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## Our Mission

Fourth Baptist Christian School, as a ministry of Fourth Baptist Church, is committed to the development of a student's spiritual life in Jesus Christ, while pursuing academic excellence in a manner which honors and glorifies God, based on the only infallible Word, the Bible.

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## God's Grace Through a Time of Transition

In our Adult Bible Fellowship classes at Fourth Baptist Church this quarter, we have been studying through the events of the exodus from Egypt. One of the things that has struck me once again as we have studied this epic series of events—this great story of the people of Israel—is the radical changes that played out in the life of Moses. Having been brought into the house of Pharaoh's daughter as a baby, Moses apparently enjoyed some level of blessing and prosperity as a child of Egypt. That all changed when he was around the age of 40 and he (recklessly and wrongly) killed an Egyptian who was acting as a slave-master over the Israelites.

For the next 40 years of his life, Moses lived as a shepherd in the desert. By every indication, this is how Moses intended to live out the rest of his life. He had a job and a family to take care of, and seems to have left Egypt in the distant past. When God intervened in his life at the age of 80 at the burning bush, Moses did not appear to have any intention of getting involved again with either Israel or Egypt. God, however, had other plans.



As those plans were laid out for Moses, Moses objected. He didn't anticipate or desire change. At every objection, however, God promised His presence and His provision. He would be the one revealing himself both to Israel and to Egypt. He



would be the one providing miraculous wonders and provision. While Moses would eventually exert himself as leader and judge of Israel, when you read through the account of the plagues and the exodus, Moses actually does very little! God is the one doing miracles, sending plagues and leading the people out of Egypt with the cloud and the fire. God is the one splitting the Red Sea, destroying Pharaoh's Army and providing food and water in the Desert. Moses is mostly along for the ride.

Like Moses, Fourth Baptist Christian School recently went through an unexpected and unusual transition. Like Moses, we have experienced the gracious provision of God for us through this time of change. God is the one preserving, protecting and sustaining us. Our faculty and staff have been faithful to persevere in the work and take on new tasks. Our school families have been so helpful to support and encourage us, even in the face of unusual circumstances. Our students have proven to be resilient. All of these things are a testimony to God's grace at work among us. We are grateful to be "along for the ride" as He continues His good work here.

~Pastor Jared Page, Interim Administrator

## MACS Choir Festival Features MBU Choir Director

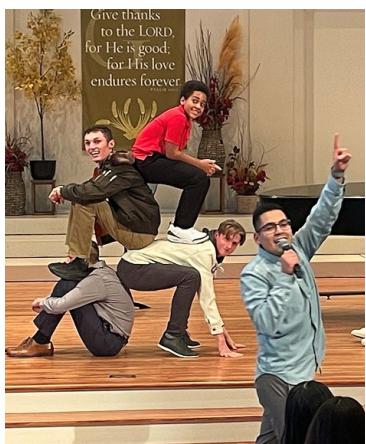
FBCS hosted our annual MACS Choir Festival on Friday, November 8, welcoming 180 high school students from five MACS schools. We were privileged to have Dr. Doug Bachorik from Maranatha Baptist University as our guest conductor, along with his wife, Ruth, and nine MBU students who joined the choir throughout the day. The students had the opportunity to participate in exceptional masterclass sessions led by professional local voice teachers, including Mrs. Samantha Laumann (U of MN, UNWSP, and an FBCS parent), Mrs. Melody Johnson (UNWSP), Mr. Richard Joseph (UNWSP), and Mr. Raymond Graybar.

A highlight of the day was a video chat with composer Heather Sorenson, where students learned about how her faith influences her composition process. It was a truly inspiring experience to hear from her directly! As always, the students were well-fed with delicious snacks and meals to keep them energized during the

five+ hours of singing and rehearsing.

Our evening concert showcased performances from several MACS schools, as well as from our guest clinicians and the MBU students. The festival choir performed a beautiful repertoire, including *Search Me, O God* by Heather Sorenson, *Joy to the World* by Derric Johnson, *Sing Gently* by Eric Whitacre, and *Crown Him!* by Dan Forrest. It was a day filled with learning and growth, as students developed their God-given talents and abilities.

~*Mr. Levi Kolwinska, FBCS Music Director and Choir Festival Organizer*



## 4th Grade Goes on an Adventure

The fourth-grade class had a wonderful time at Grandpa Joe's Candy Shop on Friday, November 22. Mrs. Cheek's class had a private tour of the Soda Bottling Line. After their tour, students sampled four different flavored sodas such as bomb-pop popsicle and dill pickle.

Following the adventure at Grandpa Joe's, students returned to FBCS for Christmas festivities. They had fun decorating the 4th grade classroom. Together they put up a Christmas tree, made ornaments for it, and created a paper chain so long it wrapped around the classroom several times. All while singing along to Christmas music. A joyous day was had by all who helped and participated!

*~Mrs. Jeanine Cheek, Fourth Grade Teacher*



## JH Boys Basketball Team White Wins NSPSL B-Squad Tier 2 Title

It was a tough season for our JH Boys Basketball Team White as half the team were new to the sport of basketball. The team only had one win during the regular season, but they never gave up, continued working on their skills, and peaked at just the right time. They were seeded #3 in the NSPSL B-Squad Tier 2 tournament on January 9-10 with three other teams. The boys won their first tournament game in exciting fashion over #2 Legacy White 20-17, and then went on to win 13-12 over #1 Ave Maria for the Tier 2 Championship! It was a fun tournament to watch and exciting for the boys to experience their hard work paying off in the season ending tournament. Congratulations to Coach Fredericksen and the team!

*~Mrs. Alison French*



## He is Born! Elementary Concert Review

FBCS elementary students reflected the Christmas concert theme "He Is Born" through an assortment of worshipful Christmas carols. The songs pointed to a King who willingly came to be with us in human form to experience life as we do, die for us, and rise again so that we could be with Him forever if we accept His gift of salvation. Our youngest musicians sang familiar carols such as *O Come to my Heart*, *Birthday of a King*, and *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*.

Professional violinist and FBCS parent, Mrs. Brittany Quinn, helped the third graders sparkle during a stately version of *O Come, Little Children*. Fourth grade offered a rich lullaby written by alumni Josh Bauder titled *In the Manger*. Fifth grade added their special inaugural touch to chimes and band. Sixth grade showed their musical development in both chimes and band opening the concert with the upbeat *At the Feast of St. Stephen*. The elementary portion of the concert concluded with elementary choir's invitation to enjoy a *Hot Cup of Cocoa*.

~Annelies Harmon, Elementary Music Director



## He is Born! Secondary Concert Review



The FBCS Secondary Christmas Concert was a celebration of the Christmas season, showcasing the talents of our various music ensembles. The program began with the Mixed Ensemble performing *Break Forth with Joy* with soloists Deborah Dahl and Ethan Coulson. The Junior High Band followed that with *A Minor Holiday Celebration* and *Fantasy on an Old English Melody*. The Mixed Ensemble returned to delight the audience with a lively rendition of *Sleigh Ride* by Leroy Anderson complete with a snowball fight! The Bronze Handbells performed *Song of the Angels*, followed by the Men's Ensemble, who brought an exciting arrangement of *O Come, All Ye Faithful*.

The Gold Handbells presented a beautiful and difficult arrangement of *O Holy Night* by Michael Helman before the Senior High Choir took the stage for *Betelehemu*, a Nigerian carol sung in Yoruba and featuring soloist Jack Fure and percussionists Nikita Bodnar, Josiah Combs, and Jon Kolacz. The Silver Handbells followed with *See, Amid the Winter Snow*, while the Ladies' Ensemble sang a peaceful version of *The First Noel*, with a lovely flute accompaniment by Lexi Owens. The Platinum Handbells then energetically rang arrangements of *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* and *Sing We Now of Christmas*.

The Junior High Choir delivered beautiful performances of *Song of the Shepherds* and *Il Est Né, le Divin Enfant*, sung in French. The Senior High Band concluded the evening with *Christmas Fanfares* and *It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas*, leaving the audience with a sense of excitement for the Christmas season. This year's concert was a delightful mix of traditional carols, lively arrangements, and beautifully executed performances, offering something for everyone to enjoy as we celebrated the birth of Christ together.

~ Levi Kolwinska, Music Director





## Ministry Day—A Highlight for Our SH Musicians

One of the highlights of our music calendar each year is our annual Ministry Day for senior high musicians. It was a true joy to share our Christmas music with residents at local retirement homes on Wednesday, December 18. Our first stop was Amira Choice Minnetonka, where around 25 residents enjoyed our performance and had the chance to interact with our students. We met some fascinating people, including a gentleman who was 100 years old!

Next, we traveled to Covenant Living in Golden Valley, where about 75 residents attended the concert. We always look forward to the "Grinch punch" and treats at Covenant. The audience there is always so attentive and appreciative, and it's heartwarming to see many familiar faces from our years of performing there.

For both concerts, the SH Choir, Mixed Ensemble, Men's and Ladies' Ensembles, Platinum and Gold Handbell Choirs, and Woodwind and Brass Ensembles performed a selection of our Christmas repertoire. The standout moments at both locations were the choir's rendition of the Nigerian carol *Betelehemu* and the Mixed Ensemble's performance of *Sleigh Ride*, which included a playful snowball fight with the audience! Residents eagerly threw snowballs with some even crawling on the floor to grab foam snowballs and throw them back at the students!

We are always warmly invited back to perform and are grateful for the opportunity to connect with the older generation.

~ Levi Kolwinska, Music Director



SECOND QUARTER 2024-25	ALL "A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
<b>First Grade</b>	Owen Byers Bella Eggleton Quintin Levang Charlie Quinn Stella Schindelholz	Aurora Bruggenthies Sevyn Daniels Sebastian Golodneac Mirabella Kifyak Lennon Langum Nana Nyarko Kyrylo Postaichuk Porter Schwartzenburg Anna Zhukouski	Alexa Brutskiy Lincoln Conover Ellie Damyan Timothy Manoila Ruby Strong
<b>Second Grade</b>	Asher Bruder Mira Damyan Oliver Hanks Daniel (DJ) Jean-Louis Anna Kachula Carson Kolwinska Abigail Macalus Daniel Nsameh Wesley Rathbun	Paton Blazosky Roman Bodrug Wilson Campbell Mila Demchenko Lily Eggleton Kristen Goshgarian Caspian Jeppeson Amelia Kappel Alexa Miezwka Karina Petrashev Adelina Poroseci Evangeline Shrader Santiago Skurat Addison Terlouw Yefim Yeremiya	Sarah Damyan Timothy Loghinov Davyd Veremchuk
<b>Third Grade</b>	Adam Babcock Micah Bruder Margaret Brutskiy Caleb Caasi Peter Levang Everly Quinn Maxwell Schindelholz Hudson Schwartzenburg Neriah Shelton	Gage Byers Luke Chihak Eva Damyan Gabriela Damyan Brecken Felt Isabella Korovin Maxim Lipinskiy Aurora Rathbun Amelia Sisam Joshua Strong Anthony Zhukouski	Octavian Golodneac Alexandra Kachula Ophelia Kifyak Ezekiel Li Kayda Mendoza-Tamayo Daniel Tkach
<b>Fourth Grade</b>	Leyla Blazosky Zoey Jean-Louis Eva Jenkins Emmaline Macalus Rhys McLeish	Matthew Aleckson Blake Coulson Vanessa Diaz Calero Aria Felt Blessa Johnson Elise Liu Ezekiel Nsameh Michael Olaru Lucia Skurat Michael Totimeh	Daniel Chuprin Emma Damyan Asher Delich Avonlea Laumann Isaac Leanger Calvin Levang Max Montgomery Jason Ureke Shaela Zeah
<b>Fifth Grade</b>	Ava Blazosky	Kate Kovalchuk Michelle Olaru Ammiel Rylka Thomas Wheaton	Isabella Agness Benjamin Brutskiy Mark Brutskiy Jackson Byers Dan Damyan Leah Damyan Parker Delich Zachary Demchenko Joshua Forman Harrison Kappel Mira Nagel Isaiah Shrader Robinson Smith Vanessa Tkach Jace Wicklund

SECOND QUARTER 2024-25	ALL "A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
<b>Sixth Grade</b>	Margot Levang Viviana Skurat	Belinda Aleckson Kimberly Arroyo Roman Kachula Sofia Lipinskiy Reuben Totimeh Tianci (Grace) Zhou	Josiah Bruder Garrett Coulson Daniel Damyan Jacob Damyan Liam Landin Elijah Rudolph Anna Strong
<b>Seventh Grade</b>	Ashley Blazosky David Caasi Alexis LaVasseur Bryna McLeish Elise Pacencu Naomi Pacencu	Chloe Johnson Katelyn Kolwinska Allison Kovalchuk Julia Raisanen	Elias Brombacher Liesl Campbell Daniella Damyan Hunter Delich Jacob Demchenko Alessandra Mendoza-Tamayo Ella Petrashev Benjamin Villar
<b>Eighth Grade</b>	Liam Broere Ziqian (Isaac) Gao Sarah Goshgarian		Isabelle Chuprin Nathan Kauffman Allison Leanger Alexandra Lipinskiy Clara Morrell Gabriel Shrader Julianna Strong Tiegan Treptau Taya Wall
<b>Ninth Grade</b>	Jizhen (Jila) Peng	Isaiah Caasi Star Delich Ava Fure Zhenghan (John) Huang Christian Kolwinska Sara Sousa Lauren Stephens Claire Vikander	Lily Goshgarian Christian Hoffman Lukyn Williams
<b>Tenth Grade</b>	Karina Anderson Josiah Combs John Goshgarian Haihang (Kai) Guo Yiwen Huang	Nikita Lipinskiy Joseph Litkey Asher Zderchuk	Gretchen Campbell Ethan Coulson Deborah Dahl Elijah Forman Brianna Treptau
<b>Eleventh Grade</b>	Grant Vikander Eli Villar	Anja Brombacher Brandt Johnson Tava McLeish Malia (Jenny) Nayrath Megan Page Tyler Stephens Lillian Williams	Elena Arroyo Blake Delich Carlos Flodstrom Joseph Goshgarian Giselle Legoff Ethan Markgraf Jinwen (Jane) Qin
<b>Twelfth Grade</b>	Adelynn Farish Jack Fure	Jonathan Kolacz Megan Lewellen Sophia Morrell Sydney Weisser	Antonio Eppers Cody Mercado Lexi Owens Emma Payne