

June Newsletter



Thank you for helping us make the 2016-2017 school year great!

We hope that you enjoyed more frequent updates via our monthly newsletter. It couldn't have been possible without the photos and information that you sent!

So please continue to send news items in, we love hearing from you!

Whether you are a student, parent, teacher, alumni or friend of the school – you can send us news or ideas that we may include in our next newsletter.

Simply send an email to news@fcsliions.org. To credit photos properly, please include your name with any pictures that are sent.

Thank You!

August Events

August 15th

Kindergarten Orientation

August 23rd

Teacher In Service

August 24th

Teacher In Service

August 25th

BVS Tournament

August 26th

BVS Tournament

August 28th

First Day of School!

September Events

September 1st - 4th

No School Labor Day

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GRADUATING CLASS OF 2017



Valedictorian

Bradlee Paul Thrasher CPH & H

Bradlee, the son of Rodney and Paula Thrasher, has attended Faith Christian School since kindergarten. He has been a member of Student Council throughout his high school career and was president his senior year. Bradlee was class vice-president his freshman year and president his sophomore, junior and senior years. He became a member of the National Honor Society his sophomore year and was vice-president his junior year and president his senior year. Bradlee has enjoyed playing bass for both the Praise Team at Faith as well as the youth group at church. He has played varsity soccer and basketball throughout his high school career. In his sophomore year, he received the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award and was honored his senior year with an Academic All-Star Award. He was also the recipient of Lafayette College's First Class High School Scholars program. He was able to take classes from both Lafayette and Northampton Community College for dual-enrollment credits. Bradlee participated in short-term mission trips to the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center his sophomore and junior years. He plans to attend Rochester Institute of Technology to study biomedical engineering and is excited to see how God will use him in that field.



Salutatorian

Andrew Simpson Peters CPH & H

Andrew, the son of Francis and Gretchen Peters, has attended Faith Christian School since fifth grade. He has been the treasurer of his class all four years of high school and served as the treasurer of Student Council his junior and senior years. He was welcomed into the National Honor Society his sophomore year and served as treasurer his senior year. He joined praise team his senior year to help run the sound system.

Andrew serves regularly at the Salvation Army where he enjoys volunteering. After graduation, he will attend Penn State University at the Lehigh campus where he will major in computer engineering.



Elizabeth Rose Anthony

Elizabeth, the daughter of Walter (Sonny) and Veronica Anthony, attended Faith Christian School from kindergarten until her senior year, with the exception of fifth grade through seventh grade. She was the secretary of her class for her freshman and sophomore years and the chaplain for her junior and senior years. Elizabeth enjoyed participating in volleyball, drama, and chorus during her freshman, sophomore, and junior years and soccer for her sophomore year. However, it was during her junior year of high school that she had the amazing opportunity to go to Africa for a missions trip.

Outside of high school, Elizabeth's favorite activities are working at Sal's Pizza as a waitress, spending time with her family, and hanging out with her friends. After taking a year off, Elizabeth plans to go to Empire Beauty School to become a cosmetologist.



Cierra Rose Bell CP

Cierra Bell, the daughter of Kevin and Annmarie Bell, has attended Faith Christian School since her sophomore year. She has served as the leader of the girls' Bible study on Thursdays at lunchtime and as the leader of a devotional study at her home on Tuesdays. During her sophomore year, she played soccer and participated in the drama program. Cierra has always aspired to follow God's will and to be open to His purposes and leading in regard to a career choice. Believing the Lord has been directing her toward a career in counseling, she plans on beginning her studies at

Northampton Community College to complete the prerequisite classes needed to ultimately attain her degree. After that, Cierra will continue to follow wherever the Lord leads her.



Seth David Chamberlin

Seth, the son of Kim and Deborah Chamberlin, attended Faith Christian School from kindergarten through third grade and returned to complete his freshman through senior years here. Seth has been very active in the FCS sports program, having played soccer for all four of his high school years and serving as team captain in his senior year. He also participated in track his sophomore and junior years and basketball in his sophomore year. In addition to sports, Seth has also completed over 1,000 hours of volunteer service at Word of Life maintenance. For the past two years, Seth attended the Career Institute of Technology where he was enrolled in the welding technician program. He has won competitions sponsored by the American Welding Society and has scored Advanced on his NOCTI exam. Seth has always had the desire to serve his country, and on April 25, 2017, he enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve as a motor transport operator, with an Option 4 contract. Once his term is completed, he will either continue in the U.S. Army or pursue his trade in welding. Seth is extremely excited about his upcoming trip to Israel in June, which he will be attending with his Bible teacher and a few other classmates. Seth cannot wait to see how God will use him in the future, as he knows that serving the Lord is the only true pathway to happiness and fulfillment.



Naaman John Houseal CP

Naaman Houseal, son of Samuel and Wendy Houseal, grew up as a missionary kid in Shenyang, China, helping his parents share the love of Jesus on a university campus in a city of eight million. Naaman's education was quite diverse, being a mix of homeschooling and attending Chinese public school. The Houseal family relocated to the States the year Naaman entered sixth grade, and he has been attending Faith Christian ever since. While attending Faith, Naaman was very involved in sports. He participated in soccer for seven years, serving as captain of the middle school team in eighth grade and varsity captain in his junior and senior years. Additionally, he has played basketball for seven years, serving as middle school captain in eighth grade and varsity captain for his senior year. In addition to soccer and basketball, Naaman was also a member of the track team for six years. He has enjoyed participating in chorus for all six years of his high school career and was involved in drama for three years. Naaman had the pleasure of being a member of the Praise Team for four years, serving as its leader for two of those years. He served in Student Council as class chaplain in his freshman and sophomore years, as class vice president for his junior and senior years, and as Student Council secretary his senior year. During the last few years, Naaman has been blessed to participate in short-term missions trips to Costa Rica, Kentucky, and Zambia, Africa. He plans to attend East Stroudsburg University, with a major in Secondary Math Education.



Nathaniel Andrew Peterson CPH & H

Nathaniel Peterson, the son of Todd and Nancy Peterson, has attended Faith Christian School since kindergarten. Nate has participated in soccer and track & field since middle school. He also participated in Student government and was a member of the National Honor Society since his sophomore year. Nate was a member of chorus. He has been active in Civil Air Patrol for several years and currently serves as the Cadet Commander for his squadron. Nate will be attending Messiah College for biomedical engineering as well as the ROTC program at Dickinson College..

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Rob Vaughn *WFMZ Anchor/Reporter* who gave our Commencement Address



H = Honor roll 3.5 GPA and above (gold cord)

CP = College Prep diploma CPH = College Prep with Honors diploma

WALKING IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS

Our Bible teacher Mr. McMichael and some of our graduates backpacked through Israel and walked in Jesus' footsteps!

Visiting Caesarea, where the Romans imprisoned and tried Paul in Acts 23-26. Then we went to the top of Mt Carmel for an incredible view of Haifa and the mountains of Galilee!





The incredible view from the Mount of Olives!

For their final day in Israel, they visited Masada, En Gedi, and the Dead Sea. They had an amazing adventure!



*"You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water."
- Psalm 63:1*

TOTT'S GAP ART SHOW

The following students art work was chosen to represent Faith at the annual Tott's Gap Art Show:

Kindergarten

Autumn Kimes & Christian Eberhardt

1st grade

Brandon Fox & Hannah Martin

2nd grade

Ariana Bacerra & Caleb Stender

3rd grade

Seth Magnin

4th grade

Colton Whistler

5th grade

Megan Erwin & Drew Lowris

6th grade

Hill Wilson

7th grade

Isabel Lala & Aiden Kimes

8th grade

Joshua Blair

9th grade

Zachary Erwin & Mikayla Walz

10th grade

Hannah Szmaciasz & Faith Stewart

12th grade

Cierra Bell

We had several winners this year:

Autumn Kimes

1st place (Kindergarten group)

Christian Eberhardt

2nd place (Kindergarten group)



Joshua Blair

3rd place in the 2-D (7-8th group)

Faith Stewart

3rd place in mixed media (10-12 group)

FIELD TRIP

Some photos of our 5th and 6th Grades enjoying their last day of school and from their field trip. We loved having you this year and can't wait to see what next year holds!



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Thank you to the PTF and all of the parents that contributed to Teacher Appreciation week. We had over 11 parents quickly sign up, and many more participated - your support of the PTF allowed us to have the resources to thank our teachers and bless them. Here are some of the gifts we were able to give our teachers & staff. Thank you to everyone involved!



APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKE

Our 7th and 8th graders hiked approximately 3 miles of the Appalachian Trail. We are blessed to be able to take our students on trips where they can enjoy nature and experience God's creation firsthand.



Our 1st & 2nd grades enjoyed a fun day with crafts and slime making!

GETTYSBURG TRIP

Our 9th and 10th grade recently took a trip to Gettysburg where they learned about marching in formation and visited the Pennsylvania memorial.



SPORTS BANQUET



SPRING CHOIR CONCERT



FAITH GALA RAISES \$17,800 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank you to everyone that attended and sponsored our 4th Annual Faith Gala, thanks to your generosity we raised \$17,800 for our scholarship program. We also want to give a big thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work - your time and dedication to Faith Christian School is greatly appreciated. Our 5th Annual Faith Gala will be held on April 21st, 2018, so mark your calendars, we hope you can join us again next year!



FIELD DAY

Our students had so much fun today at Field Day! They competed in a variety of events including water games, shuffleboard and tug-of-war with the Blue Team coming out with the overall win for the day! Thank you to the PTF for organizing field day and to all the parents and families that helped and participated. Go Blue! Go Gold!



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Our students enjoyed a wonderful last day of school, thank you to everyone for a great 2016-2017 school year! We are excited to see you again in a few short months and to welcome some new faces as well. May you all have a blessed and safe Summer!



WE'RE HIRING!

Faith Christian School is looking to hire a Music Teacher and also a Custodian. The job descriptions and application can be found on our website at <http://www.fcslions.org/job-applications> If you know someone you would recommend who may be a good match for either of these positions, please encourage him/her to apply. Thank you!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming Christine Eberhardt and Bruce Stewart to our school board. Faith Christian School is always seeking individuals that have an interest in becoming a board member and also association members that would like to join committees. Volunteering is an important aspect of involvement at Faith Christian School. Every parent, alum and friend of Faith Christian is encouraged to become active in our school community. If you have an interest please contact Ginny Jensen at 610-588-3414 or email office@fcslions.org for an application.

Want to help create our newsletter?

Are you a parent/alum/grandparent who would like to volunteer from home? Are you a student who would like to contribute to creating and adding content to our newsletter? If you have an interest please contact Ginny Jensen at 610-588-3414 or email office@fcslions.org