



Book Fair Week

by Gwyneth Walker

This week's top story is the Book Fair. We are now half-way through the Book Fair, and it has been a great success. This year the space outside of the Fellowship Hall is decorated with stone looking wallpaper, and lots of cardboard that makes the place look like an old castle. There are different sections that the books are divided into.

The week long celebrations for the Book Fair started with Book Character Day on Monday, when everyone dressed as one of their favorite characters from a book. There were many people dressed up as characters from *Harry Potter*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Tuesday was Muffins for Moms, where you and your mom could come and eat muffins, and also listen to a guest speaker, who wrote the book *Ask Me Whooo?*, and also set the Children's First Catechism to music.

Thursday will be "Doughnuts with Dads". You can come with you dad and eat donuts, while also listening to guest speakers Jennifer Trafton and A.S. "Pete" Patterson.

All week long Belize Loose Change Challenge is going on. This is when we collect loose change for a school in Belize to help them buy books and things for the children at the school to learn to read. If we meet our

goal, there will be a school-wide ice cream party, so bring that change!

Don't forget the Teacher Wish List Boards, where you can buy books for your teachers. Below are some of my recommendations. I hope you support our Book Fair!

Book Recommendations:

JK: *Dinosaurs/I Can Draw Animals*

K: *Gingerbread Friends/ Half of an Elephant*

1st: *Trees/Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*

2nd: *Magical Animals*

3rd: *Aesop's Fables*

4th: *Brian's Return*

5th: *Moby Dick*

6th: *Science Encyclopedia*

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Short by Suzanne Short

Mrs. Lisa Short went to Webb and for college she went to Center, but for her Master's she went to Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. After she got her degree she went and worked at University School of Nashville or USN. At USN she taught science and went to Washington D.C. with 80 students! She loved all the teachers she worked with and all her students. She taught 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Though after her daughter, Suzanne Short was born she took off time to be a mom. When Suzanne was going to Franklin Road Academy or FRA Mrs. Short

was the tennis coach and a good one too. All the kids loved her and most of the kids would not even try out if she was not the coach. She was the tennis coach up till 4th grade. When Suzanne was going into 5th grade she went back to work as a teacher and came to The Covenant School! When her



Mom went to Covenant Suzanne came to Covenant with her. Now her mom is her teacher. At Covenant, Mrs. Short is a Cross Country coach, Co-coach to the basketball team, and she is the math and science teacher for 5th and 6th grade. She is the 6th grade homeroom teacher and loves having them around. She is a really good teacher! We love having her at TCS!

Her class says "She is the best teacher ever! We love her so much! She is awesome!", And Kristin says "She is tall and skinny even though her name is Mrs. Short."

Church Chat: Interview with Pastor Matthew Bradley

By Ian Bradley

Q: How long have you worked here?

A: I was called here to be a pastor in the Spring of 2008 and started July 1, 2008.

Q: How long have you been a pastor?

A: Technically, since February of 2009 (see the next answer)

Q: What do you have to do to become a pastor?

A: In the Presbyterian church it's a long process! Are you ready?...First, you must be a member in good standing of a PCA church (that's our denomination) for no less than one year. Then you must come under care of the presbytery. That means that all the PCA churches around you listen to you tell about how you came to know and trust Christ and how you believe he is calling you to be a pastor, then they agree to help you become one. Then you have to attend seminary. Seminary is a 3 or 4 year Master's degree program where you learn about the Bible, theology, and how to be a pastor. While you're in seminary or after you finish, you have to spend one year practicing to be a pastor. We call this a pastoral internship. When seminary and your internship are complete, a church can now call you to be their pastor. You begin looking for churches that need a pastor and at the same time they are looking for pastors that need a church. One of the ways God takes care of his churches is by making sure churches and pastors find one another! Once a church calls you, you must be examined by the presbytery (the group of PCA churches around the church that called you). This means writing several papers, taking 5 written exams on subjects like the Bible, theology, our church government and church history. When all your written work is finished, you have to sit in front of a committee of men who exam you on these same subjects. My exam in front of the committee lasted 4 hours! If you do well, the committee recommends

you to the presbytery. Then you preach a sermon to the presbytery, and THEY get to examine you again in those same subjects. Then they vote on whether or not to approve you. If they believe you are called by God and ready to be a pastor, then the church that called you has a worship service and they ordain you to the gospel ministry. Now you're a pastor!

"I LOVE being a pastor. It can be hard work, but if God has called you to it, it is very rewarding....I want Covenant Kids to know that all of my hope and trust is in Jesus Christ, and that my hope will not be disappointed."

When Covenant called me I wasn't ordained yet. I spent 8 months studying for my exams and was ordained in Feb 2009. In the PCA, you aren't a pastor until you are ordained. So I started at Covenant in July 2008 and became a pastor in Feb 2009.

Q: What will you be preaching this Sunday?

A: I'm an associate pastor. That means that I don't preach every Sunday. My next sermon will be in November when I will preach on the coming of Christ (both His first and His second comings – this is what the Advent season is all about).

I do teach Sunday school every week. Right now I am teaching the Westminster Confession of Faith. This coming Sunday we will learn about God's covenant promise to save his people from their sin.

Q: Do you work on days other than Sunday?

A: Yes. I work Sunday through Thursday and

I get Friday and Saturday off. However, the things I do often require me to work on those days as well.

Q: What do you do?

A: The Bible calls pastors by several different titles. My favorite is shepherd. Jesus was the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for us, His sheep. At the end of the Gospel of John Christ tells Peter that he will now be a shepherd, tending the sheep God gives him. Ever since He ascended, Christ has put under-shepherds in charge of his church, called pastors and elders. I like "shepherd" because it reminds me of the things I am supposed to do. A shepherd keeps watch over the flock, making sure they are well fed, helping them when they are sick or lost. He speaks calming words to the sheep and defends them from danger. God has called pastors to do all those things. So in addition to leading in worship and occasionally preaching, I teach; not just on Sundays, but also during the week in Bible studies. I visit people in the hospital when they are sick or injured. Sometimes when people are confused about problems in their life, they come to me or another of the pastors and ask us to help them understand what to do. I pray for the members in my care and spend time with them, sometimes over lunch or coffee. I spend time studying so that I can teach the truth of God's Word clearly and accurately. I also do church discipline along with the other pastors and elders. There are weddings and funerals to perform as well. Some of these things can't be done on a schedule. You just have to be ready to minister whenever there is a need. There's a lot of ministry to do during the week!

Q: What's your favorite part of being a pastor?

A: Teaching God's Word and helping people understand it better. When this is truly happening you see people's eyes light up. And you hear stories about how the truth of Scripture has changed the way they look at things or helped them make a wise choice in their lives. You find out that the gospel makes spiritually sick people well and turns lost people into children of God. It is such a profound privilege to get to see God's work as a pastor.

5th Grade Short Story

My Hero

By Sophie McKenzie

My hero is Mrs. Dupree because she serves us and helps me if I need help. She is so much like an aunt to me that sometimes I call her Auntie (Aunt-T). She is

always there for me and my parents and is so kind to everyone. While my mom had one of her back surgeries, she took Ella and I in, which relieved much stress for my parents. I am so thankful for Mrs. Dupree, and I will always

love her like she is part of my family!



Sports by Suzanne Short

Cross Country might be over, but basketball has just started. The girls' team is coached by the amazing Jon Z! On the girls' team the players are Suzanne Short, Ashley Crafton, Josie Horn, Rachel Brown, Page Elder, Grace Gilbert, Sophie McKenzie, Sarah Parks, Betsy Spurgeon, and Mary Grace Gower. Here are a few words the team uses to describe coach Z: "Nice and a good coach!" said Suzanne.

"Awesome and nice." says Ashley, "Awesome!" said Josie. "FUN!" says Rachel, "Bestest coach ever!" says Page. "Awesomest coach ever." said Grace, "One of my Favor-

ite coaches ever!" said Sophie. "Funny!" says Sarah, "Fun!" said Betsy, and Mary Grace said "Tenacious".

The boys' team is coached by Allen Arnold! On the team is Parker Bradbury, Ian Bradley, Danti Butler, John Spurgeon, Henry Stovall, Hunter Whitley, Jonathan Brown, Evans Looney, Grey Arnold, Sam Clayton, Jacob Taylor, Dan Ervin, and Drew Taylor. Parker said "All Right.", Ian says "Great.", "Awesome!" says Danti and "Good Coach." said John. Henry said "Awesome!", and Hunter said "Cool!". "Cool and AWESOME!"

says Jonathan. "Great Coach." said Evans, and "Cool." Grey said. Then Sam said "Awesome and Fun.", and "Totally rad Coach." Jacob said. Then Dan said "Tall." and Drew said "Nice.".

Come support us at as many games as possible!! GO KNIGHTS!



Short Story by Gwyneth Walker

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Once upon a time there were two young girls named... wait why am I telling the beginning like it's a fairytale? This is no fairytale! Anyway, the two girl's names were Emily and Abigail. They had been friends since second grade, and Abigail lived with her mother, father, and older brother Joshua. Emily lived with her mother, because her father died when she was eight. Right now they were hopping out of Emily's mom's car on the gravel path on the way to their riding school. As they walked into the barn to saddle up their horses, they saw their teacher, Lauren, and her assistant, Samuel, talking outside of the Clensdale Riding Academy's horse trailer.

Emily overheard Lauren saying, "She's a feisty one, but I think that Abigail will be able to handle her." "Abigail, they got a new horse for you!" cried Emily. "Really? I want to see it!" Abigail ran over to Lauren. "Lauren, can I see my new horse please?" Abigail asked. "You little eavesdropper! You found out my surprise!" laughed Lauren.

"Alright come here. Samuel, would you please bring out.....the new horse." Samuel opened the trailer and went inside. Then he slowly led the new horse down the ramp and out into the sunlight. Abigail gasped. "She's beautiful! What's her name?" "Well, that's for you to decide

isn't it? She is your horse." Lauren replied. "You mean she's all mine and not for all of Clensdale?!" cried Abigail. "That's right. Your parents bought her all for you and are boarding her here at Clensdale for you to ride." Lauren replied. "What are you going to name her Abigail?" Emily asked, just as excited as her friend. Abigail said, "I think I'll name her.....Silver, Silver Satin." "Oh that's a beautiful name!" everyone cried. Abigail walked up to Silver and stroked her mane. Then, not being able to suppress herself, she hugged Silver Satin around her neck. As she did so, she whispered, "I love you and I always will. You'll be mine forever." . . .

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Junior Kindergarten Short Story

A Scary Day in Rainbow Land

Once there was a class who loved Jesus very much. In the class there were six Princesses. They lived in a rainbow-palace-castle. Outside they grew food and flowers in their garden. But one day evil Scar from the Lion King and evil Bowser from Mario

came and tried to break down their castle. The Princesses were mad and sad and started crying.

Suddenly, the brave Knights came to Rainbow Land to save the Princesses! They chased away the bad guys and helped the Princesses grow flowers and build back the castle and a school. A rainbow and a cross stayed in the sky above the school and the castle forever.

The End

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“In whatever you do in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the
Father through him.... And whatever
you do, work heartily as for the Lord,
and not for men.”
Colossians 3:17, 23

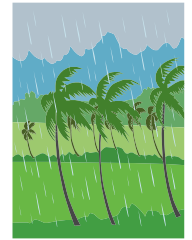
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Wacky Weather Report by Ian Bradley

This week there is a chance of hot chocolate rain, with a chance of chocolate chip hail.

Next week there is a weather alert of the Marshmallow Fog!
Also there is a spaghetti tornado scheduled for Thursday of next week. This Saturday it will be very pizza shiny (sunny) with a temperature of 86 degrees.



What's Hot and What's Cold by Gwyneth Walker

We went around asking some kids what their opinions were on some specific categories and items. We asked them, “What’s hot and what’s not?”, and they gave us an answer. Here are this week’s results to our questions:

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Comparisons</u>	<u>Hot</u>	<u>Cold</u>
Food	Pizza or Ice Cream	Ice Cream-33	Pizza-17
Exercise Time	Playground or Gym	Playground-26	Gym-19
Enrichments	Art or Bible	Art-33	Bible-17
Shoes	Merrels or Tennis Shoes	Tennis Shoes-22	Merrels-12
Lunch Time	Hot Lunch or Lunch Box	Lunch Box-26	Hot Lunch-20
Kid's Sports	Basketball or Cross Country	Basketball-24	Cross Country-17
Pro Sports	Titans or Predators	Titans-27	Predators-16
Desserts	Gigi's Cupcake's or Sweet Cece's	Sweet Cece's-42	Gigi's Cupcake's-7
Dinner	Chick-fil-A or MacDonald's	McDonalds-27	Chick-fil-A-21
Breakfast Meats	Sausage or Bacon	Bacon-34	Sausage-18