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# NEWSLETTER

## **He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus Lives Today!**

*Words and music written by Alfred H. Ackley, 1933*

*“He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.” Matthew 28:6*

As a child, one of my fondest memories was attending College Avenue Baptist Church in San Diego, California on Easter. The weather was always pristine for Easter Day! It seemed as though the world was brighter than any other day in the year, as everyone arrived for Church in their Easter attire. Up to that special day, my mother would spend hours making beautiful and stylish dresses for my sister and me. As we would drive up to church, I remember butterflies circling in my stomach as I anticipated the richness of the sermon the pastor would share with the congregation. However, my most beloved memories were the hymns the choir and congregation would sing. A tradition in my mother’s family was singing hymns around the piano when the family would gather from different parts of the country. For me, hymns have a special spot in my heart, especially hymns about Jesus’ victory at the cross.

In 1933, Alfred Ackley composed the song, “He Lives,” because he was dismayed over comments he had heard about the futility of believing in Christ’s Resurrection. As Ackley studied the Resurrection account in Mark’s Gospel, he began to write a well-known Easter hymn we sing on Easter day, “He Lives” (Morgan, 2003). The resurrection of Jesus is foundational to Christianity. Indeed, Jesus is risen! This Easter may we celebrate Jesus’ triumph over sin and death. Yes, Jesus saved the world from sin and Jesus’ resurrection gives eternal life to those who believe in Him. Easter is a joyous message and joyous expression of hope beyond the grave. Let’s join in hearty chorus, “He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus Lives today!”

Have a joyous and blessed Easter!  
Blessings,  
Mrs. Marley

### **Monthly Scripture**

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”  
Isaiah 53:5-6

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Boxtops

The BCA Boxtops Committee will mail everything for the 2009-2010 school year at the end of May. So, send in all your Box Tops for Education, Campbell Labels for Education, Tyson A+ Coupons (VERY large) and H-E- Buddy points by Friday, May 21, 2010. There will be pink collection bags / boxes in every class. Thank you for the great participation of all the Brenham Christian Academy families and extended families!!

## Senior Golf Tournament

The Senior 2010 Golf Tournament is officially open to the public. Remember, April 5th is right around the corner. Please call (830-0956/277-8593) or email Teri Huelsebusch (tj@adhfire.com) if you would like to sponsor a team or individual, so that your spot is reserved. (See page 5 for entry form)



### Congratulations Matthew Dugi!

8th grade student, Matthew Dugi, read his winning essay to the members of the Brenham VFW Post on Thursday, March 11th. He was one of six winners from the Brenham area and won a U.S. Savings Bond.

### Congratulations Bailie Wilson!

Bailie Wilson is the winner of the DAR Good Citizens award. Bailie received a certificate, DAR Good Citizen pin, and a scholarship for any university or college at the DAR Tea on February 23rd.

## Calendar

**Apr 1-** Lion, Witch and Wardrobe Play  
**Apr 2-** Good Friday- No School  
**Apr 5-** Easter Monday- No School  
**Apr 8-** Disney's Mulan-- 4th-8th grades  
**Apr 9 -** Progress Reports  
**Apr 9 -** 4th-6th grade UIL at FBCS  
**Apr 12-** Board Meeting  
**Apr 13-16 -**Stanford Achievement Tests  
**Apr 17-** TAPPS Music-State  
**Apr 19-22-** One Act Play Practice 6-8:30  
**Apr 23-** 6th grade Campout  
**Apr 24-** Lemonade Day (7th)  
**Apr 26-29-** One Act Play Practice 6-8:30  
**Apr 28-** Camp For All- 11th grade service project  
**Apr 30-** Texas History field trip  
**Apr 30-** Progress Reports  
**Apr 30-** One Act Play High School/BCA  
**May 3 -** Guardian Eagles Meeting  
**May 3-** Senior Chapel  
**May 3-4-** Eighth Grade Retreat  
**May 5-** 4th grade Science and Math field trip  
**May 7 -**Maifest Holiday-No School  
**May 7 -** Junior/Senior Prom  
**May 10-** 4th -6th Grade Awards Ceremony during Chapel  
**May 10-** Board Meeting  
**May 10-** Awards Ceremony, NHS Induction/Athletic Awards Banquet  
**May 12-** Progress Reports  
**May 13-** Clean It Up (8th grade)  
**May 14 -** Romeo and Juliet 7th grade  
**May- 18-19** Senior Finals  
**May 21-** Graduation Practice 11 a.m.  
**May 21-** Clean It Up (8th grade)  
**May 22-** Graduation  
**May 23-28 -** Senior Trip  
**May 26 - 27-** Exams (school half days)  
**May 28-** Make-up Exams Only/Teacher workday  
**May 31-** Memorial Day- No School

## Congratulations to the top ticket sellers for the New Beginnings Life Ministries Stuffed Baked Potato Sale!

1st - **The Steens** sold 114 tickets - \$100 American Express Gift Card

2nd - **Tori Franke** sold 85 tickets - \$50 American Express Gift Card

3rd - **Tommy Rogers** sold 61 tickets - Gift certificate for a whole pie from Bevers Kitchen

### 8th Grade Speech Meet

Our 8th grade students participated in the ACSI Speech Meet on Saturday, March 27th. They worked very hard and spent many hours practicing their parts. Congratulations to **Matthew Dugi** and **Addie Roehling** each winning Excellent ribbons in the Dramatic Reading category, and to **Lucy Boe** for winning an Excellent ribbon in the Dramatic Poetry category.



### Summer Drama Camp!

For Children Entering Grades 2 through 12, July 12 through 24, 2010. All classes meet Monday through Friday for 2 weeks. Showcase Performance on July 24th.

Let your budding star shine in the spotlight this summer at Unity Theatre summer camp! Grades 2-6 10:00 am – noon. This exciting and fun-filled program will introduce children to the magical world of theatre through improvisation, storytelling, movement, music and more!

Get your teenager off the couch this summer and bring them to us! Grades 7-8 12:30 – 3:00 pm. Grades 9-12 3:30 – 6:00 pm. This course is designed to challenge and stimulate young artists and build their self-confidence through exercises in acting and communication skills, sensory awareness and improvisation. .

**Tuition: \$200, registration Deadline: June 15**

For further details, contact Teresa Beckers, Executive Director: [teresa@unitybrenham.org](mailto:teresa@unitybrenham.org) or (979) 830-1460, ext. 12.

## SAT PROGRAM CALENDAR

Test Date	Test	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
May 1st	SAT & SAT Subject Tests	March 25th	April 8th
June 5th	SAT & SAT Subject Tests	April 29th	May 13th

Register Online at [www.collegeboard.com/mysat](http://www.collegeboard.com/mysat)

College Board High School Code #: 440834

## SAT Prep: Test Masters

BCA is offering to host a session with Test Masters. If you are unfamiliar with it, Test Masters is to help improve SAT scores. For more information go to [www.testmasters.com](http://www.testmasters.com). The course consists of 12 lessons. The first lesson will be a SAT test, then two lessons, then another SAT test and so forth in that order till 12 lessons are completed. There is a high rate of a least a 200 point improvement. You can take the course in Houston or other locations, but in order to have them come to your location there has to be at least 10 students enrolled. At this time, the best days seem to be Monday, Wednesday, and possibly Saturday. That can be decided later. Right now, we need to concentrate on getting 10 students.

The cost will be \$799. There are two ways of getting the price down. If you register before a week of the session, the cost goes down to \$749. There is also a coupon offered on the website for \$25. So the price can get as low as \$724. I will need to know by March 31st if you might be interested in enrolling your child. Once we have 10 students committed to the program, Test Masters will list BCA as a host and you will be able to enroll your child on their website.

An additional offer from Test Masters is that if a student takes the course, they can have several opportunities with Test Master without charge. You can take a few practice tests and sit in on some classes, and other opportunities. The only downfall, is that it has to be done within 6 months of taking the course.

Please encourage your student to take this course. It is a great opportunity. The best way to get in touch with me is by email, at [carol\\_underwood@att.net](mailto:carol_underwood@att.net). (There is an underscore after Carol) My phone number is 979-702-0008. I work in the mornings, but I will return your calls in the afternoon when I get off from work.



# Join Gideon's 300

God continues to broaden the scope of what BCA can and should offer to the communities it serves and to expand its reach into Brenham and the surrounding area. However, broadening our reach and building leaders through Christian scholarship requires investment, and that investment begins with each of us. Our generous gifts to BCA express our belief in our school, our programs, and our commitment to see our students make a difference wherever they are. Every gift to BCA works in a number of practical ways:

1. Improves the quality of education BCA students receive through better course offerings, improved teacher training, and more extracurricular activities
2. Expands and improves our facilities so that we can serve more students
3. Is tax deductible – your gift helps BCA, and it may reduce your tax liability at the same time
4. Helps us be good stewards of God's blessings and keeps them coming

Your voluntary financial gift helps BCA fulfill its mission to you, our students, and to generations of BCA students to come. By joining **Gideon's 300**, you become part of the 'army' God is raising to stand with BCA against the onslaught of popular culture.

At present, you may direct your gift in one of several ways:

## **Building & Construction Fund**

The BCA Facilities Team is exploring the construction of a building that would include an area large enough to serve as a chapel, gymnasium, auditorium, and lunchroom. The building could also house other key spaces such as a library and science lab. Such a building would then allow conversion of all rooms presently used for these purposes into classrooms, further fueling BCA's growth.

## **Scholarships & Financial Aid**

BCA helps qualified students attend school through its scholarship and tuition assistance program. The leadership of BCA believes that no deserving student should be denied access to a BCA education because of financial obstacles. An outside resource evaluates each financial need individually to ensure confidentiality and objectivity.

## **Unrestricted Gifts**

Allows BCA to use the funds in the area of greatest need.

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*Print and complete the following card. Please drop by the office.*

Yes! I want to join the Gideon's 300 Club

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please direct my gift as follows (select one):**

- Building & Construction
- Scholarships & Financial Aid
- Unrestricted

### **My Commitment to BCA:**

- One time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (enclosed)
- Monthly gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_

### **Level of Support (select one):**

- Warrior \$25,000+
- Swordsman \$10,000-24,999
- Archer \$5,000-9,999
- Armor Bearer \$1,000-4,999
- Lamp Holder \$600-999
- Trumpeter \$300-599
- Soldier \$0-299

**Thank you for your support!**