9:35 am Speaker: Mr. Jacob Cloer Showcase: 4th Grade (Millard)	26	27 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mom Tammy Keylon	28
29	30	31				

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## RECENT EVENTS

### Food Drive

Our students recently participated in a very successful food drive. We were able to donate hundreds of cans to local church food banks and the Women at the Well ministry. What a wonderful blessing! Thank you for your giving spirit!

### The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

Our production of *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* was amazing! The feedback we have received from the audience has been nothing but praise and compliments. It was clear that the students put forth their best effort. We praise God for His hand on the drama. DVD's of the drama are available to purchase for \$3 each. Please email or call the school office if you would like to order one.



## TOURS

CLA is going to begin giving tours to businesses and any individual on Thursday's beginning on January 19th. These tours will begin at 9am and will showcase classroom teaching and educate on the classical style of education. If you know of a business or individual that would be interested on touring the school, please have them contact Mrs. Tammy Keylon at [tkeylon@clak12.org](mailto:tkeylon@clak12.org).



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