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**CCS 2006 -2007
Scripture Theme Verse**

**“...WHETHER YOU
EAT OR DRINK, OR
WHATEVER YOU
DO, DO ALL TO
THE GLORY OF
GOD.**

1 COR. 10:31

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**FOR THE LATEST
GO TO**

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The Administrator’s Corner

While visiting my dear mother during our Christmas celebration, my youngest son and I found some time to rake and to dispose of leaves from her front lawn. Just as my late dad and I did many years prior, my son and I talked as we worked. As we worked, we approached a tree that is now over forty feet tall. The leafless, white, maple tree measures over two feet across at its trunk.

As a preteen horticulturist, I actually planted two trees when I was about ten years old. I first noticed the little trees while my dad and I were clearing undergrowth from the woods in our backyard. The young trees caught my attention because of their bark pattern, which spiraled around the tree. Nevertheless, they were to be cut down with the other brush. My dad gave me permission to save the trees by transplanting them. I transplanted them exactly as he instructed. First, I prepared two holes in our front yard. Second, I carefully dug up the baby plants. Third, I moved the trees. One tree died within the first year, yet I continued to nurture the surviving tree until I left for college about seven years later. Finally, after thirty-five years, my son and I are standing feet from the same tree, admiring its size and very distinctive, spiraling bark pattern.

While we talked, the LORD reminded me of a few important principles for providing a quality Christian education for our precious young people. First, I was reminded that the little trees’ uniqueness sets them apart from the other plants. Likewise, our students and your children were created in the image of God and are fearfully and wonderfully made with a uniqueness that is designed to bring glory to God. As CCS moves into 2007, we are committed to helping our students to discover fully who they are in Christ. Second, the little trees were totally dependent upon influences outside of themselves. The trees did not choose if, or even where, they would be initially planted, or to where they would be eventually transplanted. As parents, we realize that many of the most important decisions affecting the lives of our children are not truly

theirs to make. As parents, we have been entrusted by God with the responsibility to train our children in the paths they should go. This process requires much fervent prayer and Godly wisdom. During the transplanting of the tree, I received much help and instruction from my wonderful dad. My dad had the “wisdom of the years” and he continued to help me for the remainder of his life. I am thankful that the wisdom he provided for me came about because of his relationship with Jesus. Likewise, parents must have help in this awesome process of child-rearing. We are instructed in *James 1:5* to ask for wisdom and God will give it to us liberally without upbraiding or fussing at us. During 2007, CCS is committed to assisting parents with their God-given responsibility to prepare students for all that God has for them. Third, I provided nurture and care for the little tree during its formative years. I protected the surviving tree from being uprooted and disturbed. As the years passed, the tree was better able to stand alone supported increasingly by its own root system and less by external supports. In 2007, it is our goal to assist you in equipping your child with the ability to stand successfully as he/she matures.

God has truly blessed Clinton Christian School. My initial impression of CCS as a sleeping giant has remained unchanged. There is no end to the richness of God’s provisions for our school, as we seek to follow Christ and His righteousness as instructed in Matthew 6:33.

In February, re-enrollment will begin for next school year. If God has blessed your child this year, if you agree with the principles outlined above and if you can walk with us in agreement, please enroll your child for the next school year. Please refer families like yours, also.

In 2007, let us pray for wisdom and for understanding. Let us pray for each other and for our dear children, as God awakens Clinton Christian School to her new direction of excellence.

I will prepare and some day my chance will come.

Abraham Lincoln

Vision Statement

Clinton Christian School seeks to be a distinctively Christian educational institution for the purpose of assisting Christian families in their God-given responsibility to train their children in a God-centered worldview with the goal being a lifetime of service to Jesus Christ.

WHAT'S NEWS AT CCS?

- ✓ Kudos CCS, our pre-candidacy accreditation visit with Dr. Storey of the Association of Christian Schools International, ACSI was great! He informed me that he has never been involved in such a well prepared visit. We should receive the official word about our candidacy status by the end of this month.
- ✓ Mrs. Harper and the Yearbook Staff wanted to express thanks for your abundant support of the yearbook ad pages. This year's book promises to be the best in CCS' history.
- ✓ Parents, please be reminded that all financial obligations owed to CCS must be cleared by Friday, January 12th of next week in order to prevent a hold from being placed on your child's report card. The finance office will send home a reminder, if your account is not current.
- ✓ Our marvelous 7th - 8th graders will be involved in the qualifying round of CCS Junior High Spelling Bee on this Friday. The winners will represent CCS in the Prince George's County Spelling Bee in March.
- ✓ **Room Parents will have the second foundational meeting on Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00 PM, in the Church Auditorium. The purpose of the meeting is to create a calendar of events.**
- ✓ The following students represented CCS at the Pentagon on December 14: Aris Brown, Supriya Bhatia, Jah Kindred, Shayla Hampton, Asha Stewart, Brittany Lee, Darryl Washington, Danielle Hardy, Wallace Brooks, Kaelyn Etherton, Christina Crutchfield, Brandon Joyner, Cierra Pope, Avery Prince, and LaKeshia Wells. Students, we are proud of you and expect to hear and to see even greater reports about you.
- ✓ Kudos to our third and fourth grade classes who sang at area Nursing Homes last month. The following are excerpts from the students' written report about their visits: "Today we went to Pineview. The first time I went in I was scared. Then I sang the songs and saw happiness and joyful people. I bet the Lord was happy." - Maxie Wilson "The day I went singing at Pineview was a *gloryest* happy thing. We sang Christmas songs to the sick and special people. It made me feel good to see them smiling... I think they will remember some songs. I had a good time a very good time because God is pleased and they are and so am I." - Briana Edmonds

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CCS

- ✓ Jan. 5 - CCS Jr. High Spelling Bee
- ✓ Jan. 8 - Fourth Grades to Toby's Youth Theater
- ✓ Jan. 12 - Deadline to clear all accounts with the Finance Office before Report Cards go home.
- ✓ Jan. 15 - M. L. King, Jr. Day - No School
- ✓ Jan. 16-19 - Spirit Week
- ✓ Jan. 19 - National Aquarium Ocean Day In-School Field Trip for K5-6 grades
- ✓ Jan. 19 - CCS Homecoming
- ✓ Jan. 28 - 4:00 PM - CCS Choir @ El Bethel Baptist Church dedication
- ✓ Jan. 29 - Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School
- ✓ Jan. 30 - 7:00 PM - Room Parents' Meeting in the Auditorium
- ✓ Feb. 1 - Re-Enrollment Begins for CCS Families

PRAYER NEEDS

- ◇ The spiritual growth of the recently saved students
- ◇ A full-time nurse and the funding for the position
- ◇ For the students who are assuming leadership roles in our campus ministry
- ◇ Students as they minister throughout the community

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Prayer for Success!