EWA NEWSLETTER

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Trust the Lord

Trust the Lord! We hear that phrase a lot in Christian circles. Sometimes it's said when we are going through something difficult, or perhaps as an encouragement about a decision we are facing. But what does trust in the Lord actually look like?

I was recently looking at old home videos where my husband was tossing our first-born son Isaac way up high and catching him. Isaac was giggling in delight as they did this over and over. He willingly let himself be tossed up high knowing he would be safely caught. He wasn't afraid because he had complete trust in his father. He knew he would catch him.

Trusting in the Lord looks a lot like this. Life tosses us, but when we fully surrender to our Savior, we know He will "catch" us. We can trust that His ways are best.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and he will make straight your paths." If we submit and daily surrender to Him, He promises to direct our paths. What do you need to trust Him with today? May you find peace as you surrender to the Savior. ~ Stephanie Dow

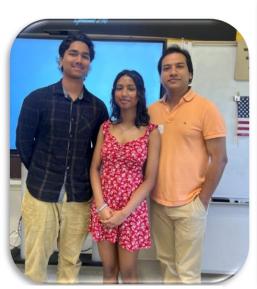
David Leighton Memorial Scholarship 2024

We had a wonderful time celebrating our two EWA graduating seniors. They are the recipients of the David Leighton Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is given to graduating seniors who love the Lord, desire to walk with Him, and demonstrate a strong academic commitment by maintaining an 80 average or higher.

Shaleem will be attending LeMoyne College in the Fall and studying biology. Matthew is attending Syracuse University, where he will study electrical engineering.

Congratulations Shaleem and Matthew!

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Shaleem with his sister and father.



Matthew and his family.



Matthew, Mrs. Cecilia Leighton, and Shaleem.



What Will Set You Apart?
Our students are rewarded for work or behaviors that set them apart from their peers.

Saw received an award for being the most improved student this year, showing tremendous growth and maturity.

Deborah recently volunteered to do a morning devotional in EWA in front of all 25 students, and her volunteering and leadership were acknowledged.

Congratulations Saw and Deborah!



In Memory Of.....

A donation has been made by **Bill and Beth Kinne** in remembrance of two special people—**Carolyn Grieb** (a faithful volunteer with our students), and **Helen Southwick** (mother of Ronald Southwick, our former Administrative Assistant). We thank the Lord God for this gift!

While the passing of a beloved family member is never easy, our hope is that a gift made to EWA in their memory will bring some measure of comfort to those who are grieving. That gift is also a blessing to EWA, as it not only provides funding for us to continue the work that the Lord has called us to, but it also encourages us as we endeavor to be good stewards of the Lord's gifts.



EWA recently received a donation through **In As Much As, Inc.** We are so grateful to the Lord for those who give generously, to help us meet our financial obligations and continue the Lord's work. Thank you!



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, eSparks for both math and reading.

Our middle and high school students will do some math and will also read a book by Art Rainer, *The Money Challenge for Teens: Prepare for College, Run from Debt, Live Generously.* We will have weekly discussions online, and they will write a summary of the book. 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.

Thank you, Donors!

"Dear Ewa Supporters,

Thank you for sending money so I can go to school and EWA. I am very grateful. May God Bless you all the days of your life."

~ 4th grade student

"Dear Donor,

I appreciate your love and support, investing in my life and helping me receive a private Christian education. This is now my last year at FHS as a student, and I have learned much through my experience. These four years of high school have matured me as a student, and I have learned what proper dedication and focus looks like. I remember as an early freshman, my struggles in science and math tests but as a senior taking calculus and physics, I have done well because of my new mentality. I am very grateful for this experience I could have at FHS, and I thank you for all the donations that helped me become the student I am today."

"Dear EWA Supporter,

My family and I are very grateful for your support so I may attend FHS. God has blessed us with you, and someday I will return the blessing to another family.

Attending FHS is such a blessing I was able to receive. I am thankful that this school has teachers that really care about their students and their future. I'm also thankful it's a Christian school so that way I don't find it awkward when I talk to someone about God. Your support has made it possible so I may sit in these chairs and learn. I understand that you have made sacrifices so that I can attend this school. I will try my hardest to be a good student so that your support may not go to waste. While I know my future is in God's hands, He has given me so many interests that I can't decide on a career to choose. I hope that when I get older, I will be able to follow your footsteps about helping others."

~ 8th grade student

The following is excerpted from a recent David Leighton Memorial Scholarship Grant Application submission from one of our students. The responses are taken from several questions asked in order to help us discern to whom the grant should be awarded. It is because of faith supporters like you that students like this individual are able to truly mature academically, socially, and in their walk with the Lord!

"God has called me to glorify Him and to spread His Gospel. Ever since I was younger, I was surrounded by family who were involved in the ministry, working to spread the Gospel. At a young age, I felt as if God was calling me to Himself to do the same.

I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and the generosity of those who extended the offer for this scholarship. I intend to use the money to help me prepare for college, using the money to get a head start to ensure that I'm well prepared. This will allow me to concentrate more on my academics without having to worry about the financial costs. Using my education, I want to help others and to truly care for others by presenting myself as a steward the same way Christ did on earth.

Faith Heritage School's goal has been to teach education through a Christian world view. I think after all these years, this has certainly been helpful for me and my future. I've gained the ability to separate fact from fiction at FHS, not only in academic endeavors, but also in issues of morality and religion. I believe that all truth is God's truth.

I have been able to utilize this to hold to my faith, while keeping an open mind to differing opinions and interpretations. And, going forward, I would like to incorporate it into spreading the Gospel to people I meet. Having this certain level of firmness in my faith allows me to reach others and to adequately share my views with respect and accuracy. These ideals have equipped me for the chances and challenges that lie ahead.

Throughout the years, Eagle Wings Academy has been extremely helpful to my family. Around 7th grade, I had a terrible experience with a public school, and I was desperate to get out of that environment. Around that time, a relative was attending FHS through EWA's scholarship program. Knowing that the tuition would be too much for my family to meet, EWA was gracious enough to provide scholarship assistance to attend FHS. Furthermore, EWA has also blessed me with a kindhearted prayer partner that I would describe as nothing short of a blessing.

EWA began to invite Career Speakers to talk, and this has been incredibly helpful to me, since at the time I didn't have a clear answer about what I wanted to do. Seeing different people come in and share something about the jobs helped me pursue a profession. EWA has been a crucial part of my life for five years now, and I'm incredibly grateful for everything."

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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fee, so 100% of your donation will go to EWA!