



Rocky Bayou

Christian School

History

1973 - 1974

1974 - 1975

The image shows a scroll with a blue border and metal clasps. The scroll is unrolled, revealing a yellowish parchment-like surface. The text is written in a black, gothic-style font. The scroll is held by four metal clasps, one in each corner, which are attached to a blue background.

In the Beginning

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Vision

**Rocky Bayou Christian
School**

June 1973

1973

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

11 JUN: Bob Grete, Pastor Harold & Joyce Thomas visited Fairfax Christian School. From 0830 to 1700, visited with Mr & Mrs Thoburn.
Purchase: \$146.07 for invoice 1049 materials.

18 JUN Bob Grete reported to joint board, Forest Lake Bible Church regarding results of 11 JUN trip. Board decided the church could not undertake to start a school. Grete asked if anyone was personally interested in participating in a private venture to start a christian school. All offered moral support, but none felt he could get involved.

19 JUN - phonecon Grete/Walt Ruckel: Walt is examining property and types of buildings for possible use by a christian school.

- phonecon Grete/Buz Baker (Pensacola CS):
- appointment for visit by Trinky Grete/Joyce Thomas @ 1300, 20 JUN.

• Buz will present our request for assistance to Dr. Horton and will call Grete on 25 June.

[He didn't].

29 JUN - phoned Grete/Ruckel: Grete must see Mr. Larry Scott reference building requirements.

2 JUL - Appointment made w/ Dr Hobbs, Santa Rosa Christian School for 0930 6 JUL.

- Called / visited school equipment suppliers
- Grete/Ruckel examined proposed school property off hwy 295 in Niceville. Its use for the school was agreed to.

3 JUL - Grete met with Larry Scott, builder of metal buildings, and roughed out 3750 ft² building for the school. Walt Ruckel approved architectural design based upon agreed-to rough.

Intro: Thanks for opportunity

Invited as Director, RBCS

- purpose of RBCS is to provide a God-centered, high quality education to equip students for a fruitful, independent search for truth. Stated another way, we want to enable the child to search out God's truth on his own.

Purpose of our study this afternoon is to look at a couple of Biblical principles which have motivated the establishment of RBCS.

I realize that some things I have to say are controversial - but I ask you to hear me out; a question period will follow.

The two principles which we will draw from scripture are:

1) education of the child is a parental responsibility.

2) there is a certain character God wishes to see in the education Christian parents provide for their children.

We obviously do not have sufficient time to exhaustively study these principles, so my purpose is to illustrate rather than prove.

Bible teaches that the responsibility for educating the child lies squarely upon the parent.

(p. 268) Duet 6: 1-2, 5-7

(p. 921) Prov 22:6

(p. 923) Prov 23: 22

(p. 301) Eph 6: 1-4

How does a parent bring up his child in the discipline and instruction of the Lord?

- responsibility to feed doesn't require being a farmer.
- responsibility to educate doesn't require being a teacher. Must select the education you want your child to have.
- the Christian parent must combine his child's home, church and school life to bring up his child in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

This raises the second point of this message:

The school life must provide a God-centered education if it is to assist the parent in bringing up his child properly. Let's look at some relevant scripture.

Prov 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction."

(252) 1 Cor 3:16 - 21a

Why does God's Word say that the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God? (v. 19)

It's because the wisdom of the world leaves out God.

Now it is my observation that the statist school system - euphemistically known as the public school system - in our country today has some serious flaws. Now I'm not referring to the increasing failure of the public schools to teach children basic academic disciplines, which certainly is a serious problem today, as is lack of respect for authority, lack of discipline, sexual license, drugs, and so on.

I am referring to the fact that the public schools - of necessity - leave God out.

And people don't seem to realize that taking God out of school - as the Supreme Court has required - doesn't take religion out of school. We are left with secular humanism - in my opinion, one of Satan's favorite religions.

One illustration of the inherent inability of the public school to provide an education of the character God desires is found in the current controversy involving the theory of origins.

Creationism vs Evolution

↳ is consistent with God's Word.
 - provides a better model for explaining observations & predicting events
 - is prohibited from being taught in public schools

- is inconsistent with God's Word at every point
 - requires a greater amount of faith to maintain than creationism

- is an inferior model for explanation & prediction
- and is presented as established scientific fact in the texts used in public schools.

Why do evolutionist's hold to their faith? -
so they can leave out God!

Why is evolution so antithetical to Biblical Christianity?

If man descended from the beasts, then sin is simply an inherited characteristic for which man is not responsible.

∴ no need for redemption. ∴ no savior.

Summary

Public schools usurp the parental responsibility to educate his child.

Public schools teach an anti-Christ philosophy which is as old as Cain, and is eating away at the moral fabric of our country today. I can think of no more relevant a piece of scripture to close with than Rom 1: 16-25.

My purpose is to tell you about a new Christian school being established in Niceville. ~~This~~ is Rocky Bayou Christian School, opening grades K-6th this September. You may immediately ask, "Why should I be interested in a Christian school?" - especially if you don't have elementary school-aged children. I think all Christian-Americans should be interested because of the trends in the government or public school system ~~across~~ our nation today. More and more, employers find high school graduates seeking jobs ~~without~~ when the applicant has obviously not mastered basic reading, spelling, English grammar, and mathematical skills. Moreover, lack of moral character, disobedience to lawful authority, dishonesty, unreliability, lack of

patriotism and disdain for the free enterprise system are becoming more frequent characteristics of our youth today. And most important of all, the efforts of the Federal government to achieve separation of church and state has resulted in substituting the religion of secular humanism for the truths of God in our public school classrooms today. Now I want to make it clear that I am not here to attack any particular school or individual - I am pointing out national trends in government education which can be observed by all of us, and which are giving impetus to the Christian school

movement today whether these trends have come home to you or not is something for you alone to judge, as is whether or not Rocky Bayou Christian School has something of value to offer you. For those of you without elementary school children, I ask your prayerful support for what we are attempting to establish. I ask you to pass the word to anyone you believe might be interested in our program. For those of you with elementary school-aged children, I want to turn to another specific question. "Why should I pay money to send my child to Rocky Bayou Christian School? - especially when

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I ^{already} ~~must~~ pay high taxes for support of the government schools. Well, it may be for any of a number of reasons:

Perhaps - and I believe this is the most important reason - perhaps it is ~~that~~ lack of Christian emphasis ^{in your present school.} You may know that

"the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge," and be concerned that the Bible is not being taught.

Or, you may be concerned about the drug problem, which seems to be spreading every day.

Or, your child may have detected a lack of concern on the part of his teacher.

It may be that your child is not receiving proper discipline, particularly if his teacher employs the current philosophy of progressive education which maintains that to discipline a child is to stifle his creativity. What an evil doctrine that is!

You may want to send your child to Rocky Bayou Christian because he is not being taught respect for proper authority, or because he just doesn't seem to be learning anything. You may be concerned about the shift in emphasis from giving a good education to life adjustment, social adaptation, being popular, and getting along

with the peer group. It may upset you that the individual is no longer considered important - its the peer group that counts.

You may object to the fact that moral values taught in the home are considered old-fashioned and irrelevant in the school. There are no such things as absolutes or standards.

It may be that your child is not being taught to read, or spell, or add and subtract, multiply and divide. And the report cards either have no grade or grades which do not tell you how well your child is learning.

Or finally, in many schools today, our children

are being taught to tear down the American constitutional system and the free enterprise system - things which have made our country great.

If any of these matters are of concern to you, I invite you to investigate Rocky Bayou Christian school. We offer a Christ-centered program with high quality academic standards. Our facilities will be located off of Highway 285 on approximately 30 acres set aside for our use. Our ~~building will be a~~ 3750 ft² air conditioned and carpeted building will be under construction soon. We will have to begin classes in

alternate facilities, but should be in our own building in October.

We will start off small, opening 10 spaces in each grade from Kindergarten thru 6TH grade. I have applications for admission, tuition schedules and applications for employment for anyone interested. If anyone desires more information, please contact me at your convenience. I have some tracts with my name and address on them. Again, we ask for your prayers for our attempt to bring a high quality Christ-centered education to our community.

ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
ROBERT L. GRETE, DIRECTOR

9 November 1973

Dear Parents and Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to inform you of a few things pertaining to your school. The school year is now one-quarter complete, and the first report cards have been brought home. We are truly thankful to God for all he has done for us. He has provided every need, and our children have received a remarkable educational opportunity. We have enjoyed seeing all our children grow in body, soul, and spirit. We have had some problems to overcome, and expect to continue working for improvement in every area as the year continues. We appreciate the prayer support you and other friends of RBCS have given us. Please continue that support.

Attached is a copy of the news release we have made regarding our honors program. My congratulations to those on the list. I believe this program will provide a positive incentive to all our children, and I anticipate seeing new names added to the list next time.

RBCS has been accepted for membership in the National Association of Christian Schools (NACS). This is a nation-wide association capable of providing us with several services including student accident insurance, teacher certification, accreditation, employee insurance, literature, and so on. Our children are covered by NACS accident insurance underwritten by INA. Information on NACS is attached.

I have been developing a charter for RBCS as a tax exempt organization. We are legally operating as a tax exempt corporation now, but our charter must be filed and IRS forms submitted before everything is finalized.

Our building has been delayed because the steel cannot be delivered promptly. Expected steel delivery date is now 24 January 1974.

RBCS is offering a Christmas choral program for presentation in December. Our first performance will be for the Hurlburt Chapel program on 14 December. We expect other invitations in the near future.

Let me close by thanking parents for the privilege of teaching your children at RBCS. We share with you your God-given responsibility to educate your children. We look forward to working with you in carrying out this sacred trust during the remainder of this year.

In Christ's service,



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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS HISTORY AND OBJECTIVES

For twenty-five years, NACS has been serving Christian elementary and secondary schools across the nation. NACS promotes the cause of Christian education by assisting Christian schools unitedly to accomplish what they are unable to do individually.

In May 1947, the National Association of Christian Schools was established as an affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals. NACS is a non-sectarian association of Christian schools serving independent and denominational schools in all parts of North America and on the mission field. The growth in membership and expansion in services since 1947 is exciting.

The goals and priorities of NACS are reflected in the three part emblem--the "Divine ideal is Christ in home, church, and school" -- and the motto -- "Doing for all what no one school can do for itself." NACS is concerned with helping new schools organize and strengthening existing schools. NACS provides a national voice, representation at the federal level, and analysis of legislation for Christian schools. All service programs and publications are geared to accomplish these objectives.

Membership in NACS is open to all schools who subscribe to the statement of faith and educational objectives of the association. Each member school retains its individual distinctives and operating independence. Regional Representatives, NACS board members located across the U.S., are close at hand to help and encourage schools and faculty in their area. For public relation purposes, NACS sends to each school a plaque suitable for displaying in the school hall or office and a self-adhesive window emblem. This enables the school to inform visitors of its participation in NACS programs.

Individual membership is open to all interested persons--teachers, administrators, parents, businessmen, and others--who subscribe to the NACS statement of faith and wish to support Christian education. Teacher Certification and Placement Service are services designed especially for individual members.

NACS STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His Sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return to power and glory.

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; them that are saved unto the resurrection of life and them that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

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- News Release -

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO OPEN IN NICEVILLE

Something new in elementary education is coming to Niceville. It's the Rocky Bayou Christian School (RBCS), soon to be constructed on the south side of Highway 285, just north of Swift Creek. Opening with grades kindergarten through sixth, emphasis will be on a God-centered, high quality traditional education providing an alternative to the secular humanism and "progressive" education offered in government schools. "The national trends in the public school system today are shocking," says Bob Grete, former Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences, USMA at West Point, and Director of Rocky Bayou Christian School. "Education," he says, "is a parental responsibility." He believes many parents share his concern about the fact -- recently revealed by the National Assessment of Education Progress -- that 15 to 20 per cent of nine-year olds in public schools cannot read at all. RBCS offers an accelerated phonics reading program enriched with McGuffey, Open Court, and Beacon readers. Mr. Grete contends: "Our great country was built by God-fearing men who could read, write, add, subtract, multiply, and divide. They believed in the free enterprise system, discipline, and the authority of God. Such things are ridiculed more and more today. RBCS seeks to equip students with high-caliber academic skills, respect for proper authority, an appreciation for the free enterprise system, and a love for God and country."

The RBCS curriculum will feature reading, spelling, math, science, history, geography, English, music, art, and Bible. "Our Bible instruction," says Mr. Grete, "is non-denominational in approach, but recognizes the scriptures as the inspired word of God. The school is based upon Biblical principles which will be taught not only in the Bible curriculum but also in the practical operation of the school."

"We have to start small the first year," stated Mr. Grete, who is prepared to accept ten students in each grade. An instructional pre-school may be opened also, if sufficient interest is indicated. "Our 3,750 square foot fully-carpeted and air-conditioned building will not be completed until October, so temporary facilities must be found for the first few weeks."

Annual tuition has been set at \$415 for kindergarten and \$600 for grades one through six. Transportation, books, and all supplies will be provided by the school.

Additional information may be obtained from the Director, telephone 242-6967.

Traditional Emphasized

Christian School Opens in Niceville

News-Journal Bureau

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The school system of Okaloosa County is of excellent quality: one of the best in Florida. However, those citizens of Niceville and Valparaiso, or of nearby areas, who feel that their children need the special features of a school such as the Rocky Bayou Christian School, now have available to them an alternative to the public school system.

The Director of the new school will be Mr. R. L. Grete, who is a former Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at West Point. The curriculum of the Rocky Bayou Christian School will feature reading, spelling, mathematics, science, history, geography, literature, music, art, and the Bible. Bible instruction will be non-denominational.

The 3,750 square foot school

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Private School To Open

A new private grade school and kindergarten will open this fall in Niceville, according to Executive Director Robert L. Grete.

The school, the Rocky Bayou Christian School, will offer a complete academic program as well as Bible education for students in grades 1-6, with kindergarten students accepted if interest is great enough, Grete said.

Enrollment will be limited to 10 students per grade during the first year, he explained because of space and staff limitations. Tuition of \$600 annually will include all supplies for grade school students as well as transportation costs. Tuition for kindergarten students will be \$415 per year.

"RBCS seeks to equip students with high-caliber academic skills, an appreciation for the free enterprise system, and a love for God and country," Grete said. Further information is available by calling the director at 242-6967.

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Official Defends Project

By BOB LOVEFACE
Journal Staff Writer

NICEVILLE — "I have been accused by some of building a county road to a country club to which I belong," County Commissioner Jack Nichols of Niceville said Monday.

However "I would be amiss of my duties for my district and the people of Okaloosa County, if the road was not paved."

Nichols explained the Rocky Bayou Road now being widened and paved for a distance of two miles will serve a number of purposes and provide access to two county recreational areas. "This road will eventually help form a loop around

Niceville and link with College Boulevard."

He explained the Rocky Bayou Road is an old one and once was a route to Freeport. "There are still remains of the old bridge across Rocky Bayou at the Bay County Sportsman Club," he said. It was never paved and goes past the Twin Cities Airport owned by Walt Ruckel.

"It provides access to a number of large developments where homes are now being built which will provide Okaloosa County with ad valorem taxes many times the cost of the road which is being paved by county crews."

Nichols said a number of roads coming into the road have been paved by the developers at no expense to taxpayers. He feels some of the critics may have gotten an idea these were built by the county.

At the airport there is a spur leading to the country club. This is a short stretch and also serves a lakeside recreational area for the public conated by Valparaiso Realty Inc.

"Next year under funds for my district I hope to extend Rocky Bayou Road into the loop and connect with the college road. This perimeter road was suggested by the VTN Corp., of Orlando which did the land use plan for Okaloosa County."

Then Nichols explained that he hopes later to improve the road to the Sportsman's Club as there are a number of older homes there. At the airport this road goes straight ahead while that for the loop turns to the left.

The County Commissioner explained almost all of the vast acreage between State Route 20 and Rocky Bayou is now in some stage of development. Part of it will be annexed to the City of Niceville and the rest will be in the county.

Andrew J. Kinney, a retired Air Force General, said he built the first home in this

area in 1969 and now there are 50 homes, mostly in the luxury class. "Many are under construction and more will be built as the developers complete roads and put their lots on the market. There is a waiting list for lots," he said.

Nichols said the developers have strict zoning in this area and must approve plans for any new structures. The lots average 150 feet frontage and 330 feet deep, he said. "Thus they are more like country estates and there will be no congestion."

He said a Christian school opens this fall in this area. "The Rocky Bayou Road is being widened to 100 feet and all right of way has been donated." Nichols explained a riding academy is also being served by the Rocky Bayou Road.

Nichols explained that heavy traffic is expected hence the reason for making it a wide road to start with.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Bill - 6TH Grade
Mari - 4TH Grade
Bob - 3rd Grade
Nancy - 3rd Grade

HOME ROOM TEACHER

Mrs Thomas



Mrs Grete

BUS SCHEDULE

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AM TIME</u>	<u>PM TIME</u>	<u>Driver</u>
Grete's	7:30	3:50	Mrs Grete

Notes: KJV Bibles
Dictionaries
Bag Lunches

Introductory Remarks to Students, RBSCS 4 Sep 73

Great adventure in faith

Parents working hard / spending \$ to send you here.
Why?

What you can learn here is of vital importance.

① You - God

② You - fellow man / society live in the
world w/o being a part of the world.

RBSCS is different:

a) Seek to learn God's truth

b) Seek to ~~learn~~ apply God's truth so
our lives can honor Him, & so we can
successfully serve Him.

∴ Expect you to study hard - do all
things as unto the Lord.

∴ b) Be disciplined - do all things decently

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RBCS HONORS LIST

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RBCS, temporarily located in First Baptist Church of Niceville facilities, offers a high quality, God-centered curriculum to its students. Phonics and arithmetic instruction begins in junior kindergarten; science begins in 1st grade. All students study a Bible curriculum. The students have begun work on a Christmas choral program which will be presented in the Ft Walton Beach-Niceville area during December.

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Rocky Bayou Grade School Announces Honors Students

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TUITION

1973-1974 School Year

ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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	Registration fee	Year (Paid by Aug 1)	Semester (2 payments)	Month (10 payments)
Kindergarten (Half Day)	\$25	\$415	\$215	\$45
All Day Kindergarten	\$25	\$600	\$310	\$65

The tuition includes transportation, books, paper, pencils, pens, milk for children attending all day, and a snack for Kindergarten. A discount of \$50 is allowed for each additional child from a family. The tuition covers the regular school year consisting of 180 school days.

A registration fee of \$25 is to be paid for each child upon application for admission. This fee is non-refundable if the child is accepted for admission. The registration fee is not included in the tuition payments.

Tuition may be paid by the year, by the semester, or by the month. Under the yearly plan tuition is due by Aug 1, under the semester plan payments are made on August 15 and January 15, and under the monthly plan tuition is paid in 10 equal payments to be made on the 15th of each month, beginning in August.

As long as the child is enrolled, tuition is to be paid whether or not the child is in attendance. Those not enrolled for the full school year have their tuition prorated, with the exception of the registration fee.

12 December 1973

Dear RBCS Parents,

This is just a brief reminder of our schedule over the next few weeks.

Our Christmas program will be presented twice:

1. 7:30 PM in the Hurlburt Chapel, Friday evening, 14 Dec.
2. 10:15 AM in the Niceville High School (Forest Lake Bible Church), Sunday, 16 Dec.

If you cannot bring your own child, please coordinate with me for transportation. Children must be at the location 15 minutes before the performance. Dress is as for church.

The school Christmas party will be held on 21 Dec. Mrs. McClintock is the coordinator. Classes will be dismissed after the party at 11:45 AM. Class will resume on Monday, 7 January.

Have a blessed Christmas season.

In Christ's service,



ROBERT L. GRETE
Director

ROCKY HAYDU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PRESENTS

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Luke 2:1-7

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"Away in a Manger"

Luke 2:8-14

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Luke 2:15

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Luke 2:16

"Silent Night"

"The Friendly Beasts"

First Christmas Program

Luke 2:17-20

"Joy to the World"

"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

"Good Christian Men Rejoice"

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

* Audience Join in

STUDENTS:

Joey, Lynda, Randy, & Sheri Claggett

Brandon & Kelly Dykema

Kim & Patrick Gibson

Bill, Bob, Mari, & Nancy Grete

David, Dawn, & Morgan Murphy

Marion & Sharon Rucker

Angela, Gracia, Jesslyn, & Robbie Thomas

Edie McClintock

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mrs. Joseph Caraglion


Christmas 1973



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- NEWS RELEASE -

DEC. 17 1973



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December 1973

News

A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY was held Tuesday on the site for construction of the new Rocky Bayou Christian School (RBCS) north of Niceville.

Construction will soon begin on a 3,750 square foot, fully carpeted, and air conditioned building to be located to the south of State Road 285, a short distance north of Swift Creek.

The proposed metal building, to be erected by Phelps Construction Co., was designed specifically to meet RBCS requirements.

Taking part in the ceremony were C. Walter Ruckel, Robert L. Grete, RBCS director, the school staff and student body. Ruckel is president of Ruckel Propertyties, Inc., which will lease the facilities to RBCS.

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YOUNG GROUND BREAKERS — Taking part in ground breaking ceremonies for the new Rocky Bayou Christian School are the school's kindergarten pupils. From left Linda Claggett, Marion Ruckel, Morgan Murphy and Sharon Ruckel.

(Photo by Emma Goggin)

Great Little Ground Breakers

The Vision Becomes Reality



Robert W. Grete and W. Walter Buckel



Mrs. Margaret Robble & Gracia Thomas
 Dawn Murphy Joey Claggett
 Nancy Grete Angela Thomas



Mrs. Claggett David Eddie Joyce Kim
 Patric Murphy Thomas Grete Gibson
 Gibson Randy Claggett

Shari Grete
 Shari Claggett Morgan Murphy Sharon Buckel

Rebecca Brandon Lykama Akane

Lynnda Claggett Marion Buckel

ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
ROBERT L. GRETE, DIRECTOR

18 January 1974

Dear Parents and Friends,

I want to thank you again for your cooperation and prayer support during our first semester. I also want to say that I am particularly proud of the performance of our teaching staff and students. We have been getting some tremendous educational results which require a sound philosophy of Christian education, fine teachers, and students eager to learn. The Lord has blessed us with all three.

Attached is a schedule for the remainder of the school year. Note that there will be no classes during the week of 18 February. Also, we have early dismissals scheduled for report card days.

Also attached is an updated directory of RBCS parents and staff. There is also an interesting article I hope you will read. Looking toward the future, if more parents come to realize what RBCS has to offer, our enrollment will increase, staff and facilities can grow, and our educational product will improve with each passing year.

One other matter which I hope you will consider an opportunity, both for yourself and your friends. Early in the process of opening RBCS, we discovered many books could be purchased more cheaply by a bookstore than by a school. So, I opened Rocky Bayou Christian Bookstore, which supports the school but also is licensed to sell to the general public. I now have over a \$1,000 stock of Bibles and solid Christian literature in my home, presently being sold at a 20% discount to the general public. Come see us!

Finally, I want to welcome the Chagares and Hoelzel families to RBCS. We are delighted to assist you in your God-given responsibility to "train up your child in the way he should go."

In Christ's service,

ROBERT L. GRETE

ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

1973-74 Calendar

First Semester

September 4	Opening Day
November 5	End - First Quarter
November 7	Report Cards
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 21	Dismissal 11:45 for Christmas
December 22-January 6	Christmas Vacation
January 7	Classes resume
January 23	Semester ends
January 25	Report Cards (Dismissal 11:45)

Second Semester

February 18	Washington's Birthday
February 19-22	Teachers' Conference
April 3	End - Third Quarter
April 5	Report Cards (Dismissal 11:45)
April 10	Dismissal 11:45
April 12-15	Easter Vacation
May 27	Memorial Day
June 10	Year End - Report Cards (Dismissal 11:45)

Rocky Bayou Elementary Announces Honors List

Rocky Bayou Christian School Director Bob Grete has announced the new school's honors list for the report period ending Jan. 22.

First honors go to students achieving a grade average of 95-100. Second honors require a 90-94 average. Junior kindergarten students (less than four years old) do not participate in the honors program.

Students who achieved first honors are Marion Ruckel (kindergarten), Shari Claggett (1), Bob Grete (3), Kim Gibson (5), Joey Claggett (5), Edie McClintock (6) and Jesslyn Thomas (6).

Second honors were won by Pat Gibson (2), Randy Claggett (3), Mari Grete (3), Nancy Grete (3), Angela Thomas (3) and Robbie Thomas (5).

"I am really excited about the performance of our staff and students," Grete said. "We knew our results would be good, since we patterned our curriculum and system on Robert Thoburn's Bible-based Fairfax Christian School of Fairfax, Va., and have a highly qualified staff. But actually experiencing the results of using Biblical principles in education has been thrilling to

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Week of Feb. 6, 1974

THE BAYOU TIMES RBCS HONOR LIST

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PE Class & Lunch at Lion's Park
With
Mr. Grete



8 April 1974

Dear RBCS Parents and Friends,

As we close the third quarter of our first school year, I cannot help praising our wonderful Lord for all He has done for RBCS. From my point of view, I could not have been blessed by a finer, more dedicated staff nor a more cooperative group of parents. We look forward to the final quarter, as we seek to assist you parents in carrying out your divine responsibility to bring up your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

The schedule for the weeks ahead is: early dismissal (11:45) on Wednesday, 10 April, for Easter vacation; classes resume Monday, 15 April. No class on 27 May (Memorial Day). The last day of class is Monday, 10 June.

Registrations for academic year 1974-75 are now being accepted at current registration and tuition rates. Current rates will be available only for registrations made this month, although I intend to maintain current rates if cost estimates made during the summer will permit them. To be guaranteed the same rates, however, registrations must be made by 30 April. Tuition for 7th grade will be set this summer after curriculum costs are known. I plan to hold admissions to classes above first grade to a maximum of ten students. This is to permit the quality of instruction we desire. Register soon to insure admission next year. Forms for students now enrolled in RBCS are attached.

RBCS will soon have a supply of school patches for use on jackets, etc. They will sell for \$1.50 each. For next year, I am trying to get attractive uniform clothing for the boys at wholesale prices which would be optional wear for school. What we hope to do is provide a way for parents to obtain school clothing at an extraordinarily low cost. Use will be strictly optional.

Construction on our new facilities is progressing nicely. You can see the site on the south side of North Partin Drive (Hwy 285), just north of Swift Creek.

Keep RBCS in your prayers.

In Christ's service,



ROBERT L. GRETE, Director
Rocky Bayou Christian School

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- DIRECTOR, FIRST HONORS, REQUIRING A GRADE AVERAGE
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PLAYGROUND DAILY NEWS, Sunday Morning, April 28, 1974

Christian School Sets Registration

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RBCS offers a Christ-centered, intensive academic program with phonics, reading, and arithmetic beginning in junior kindergarten. Science begins in kindergarten. All students study a nondenominational Bible curriculum. Students also have an opportunity to special music training.

New facilities for RBCS are under construction at 2101 North Partin Drive in Niceville. The 3,750 square foot building will be fully air conditioned and carpeted. "We hope to have a summer program in our new facilities," said Mr. Grete, "and although we look forward to using the new building, we are extremely grateful to the First Baptist Church of Niceville for their generous cooperation in providing such fine facilities for our first academic year."

More information regarding registration or employment opportunities may be obtained from the Director, telephone 242-

6967.

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Christian School Lists Honor Roll

The Rocky Bayou Christian School's third quarter honors list and registration policies for the next academic year have been announced by Bob Grete, director. Second honors, requiring a grade average of 90-94, were won by Patrick Gibson (2nd), Nancy Grete (3rd), Kim Gibson (5th), Joey Claggett (5th), Edie McClintock (6th) and Bill Grete (6th).

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The Last Day of the First School Year

Picnic: Chegares Home

June, 10, 1974

Races

Prizes

Awards

Swimming Races

73/74

Boys Relay

Girls Relay

Boys individual (Prize)

Girls individual (Prize)

Perfect Attendance

Angela

Mari

Jesslyn

Robbie

Joe

Edie

Honor Roll students

2^d

Hi! I'm Shari Claggett, ~~and I'm~~ a first grader at Rocky Bayou Christian School. Let me tell you about some of the fun things I've learned this year.

First ~~of all~~, I ~~get to~~ read ~~about~~ all kinds of interesting things in ~~the~~ Open Court, and ^{other} ~~some~~ Readers. ~~And the McGuffeys are just great.~~ ^{My 4 year old sister is learning to read too.}
~~Of course, the four year old kindergarteners can read too, but not as well as I can.~~

~~We learn our phonics, spelling, and penmanship simultaneously,~~ ^{Curcive writing} ~~which really helps us learn everything well. It's fun to write in cursive.~~ ^{AT THE SAME TIME,}

I really like our Bible course because we learn about God and how He wants us to ^{Live.} ~~do things. But I guess my favorite subject is math.~~

^{In math,} I can add or subtract any numbers, ~~Borrowing and carrying is easy.~~ ^{and can} ~~do~~ 100 multiplication problems in ³ ~~four~~ minutes, using ~~course, that's only with~~ numbers up to 12.

~~WHAT'S 9 X 9, SHARI?~~

~~Eighty-one.~~

YOU'RE PRETTY SHARP FOR SUCH A LITTLE GIRL, SHARI.

Well, my parents are pretty sharp, too.

REALLY?

Sure, they sent me to Rocky Bayou Christian School, didn't they?

THAT'S RIGHT. ~~WON'T YOU PLEASE TELL OUR PARENTS~~ HOW ~~THEY~~ CAN ^{RATES?} OTHER PARENTS REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN FOR NEXT YEAR AT GUARANTEED CURRENT ~~REGISTRATION~~.

~~Just~~ Just call Mr. Grete at 242-6967 ~~and~~ before April 30th. That's 242-6967.

A Radio Add by a
First Grader

NUMBER 25

SPONSOR

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ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
9 CARLYLE COURT
FORT WALTON BEACH, FL 32548

29 May 1974

Dear RBCS Parents:

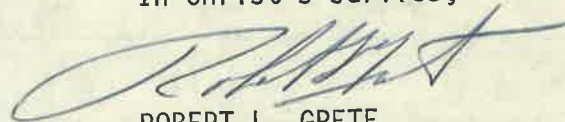
RBCS has been invited to present a music program in two Niceville churches this Sunday evening, June 2nd. Our first performance will be in the First Baptist Church of Niceville at 7:00 PM. Immediately following the performance, we must depart to perform in the Forest Lake Bible Church at 7:30 PM. Please have your child in the RBCS music classroom by 6:45 PM. If you cannot provide this transportation, please notify me or your regular bus driver. Boys are encouraged to wear sport jackets. If you desire to put an RBCS crest on the jacket, please place it over the left breast. I hope everyone can participate in the program despite the unusually busy day for most of our families.

Since we must depart the First Baptist Church during a regular evening service, please sit either in the rear of the church or in front with the students. This way our departure will cause minimum disturbance.

Our first annual school picnic will be held for RBCS parents and students at the home of the Chagares', 1 Pembroke Place, Fort Walton Beach, Monday morning, 10 June. The children will arrive from school at about 10:30. Bring a pot luck picnic dish, swimming suits, towels, and your favorite lawn chair. Please coordinate with Mrs. Nita Chagares (242-9750) to insure a good distribution of food.

One final item--we will give the California Achievement Tests to our students on Tuesday, 4 June. Parents may discuss their child's performance at our picnic or any time thereafter.

In Christ's service,



ROBERT L. GRETE
Director

1 May 1974

REGISTRATION INFORMATION 1974-75

Except for parents who registered prior to 30 April 1974 to take advantage of rates guaranteed at 1973-74 levels, precise registration and tuition rates for AY 1974-75 will be set after cost estimates are made over the next few weeks. I hope we will have enough data to set our rates by 10 June. Early registrations at a financial savings will be offered each year to benefit parents willing to assist RBCS planning by committing early.

Registrations made between 1 May and the announcement of final 1974-75 rates may be made at the current rate of \$25.

Except for applicants for kindergarten and children already enrolled in RBCS, student acceptance at any grade level is contingent upon the student's ability measured by achievement test and interview data. (A test schedule will be announced in the near future.) If a student is accepted in the grade requested, the registration fee is not refundable. If RBCS determines that low student ability requires either summer tutoring or entry into a lower grade, students may be enrolled under specified conditions. If the conditions are accepted by the parents, the registration fee is not refundable. If the conditions are unacceptable to the parents, the registration fee, less a \$10 testing fee, will be refunded and the student will not be enrolled.

I again want to emphasize the RBCS policy that the entire cost of the academic program to parents is composed of the registration and tuition fees. Parents will not be required to pay additional fees nor asked for donations. RBCS does depend upon tax deductible gifts for many capital expenses, but your charitable giving is between you and the Lord. If God lays RBCS on your heart, that is wonderful. If He lays other institutions on your heart, that's wonderful too. God knows the needs of His people. We trust Him to meet all our needs. Parents will not be asked for donations.

We do hope to offer some optional items which would involve additional expense. For example, students may subscribe to weekly science readers, either Our Wonderful World (grades 1-4) or Our Orderly World (grades 5-7). Individual subscriptions are \$3.50, unless we order 10 or more. Then the cost drops to \$1.70. Samples of this year's issues are in the school. If RBCS finds ways to provide services to parents at lower cost, we will offer them on an optional basis. If we can find a good buy on clothing suitable for school, we will offer a program to you. Don't forget the opportunity to purchase fine books at a 20% discount from the Rocky Bayou Christian Bookstore.

We look forward to assisting you as you fulfill your responsibility to bring up your children in the way they should go -- in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

In Christ's service,



ROBERT L. GRETE, Director



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 242-6967

Week of June 19, 1974

Rocky Bayou Christian School Presents Choral Program

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foundational to our great country," said Mr. Grete, a former Assistant Professor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

Next Fall, RBCS will offer an academic program including a 4 year old and 5 year old kindergarten (half and full day), plus 1st through 7th grades. Registrations are now being accepted for a limited enrollment. Information may be obtained from the Director, telephone 242-6967.

Church News

THE ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (RBCS) presented its spring music program to two Niceville Churches Sunday evening.

The program directed by Mrs. Joseph Caraglior was presented at the First Baptist Church of Niceville with the second performance given to the Forest Lake Bible Church, which dedicated its new building at a service Sunday morning. Dr. James Crichton, president of the Mid-South Bible College, Memphis, Tenn., spoke at both the morning and evening services.

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ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2101 North Partin Drive
Niceville, FL 32578

SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM

Mrs. Joseph Cargill, Director

We Praise Thee, O God	All
Holy, Holy, Holy (Dawn Murphy, Kim Gibson, Robote Thomas) (Edie McClintock, Pianist)	Girls' Trio
America (David Murphy, Conducting)	All
Spring Song	5th & 6th
Books of the Old Testament	K thru 4th
Books of the New Testament	K thru 1st
The Birds Upon the Treetops	K thru 1st
The Lord is My Shepherd	All
In God's Green Pastures	All

ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (RBOS)

RBOS was founded in July 1973 as an independent Christian school to provide a Christ-centered, high-quality traditional education for the children in our community. Across our country, state schools are becoming less and less able to provide quality education under the increasingly deficient "progressive" educational philosophy. State schools are also prevented from teaching the truth of God by law. Even in state schools with Christian teachers and administrators, students cannot be taught to love God (Deut. 6:5-7), that creationism is a superior theory of origins than evolution (Gen 1), or that the Bible is the authoritative word of God (2 Tim 3:16, 2 Pet 1:21). The state school religion is secular humanism. This situation has given rise to the Christian school movement, of which RBOS is a part.

RBOS seeks to equip students with the basic academic skills, respect for proper authority, an appreciation for the free enterprise system, and a love for God and country. This fall, classes will include 4 and 5 year old kindergarten (half and full day) through 7th grade. The RBOS curriculum includes reading, spelling, math, science, history, geography, English, music, art, and Bible. The Bible curriculum is non-denominational.

RBOS is a member of the National Association of Christian Schools, which can provide a number of services including student accident insurance, teacher certification, employee insurance, literature, etc.

RBOS is a tax-exempt corporation. While tuition rates are set to cover operating expenses, tax deductible gifts are required for many capital expenses. Parents of RBOS students however, are not asked for donations.

During our first year, RBOS has utilized First Baptist Church of Niceville facilities, for which we are very grateful. Our new 3,750 sq ft fully air conditioned and carpeted building, located at 2101 North Partin Drive, will be ready for the new academic year.

Rocky Bayou School Reveals Honors List

Rocky Bayou School Director Bob Grete announced the school's fourth quarter honors list as the academic year ended June 10.

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★★★ FIDDLIN' Fiddlers Assoc. R. B. C. S. Honor List

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103 Wakulla Rd.
Eglin AFB, Fla.
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Dear RBCS Parents:

As the summer draws to a close, we are praising God for His blessings, and looking forward to sharing your responsibility to raise up your children in the way they should go. Here is some information concerning the start of the new school year.

FIRST DAY: Tuesday, 3 September. The first day is a full class day. We fully expect to be in our new Partin Drive facilities. If unforeseen circumstances prevent prompt occupancy, we will begin classes in temporary facilities.

FINANCES: Except for those who have already paid the full year's tuition, the first semester or monthly tuition payment is due on 15 August. The tuition for your family is indicated on the registration form returned to you. The attached information sheet gives additional information in this area.

TESTING: First through seventh grade students who require testing will be notified of the time and place by telephone.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE: We have scheduled an open house for the parents of 4 and 5 year old kindergarten students in the school at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, 29 August. This will allow the exchange of information that the parents of elementary grade students had in their interviews. An additional DEDICATION OPEN HOUSE for all parents will be scheduled in the near future.

TRANSPORTATION: Parents will be contacted by bus drivers to arrange the pick-up of children prior to 3 September. Times will be set to arrive at school at 8:00 A.M.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS: If you have not already advised us of your interest in private voice or piano lessons, please contact Mrs. Caraglor directly at 243-6902.

OPTIONAL PURCHASES: Information on uniforms may be obtained from Mrs. Grete, 242-6967. Subscriptions to weekly science readers will be arranged during the first week of school.

In Christ's service,



ROBERT L. GRETE
Director

RBCS Registrations

1 Sep 74

76/75

JK

Health Reg

W/D 1 NOV
T. McClintock ✓ 17 Sep

E. Sears

J. Dvorchak ✓ 10 Sep

K

L. Claggett ✓ 1973

R. Crum ✓ 17 Sep

L.V. Nelson ✓ 10 Sep

B. Ruckel ✓ 1973

J. Ellis ✓ 11 Sep

4TH

R. Claggett

M. Grete

N. Grete

A. Thomas

D. Mailhes

D. Murphy

J. Maston

~~Mark Early~~

6TH

J. Claggett

R. Thomas

K. Gibson

C. Everidge

~~Jim Early~~

5TH

B. Grete

C. Chagares

B. Mailhes

R. Mamma

S. Jerome

D. Stauffer ✓

R. Richardson

7TH

B. Grete

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G. Thomas

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P. Wicker

R. Frazier

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S. Claggett

P. Gibson

D. Frazier



ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

1974-75 Calendar

First Semester

September 3

Opening Day

September 27 - Noon Dismissal

Teachers Conference

November 4-5

Teachers Conference

November 6

End - First Quarter

November 8

Report Cards; Noon dismissal

November 27

Noon dismissal

November 28-29

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 23 - January 3

Christmas Vacation

January 6

Classes resume

January 24

Semester ends

January 31

Report Cards; Noon dismissal

February 17

Washington's Birthday - No class

March 26 - Noon dismissal

Easter Vacation

March 31

Classes resume

April 2

End - Third Quarter

April 4

Report Card; Noon dismissal

May 26

Memorial Day - No class

June 5

Term End - Noon dismissal

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REGISTRATION AND TUITION INFORMATION 1974-1975

TUITION SCHEDULE - COST PER CHILD

		<u>HALF DAY</u>			<u>FULL DAY</u>				
Child		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>
ANNUAL	(1)	425	375	325	620	570	520	470	420
SEMESTER	(2)	220	195	170	320	295	270	245	220
MONTHLY	(10)	47	42	37	68	63	58	53	48

A registration fee of \$35 applies to all students. The tuition includes transportation in the Twin Cities - Fort Walton Beach area, books, paper, pencils, pens, milk for children attending all day, and a snack for Kindergarten. The tuition covers the regular school year consisting of 180 school days.

Tuition may be paid by the year, by the semester, or by the month. Under the yearly plan tuition is due by Aug 1, under the semester plan payments are made on August 15 and January 15, and under the monthly plan tuition is paid in 10 equal payments to be made on the 15th of each month, beginning in August. A late fee of \$2 will be charged for any semester or monthly tuition payment not received by the 20th of the month. If tuition is not paid by the last day of the month, the student will be suspended until the account is paid. As long as the child is enrolled, tuition is to be paid whether or not the child is in attendance. Those not enrolled for the full school year have their tuition (but not registration fee) prorated.

Except for applicants for kindergarten and children already enrolled in RBCS, student acceptance at any grade level is contingent upon the student's ability measured by achievement test and interview data. If a student is accepted in the grade requested, the registration fee is not refundable. If RBCS determines that low student ability requires either summer tutoring or entry into a lower grade, students may be enrolled under specified conditions. If the conditions are accepted by the parents, the registration fee is not refundable. If the conditions are unacceptable to the parents, the registration fee, less a \$10 testing fee, will be refunded and the student will not be enrolled. It is RBCS policy that the entire cost of the academic program to parents is composed of the registration and tuition fees. Parents will not be required to pay additional fees nor asked for donations. RBCS does depend upon tax deductible gifts for many capital expenses, but your charitable giving is between you and the Lord. If God lays RBCS on your heart, that is wonderful. If He lays other institutions on your heart, that's wonderful too. God knows the needs of His people. We trust Him to meet all our needs. Parents will not be asked for donations.

We do hope to offer some optional items which would involve additional expense. For example, students may subscribe to weekly science readers. Also, if RBCS finds ways to provide services to parents at lower cost, we will offer them on an optional basis. If we can find a good buy on clothing suitable for school, we will offer a program to you. Don't forget the opportunity to purchase fine books at a 20% discount from the Rocky Bayou Christian Bookstore.

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- News Release -

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BAYOU TIMES

Week Of August

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September 3, 1974

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Rocky Bayou Honor Roll First Quarter Announced

PLAYGROUND DAILY NEWS, Friday Morning, Nov. 15, 1974—Page 7B

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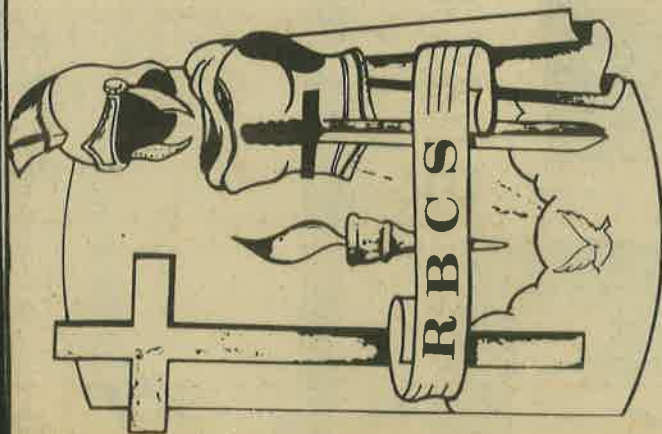
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ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

11 November 1974

Dear RBCS Parents:

We have passed the 1/4 mark in our academic year. The report cards that came home Friday indicated a great deal of success by our students, and identified areas of weakness requiring more intensive efforts. The papers that come home each week are a measure of student progress which you can use to gauge improvement in your children's performance. We also intend to provide an "interim report" to parents at the half-way point in the quarter to summarize student progress.

My congratulations to our honor roll students. The Bayou Times and the Playground Daily News have a news release announcing our honor roll; please watch for it.

We will hold our Open House in the school at 7:30 P.M., Friday evening, 22 November. The program will be very simple. I would like to share with you some of the philosophy of the RBCS approach to education. Then our teachers will sequentially give short briefings on their classes. The sequencing will permit you to hear all the presentations if you desire. Perhaps most importantly, you will have an opportunity to ask questions of the Director and the teachers, fellowship with other RBCS parents, and schedule private teacher conferences concerning your children if desired. You are welcome to bring friends, but I ask you to tell me how many so that we can plan seating requirements.

We have two changes in our student body. First, we are happy to welcome Grace Jaye to our third grade, and we wish her God's blessings throughout the year. It is with some sadness, however, that we bid farewell to Tim (JK) and Edie (7th) McClintock, who now live in Lincoln, Nebraska. It has been a joy to know the McClintock family, and we wish them God's blessings in their new home.

I hope to see you at the Open House.

In Christ's service,



ROBERT L. GRETE, DIRECTOR

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OPEN HOUSE REMINDER

Friday evening, 22 November 74, at 7:30 PM

FOR PARENTS AND SPECIAL GUESTS ONLY

(Please inform the office if you intend to bring guests.)

- * Talk by Director
- * Teacher presentations
- * Discussion opportunities

NOTE: A special school photograph package will be selected at the Open House. Photographs will be taken between 12:00-1:00 PM, Tuesday, 26 November. Special prices for family packages and Christmas cards are available. A make-up time will be arranged if required.

ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Niceville to Wrestle

With Fire Protection

By EMMA GOGGIN

Arrangements to resume Niceville Fire Department service outside the city limits to county areas, until such time a fire control district is created, are expected to be made at a special meeting of Niceville councilmen with county officials at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Niceville City Hall. Commissioners Jack Nichols and Bob Echols are to represent

the county board at the session, according to Niceville City Manager Lannie Corbin.

Niceville last month cut off fire protection service outside of the city limits except in areas where it has mutual aid agreements with fire departments when emergencies arise.

County areas on the northern and eastern outskirts of Niceville concerned with fire protection include a section along Palm Blvd., and State Road 285; Rocky Bayou Estates and Country Club; Benton, Rosemont and Bahia Vista subdivisions. The new Rocky Bayou Christian Bible School, which opened for classes last September, is located in a county area off SR 285.

Acting on the recommendation of Corbin, who himself resides outside of the city limits, councilmen voted to discontinue sending Niceville's fire trucks and men to areas not served by the city because of being unable to collect for fire calls.

The city had a \$50 fee for these outside calls and according to Corbin only two out of 15 calls have been paid for thus far. He also complained that the city was faced with \$5,000 in repairs to a pumper damaged while fighting a recent fire at barracks buildings in Rosemont Subdivision.

To be resolved at tonight's special session is establishment of a special trust fund with the county to insure payment for the Niceville Fire Department's calls to the outside areas in the county.

After Jan. 1, 1975, a new state law will allow the county to organize fire control districts in the unincorporated areas in the county. It also will allow the county to levy tax millage in these districts to pay for the fire

Tuesday, November 26, 1974

ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

26 Nov 74

Note
Dear RBCS Parents,

As we break for the Thanksgiving holiday, we praise God for all His blessings, and pray He will be especially close to you and your family as the Christmas season approaches.

We certainly enjoyed our fellowship at Open House. I believe we should have a similar program after each grading period, and would like you to tell me whether you agree, and what type of activities you prefer on our agenda.

As we did last year, RBCS will offer a Christmas choral program to our community this season. Requests for performances should be made to the Director. We will publish a schedule of performances as soon as it is available.

Photography for school pictures was taken today; make-up sessions or Christmas card orders can be arranged directly with Fredricks Studios, 348 HWY 85, Valparaiso (678-7311).

Our last day of class before the Christmas holiday will be a half day on Friday, 20 December. We will use the last hour or so of the morning for our class Christmas parties, and we request mother volunteers to plan and direct these parties. If you wish to volunteer, please coordinate with the homeroom teachers.

I am attaching the Director's remarks delivered at the Open House, so that those unable to attend might be able to review them. In addition, the following administrative items were discussed:

- * The importance of children being on schedule for the school bus, and of calling the driver if you do not intend to send your child by the bus.
- * The fact that unexcused absences from class require students to make up the work missed. A zero will be assigned to graded work missed. Sickness and family trips are examples of valid excuses for absences. Parents are requested to make known the reason for absences as soon as possible.
- * The importance of a good night's sleep before class days.
- * The necessity of parents and teachers to exercise authority over children toward the same end. When a child receives different instructions for proper behavior (the issue of self-defense/retaliation was discussed), it confuses the child and/or damages the authority relationship. Parents should discuss differences in such matters with the teachers or Director to obtain the most constructive situation possible.

Thank you again for your support as we strive to help you raise up your child in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

In Christ's service,


Robert L. Grete, Director

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DIRECTOR'S REMARKS
OPEN HOUSE - 22 NOV 74

The purpose of my remarks is to discuss a little of the motivation of our activity - that is, Christian Education. Then I want to bring a few specific items of information to your attention, and give you a chance to give us feedback on how things are going from your point of view.

Purpose of RECS - To glorify God by providing a God-centered, high quality education, which equips the students for a fruitful, independent search for truth. We want our children to develop a sound relationship with God and His creation, which includes people.

In recognition of the fact that all truth is God's truth, Christian education must be built on Biblical principles. This to us is of prime importance, altho I realize that this may not be the major motivation of some parents in placing their child in a Christian school. Other motivations are:

- the increasing failure of state schools to instruct students in the basic academic skills.
- concern about the lack of moral character, disobedience to lawful authority, dishonesty, unreliability, lack of patriotism and disdain for the free enterprise system common among our youth today.
- or the motivation might be to avoid classroom chaos, the drug problem, sexual license, and other problems becoming more and more common today.

But as important as these motivations are, most important to us is the need to educate our children according to God's desires.

The first principle I want to discuss is the fact that the education of children is a parental responsibility - one, I am glad to say, you have obviously accepted.

In Deuteronomy 6 (1-2;5-8), we see God's instructions to diligently teach your children to love and obey God, from the time they rise up in the morning until the time they go to bed at night.

In Ephesians 6:4 we read: "And, Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Now notice there is a quality and content implied in the education that parents are to provide. The parent should exercise his responsibility to educate his child so that his child is raised in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

The Christian school is designed to assist the parents in discharging this responsibility. The state schools can no longer legally do this, because they are required to leave God out.

One good example of the difficulty this leads to in the academic area is that, in science instruction, creation cannot be aired as an alternative to the evolutionary theory of origins. I hope everyone here is familiar with this issue. Tonight, I'd like to turn to another issue which I think needs to be clarified. That is the Biblical principle of restitution.

Webster defines restitution as: a making good for loss or damage; or to return to a former condition or situation.

Let's take a look at restitution as it is presented in scripture. (A full treatment can be found in Rushdoony, The Institutes of Biblical Law).

The principle is rooted in the commandment: "Thou shall not steal." When God gave man dominion (but not sovereignty) over the earth, he gave to the family (not to the state) stewardship of and control over property. The 8th commandment makes theft an offense against God as well as against the one whose property has been taken by coercion, fraud, or otherwise without his consent. Also included in theft would be cheating, harming property, or destroying the value of property.

The Bible teaches that wealth should be gained by productive labor, not by ripping-off the fruit of another's labor. One who steals, therefore, is doing two things:

1. he is taking a short-cut to the possession of property that by-passes work as the God-ordained means to wealth.
2. he is denying the validity of God's Law-order, which, incidently, in the case of theft, has been incorporated to some extent into civil law to protect law-abiding citizens.

Even elementary school students can appreciate the fact that our economy must be based upon producing goods and services to meet the needs of people, not on the rip-off. Yet, we see more and more people denying this principle as the philosophy of welfare-statism spreads like a cancer throughout our society.

Now, before getting into the practical application of the principle of restitution, I want to make a brief comment on its theological and psychological importance.

Theologically, it is important to see that the salvation that God offers sinners in the Lord Jesus Christ, is based not on a willingness of God to overlook sin and the death penalty that goes with it, but on the fact that Christ has made the required restitution for us. (See Romans 3:21-31) God's forgiveness is based upon His justice and righteousness as well as His love and mercy. Christ died as a substitute for us - the Just for the unjust. Without the substitutionary work of Christ in our behalf, justice demands our condemnation. In Romans 8:23 we read;

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God's gift is justly given; God's forgiveness of the believer is rooted in the substitutionary death of Christ. He made restitution for us.

The psychological importance of the principle of restitution is twofold.

First, it is comforting to know that our relationship with God is secure in the finished work of Christ. The Christian should never harbor guilt feelings or wonder if God can really forgive his rebellion, because God's forgiveness is based upon justice. Christ made things right; we are returned to our former condition - a creation of God in His own image.

Secondly, human relationships are facilitated by forgiveness of transgressions when they are based upon restitution. If you borrow your neighbor's rake and break it pulling a root out of your lawn, you will feel better (and so will he), if you fix or replace the broken rake. How would you feel if your neighbor brought back your new rake in two pieces with a simple "I'm sure sorry about this!"

So much for the meaning, and the importance of restitution; let's briefly consider its application.

Making things right means we must make things right completely, when we are responsible for damaging another's property. To make things right completely, the true economic value of the thing taken or damaged sets the amount of restitution. Also, a deterrent factor is involved. Let me give a couple Biblical examples.

1. (Ex 22:1-17) v.1 If a man steals an ox and kills or sells it, he would have to make restitution with 5 oxen; he would have to restore 4 sheep for 1 taken.

2. v. 4 When a thief is caught with the goods, double restitution is appropriate.

The appropriate restitution depends upon the nature of the act. You make restitution when you are responsible for a loss of another's property, and the full present and future value must be considered. On the other hand, if I were to voluntarily bring my rake over to your yard to help you rake up some leaves, if my rake breaks, I have no right to ask you for restitution. It is my own responsibility.

We want to employ the principle of restitution at RBCS for several reasons:

- it is in accordance with God's Law.
- it is a workshop in justice and forgiveness.
- it removes hard feelings between offender/offendee.
- it removes the basis for personal guilt-feelings.
- it teaches responsibility.

I want my children to become responsible, honest adults. I want RBCS to help them to develop in this manner.

I ask your support in this, which means that if your child causes damage, he must make it right - personally. If your child is the one offended, help him to forgive when restitution is made. We can't afford enemies among our student body.

Are there any questions on this philosophical portion of my remarks?





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Rocky Bayou Christian School

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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Directed by Cheryl Caraglier

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Narrators: Kim Gibson
Richie Richardson

"African Noel"

Kindergarten

GERMANY

Narrator: Terry Frazier

"Away in a Manger"
"Silent Night"

Kindergarten
6th and 7th

FRANCE

Narrator: Janice Brown

"Angels Divine Are Whispering"

All

ITALY

Narrators: Robby Thomas
Joey Claggett

"Oh Night Among the Thousands"

All

SPAIN

Narrators: Patti Wicker
Shari Claggett

"What Shall I Give to the Child in the Manger?"

"Fun, Fun, Fun"

All

GREAT BRITAIN

Narrators: Jesslyn Thomas
Vicki Sears
Randy Claggett
Ricky Munia

"The Holly and the Ivy"

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"Deck the Halls"

"Twelve Days of Christmas"

"Here We Come-a-Wassailing"

"The Christ of Christmas"

All

TRADITIONAL CAROLS

"Joy to the World"

All

"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

"O Holy Night"

Cheryl Caraglier

Christmas Message

Pastor Harold Thomas

RBCS ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

AN ARBOR DAY CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AT NOON, FRIDAY, 17 JAN, ACCORDING TO ROBERT L. GRETE, DIRECTOR. MR. GRETE EXPLAINED THE MEANING OF ARBOR DAY TO THE SCHOOL'S 43 STUDENTS. FLORIDA WAS AMONG THE FIRST STATES EVER TO OBSERVE ARBOR DAY, AND OBSERVES IT ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH JANUARY. THE RBCS CEREMONY WAS PERHAPS A LITTLE UNIQUE IN THAT SCRIPTURE FROM CHAPTER 15 OF JOHN'S GOSPEL WAS USED TO INDICATE HOW NATURAL PLANT GROWTH ILLUSTRATES SPIRITUAL TRUTH CONCERNING THE GROWTH OF CHRISTIANS. IN ADDITION TO READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE, THE FAMOUS POEM "TREES" BY JOYCE KILMER WAS READ. THE CLOSING COUPLET OF THE POEM IS: "POEMS ARE MADE BY FOOLS LIKE ME, BUT ONLY GOD CAN MAKE A TREE." THE CEREMONY WAS CONCLUDED BY THE PLANTING OF TREES BY THE STUDENTS, BEGINNING WITH THE FOUR YEAR OLD KINDERGARTENERS. THE TREES WERE PROVIDED BY THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF FORESTRY. THE STUDENTS WERE PROVIDED BY SOME OF THE NEATEST PARENTS IN THE WORLD, WHO ARE PROVIDING THERE CHILDREN WITH A GOD-CENTERED EDUCATION THROUGH RBCS.

January 22, 1975

**By RBCS
Arbor Day
Observed**

An Arbor Day Ceremony was held at the Rocky Bayou Christian School at noon, Friday, Jan. 17, according to Mr. Robert L. Grete, director. Mr. Grete explained the meaning of Arbor Day to the school's 43 students. Florida was among the first states ever to observe Arbor Day, and observes it on the third Friday of each January. The RBCS ceremony was perhaps a little unique in that Scripture from Chapter 15 of John's Gospel was used to indicate how natural plant growth illustrates spiritual truth concerning the growth of Christians. In addition to reading from the Scripture, the famous poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer was read. The closing couplet of the poem is: "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree." The ceremony was concluded by the planting of trees by the students, beginning with the four year old kindergartners. The trees were provided by the Florida Division of Forestry.



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February 12, 1975

RBCS Director Announces Honor List

Rocky Bayou Christian School Director Bob Grete announced the school's quarter ending January 22, First honors, requiring an average of 95 or better, went to Lynda Claggett, Jeff Nelson and Sharon Ruckel (Kindergarten), Kim Gibson (1st), and Jesslyn Thomas (2nd). Second honors, requiring an average of 90-94, were won by Nelson and Joe Ellis (Kindergarten), Marion Thomas (1st), Wes Richards (Kindergarten), and Tim Ruckel (1st). Third honors, requiring an average of 85-89, were won by Wicker (2nd), Pat Gibson (3rd), Vicki Sears, and Angela Ruckel (4th). Bob Grete, son, and Pat Gibson (5th), Jay Morton, and Joe Grete (6th), Janice Brown, Bill Richardson (7th), and Patti Wicker (8th).

"Our students are doing a fine job in a very challenging program," said Mr. Grete.

High standards of discipline, coupled with the guidance of outstanding and dedicated teachers, permit success not only in the academic program but also in the moral and spiritual areas. The intensive program includes Bible, English, Mathematics, Reading, Phonics, Science, History, Art, Geography, and Music. Our four year old kindergarten students are already reading short stories. Five year olds are now in the kindergarten series. They can perform addition and subtraction through the McGuffey series. Some combinations of subtraction and addition are now in the number 7.

RBCS is holding a Parent Teacher Meeting in the school facilities on the evening of February 13.

RBCS REGISTRATIONS

Second Semester

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Justine Dvorchak
Edie Sears

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Lynda Claggett
Richie Crum
Joe Ellis
Jeff Nelson
Sharon Ruckel

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Mimi Ruckel

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Wes Richardson
Vicki Sears
Tim Wicker

3rd

Shari Claggett
Darryl Frazier
Patric Gibson
Grace Jaye
Douglas Wells

4th

Randy Claggett
Mari Grete
Nancy Grete
David Mailhes
Jay Morton
Dawn Murphy
Angela Thomas

5th

Chris Chagares
Bob Grete
Shari Jerome
Bob Mailhes
Ricky Mumma
Richie Richardson

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Joey Claggett
Chris Everidge
Kim Gibson
Robbie Thomas

7th

Janice Brown
Robin Frazier
Bill Grete
David Murphy
Gracia Thomas
Jesslyn Thomas
Patti Wicker

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Okaloosa Digest

Rocky Bayou Christian School

The Rocky Bayou Christian School is holding a Parent-Teacher meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the school facilities located on State Road 285, Niceville. For information call 678-7712 (school) or 242-6967 (evenings).

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ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2101 North Partin Drive
Niceville, FL 32578

15 March 1975

Dear RBCS Parents:

As we enter the final months of this school year, we must begin to make plans for academic year 1975-76. Let me therefore first mention our early registration program.

REGISTRATION: Re-registration for next year is available at some financial savings if accomplished prior to 15 Apr 75. Early registration saves \$10 on the registration fee, guarantees admission (a waiting list will be established when a class becomes full), and guarantees tuition rates as shown in the attached information sheet. We regret the increased tuition, but I'm sure you understand the impact inflation has had on us this year. We hope we won't require further significant increases to summer registrants, but our end of the year analysis will determine that. A full registration in each grade will help us meet fixed expenses. Although we will soon have a modest advertising campaign, we know that the most productive advertising is the testimony of satisfied parents. Especially for our kindergarten parents (since we have no limitation on the size of the kindergarten), I would invite you to help us by simply showing other parents what your child has been doing this year.

EASTER VACATION: Just a reminder of our noon dismissal on Wednesday, 26 March. Easter vacation is the remainder of that week.

MUSIC PROGRAM: Our 1st - 7th grade students will present special music in Eglin Chapel #1 at 7 PM, Friday, 4 April. The occasion will be the final message by Dr. Duane Spencer, who is presenting a series of messages on "The Gospel of Calvary" - a very appropriate Easter season topic. Dr. Spencer, noted author and radio expositor, is being sponsored by RBCS and the Eglin area Officers Christian Fellowship. He will present one series of messages in Eglin Chapel #1 at 9 AM, 1-4 April (subject to be announced), and the evening series at 7 PM, 31 March - 4 April. Dr. Spencer will also speak to RBCS students on Wednesday afternoon, 2 April. I encourage you to attend his lectures if you can.

PTM MESSAGE: I'd like to thank those who participated in our Parent-Teacher Meeting last month. Attached is a copy of the Director's remarks on discipline. It is important for home and school to work together in raising up the child in the way he should go. I hope providing these remarks will be a helpful part of our communication.

Again, thank you for allowing RBCS to assist you in your carrying out your responsibility to educate your children.

In Christ's service,

Robert L. Grete
R. L. Grete, Director

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RBCS REGISTRATION INFORMATION 1975-76

Except for parents who register prior to 15 May 1975 to take advantage of the rates shown below, precise registration and tuition rates for AY 1975-76 will be set after cost estimates are made in July. Early registrations at a financial savings are offered each year to benefit parents willing to assist RBCS planning by committing early. Registrations made by 15 April may be made at the current rate of \$35, instead of the \$45 rate which goes into effect after 16 April. Tuition will be according to the cost per child in the following schedule:

		HALF DAY			FULL DAY				
Child		1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
ANNUAL	(1)	500	450	400	690	640	590	540	490
SEMBSTER	(2)	275	250	225	365	340	315	290	265
MONTHLY	(10)	53	53	38	75	70	65	60	55

The registration fee applies to all students. The tuition includes transportation in the Twin Cities - Fort Walton Beach area, books, paper, pencils, pens, milk for children attending all day, and a snack for Kindergarten. The tuition covers the regular school year consisting of 180 days.

Tuition may be paid by the year, by the semester, or by the month. Under the yearly plan tuition is due by Aug 1, under the semester plan payments are made on August 15 and January 15, and under the monthly plan tuition is paid in 10 equal payments to be made on the 15th of each month, beginning in August. A late fee of \$2 will be charged for any semester or monthly tuition payment not received by the 20th of the month. If tuition is not paid by the last day of the month, the student will be suspended until the account is paid. As long as the child is enrolled, tuition is to be paid whether or not the child is in attendance. Those not enrolled for the full school year have their tuition (but not registration fee) prorated.

Except for applicants for kindergarten and children already enrolled in RBCS, student acceptance at any grade level is contingent upon the student's ability measured by achievement test and interview data. If a student is accepted in the grade requested, the registration fee is not refundable. If RBCS determines that a student requires either summer tutoring or entry into a lower grade, the student may be enrolled under specified conditions. If the conditions are unacceptable to the parents, the registration fee, less a \$10 testing fee, will be refunded and the student will not be enrolled. It is RBCS policy that the entire cost of the academic program to parents is composed of the registration and tuition fees. Parents will not be required to pay additional fees nor asked for donations. RBCS does depend upon tax deductible gifts for many capital expenses, but your charitable giving is between you and the Lord. If God lays RBCS on your heart, that is wonderful. If He lays other institutions on your heart, that's wonderful too. God knows the needs of His people. We trust Him to meet all our needs.

Some optional items would involve additional expense. For example, students may subscribe to weekly science readers, sample copies of which are available. Also, RBCS has arranged for parents to obtain uniforms directly from a company, when the parent determines that using uniforms is advantageous. Private beginning piano lessons during school hours are also available. Finally, don't forget the opportunity to purchase fine books at a 20% discount from the Rocky Bayou Christian Bookstore.

REFLECTIONS ON DISCIPLINE

We hear a lot about wickedness among our youth today. Even here, in the Ft. Walton - Niceville area, newspaper articles indicate that drugs, illicit sex, vandalism, and theft are serious problems in the public schools. Such problems are not confined to our youth, of course, but usually continue into adulthood. Paul talks about the consequences of the continued practice of sin in Romans 1. Of those who turn their back on God, he says:

"Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them."

vs. 22-24; 28-32 (NASV)

This is a picture of the natural or unregenerate man who refuses to submit to the authority of his Creator. God has given us His moral law for our own good, and the judgment of God falls upon any society that turns its back on His law. Such a society will harvest the fruit of its own sin. God help us, but we are seeing this with our own eyes in America today.

Recall that Paul said that one of the characteristics of the rebel against God was that he was "disobedient to parents". (Rom. 1:30). Disobedience to parents arises out of our natural rebelliousness; but unchecked disobedience is a cause of hardened disobedience and expressions of rebellion in other areas of life.

I would like to share with you some thoughts from the scriptures concerning the need for, basis of and nature of, the discipline which the Bible teaches is necessary if we are to avoid the anarchy we see in society today. In other words, if everyone did things God's way, we would not be worried about our children smoking pot, getting pregnant, vandalizing property, or showing up at the police station charged with any number of crimes.

The NEED for discipline (which Webster defines as "training that develops self-control, character, or orderliness and efficiency") arises from our naturally rebellious natures that Paul writes about in Romans 1. Have you ever meditated on the nature of sin as it is recorded in relation to the fall of Satan (Isaiah 14:12-15) and the fall of man (Gen. 3:1-6). Satan said, "I will raise my throne above the stars of God... I will make myself like the Most High." (Isa. 14:13-14). Eve was tempted to eat of the forbidden fruit with the words: "you will be like God, knowing (i.e., determining for yourself) good and evil." (Gen. 3:6) Do you see the issue? Our problem isn't that we want to be godly - to reflect His image (as Christ did). Our problem is that we want the authority. We want to

be the sovereign over our lives. We want to usurp proper authority - be the captain of our own ship! We do not want to submit to the authority of God, the authority of parents, or any other authority. For this reason, the Scriptures tell us, from the time we are born, we need discipline - we need training to develop the self-control, character, orderliness and efficiency which honors our Creator. The alternative is the situation we find in the nation Israel in the closing verse of the Book of Judges: "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 21:25) This is anarchy. This is hell on earth. This is man's natural way.

God's way, however, is stated in the 5th Commandment: "Honor your father and your mother..." and in Ephesians 6:1-4: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth. And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (See also Colossians 3:17-21)

This is the Biblical basis of discipline: parents are commanded by God to exercise it properly. God establishes authority to be exercised responsibly, and He commands those under proper authority to obey. The fruit of obedience is an abundant, God-honoring life.

OK. If the man needs discipline for his own good, and if God requires its proper exercise, what is the nature of Biblically based discipline?

First, let us note that God has ordained the family as the basic unit responsible for the training required. Father is to head the family; parents are to bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Children are to obey their parents.

Secondly, let us note that the fundamental basis of discipline must be sound instruction. The way of God must be made clear. This is what we call a God-centered education. Let's look at some scripture:

Proverbs 1:7: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 9:9-10: "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will still be wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase his learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Deuteronomy 6:4-7: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."

And so God desires that parents, from rising up to lying down, see to it that their children be taught to love God, and do His will. The way of God must be made clear.

This leads into a third point, however. What happens when our child begins to steer off track? We have given him instruction, but he disobeys. Now he needs chastisement to guide him back - to correct his heading (as the pilots say). Here, it is important to realize a distinction between punishment and discipline.

To punish means to subject a guilty person to a penalty for his crime. Recall the phrase Paul used in verse 32 of Romans chapter one: "although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death..." Death is the penalty for rebellion against God. He says in verses 5 and 6 of Chapter 2: "...because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his deeds." Oh, the justice of God! If God must punish sin, how can anyone be spared the penalty of death? In Romans 6:23 Paul writes: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." How can God justly give eternal life to a sinner? This problem is the theme of the first 3 chapters of Romans. Lets take a look at Romans 3:19-26;

"Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God; because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

Here we see then, that God can justly declare the believer righteous, because Christ has paid his penalty, and God has imputed to the believer the righteousness of God through faith.

This is the gospel or good news - that Christ has suffered the punishment we deserve, and we have eternal life in Him.

In the Biblical sense, then, punishment is associated with the wrath and judgment of God. How does this differ from discipline? We see the distinction between punishment and discipline in Hebrews, Chapter 12:1-11.

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him; for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.' It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you

as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness."

Here we see some fundamental principles of discipline:

1. The motive of discipline is love. "Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines." If we scourge our child out of anger, we are venting our wrath, not disciplining.

2. The purpose of discipline is the good of the one disciplined, that he may be trained to share the holiness of God and receive the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

If we understand these things, then some of the instructions we find in the Book of Proverbs become quite clear. Let me close with a summary of principles as they are recorded in Proverbs.

1. Does our child need discipline?

Proverbs 22:15 - "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him."

2. Does God command us to discipline?

Proverbs 23:13-14 - "Do not hold back discipline from the child; Although you beat him with the rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with the rod, and deliver his soul from Sheol."

Proverbs 19:18 - "Discipline your son while there is hope, and do not desire his death."

3. What is the motive of discipline?

Proverbs 13:24 - "He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him, disciplines him diligently."

4. How should the child receive discipline?

Proverbs 15:32 - "He who neglects discipline despises himself, but he who listens to reproof acquires understanding."

5. What results do we avoid?

Proverbs 29:15 - "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother."

6. What results do we gain?

Proverbs 22:6 - "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 29:17 - "Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul."

We cannot take the commands of Scripture lightly. If we are to fulfill our parental responsibility and meet the needs of our child, we must provide discipline through sound instruction, reproof, and if necessary, the rod. We must discipline in love and never in anger - discipline is for the benefit of the disciplinee, not the discipliner!

I hope these comments are useful to you. I believe our students will benefit most from discipline when the philosophy of the home and school are the same, and rooted in the Word of God.

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ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

1974-75 Calendar

Second Semester

January 31

Report Cards; Noon dismissal

February 17

Washington's Birthday - No class

March 26 - Noon Dismissal

Easter Vacation

March 31

Classes resume

April 2

End - Third Quarter

April 4

Report Cards; Noon dismissal

May 26

Memorial Day - No class

June 5

Term End - Noon dismissal

Children's Art Show Drew 600 Entries

By EMMA GOGGIN

An art show sponsored by the Valparaiso Community Library for all children in the Twin Cities, pre-school through junior high, drew approximately 600 entries in the various art categories.

Art works included sculpture, pencil drawings, original crafts such as macrame, apolique, weaving, and stitchery in the mixed media and there were collages, decoupages, mosaics, paintings, graphics and also photography and print making.

Best of show winners were Jay Harrison, a sixth grader at Valparaiso Elementary School for his pencil sketch of his twin brother, Tray; and Nat Ransom, an eighth grader at Ruckel Junior High, for his chalk drawing of a dog.

Ward Yerby, also an eighth grade student at Ruckel received the popular award for his painting entitled "Gliding on B. e." The award dedicated to Dr. Fanny-Fern Davis, was determined by a vote of the art show attendees.

Winning first place ribbons in the arts were: Mathew Mulder, Becky Ewing and Michelle Bradley in the preschool division; Gregory Dennis, Werher Ryals, Chris Morris, Pam Klein and Susie Wingo, kindergarten through first grade.

Valerie Smith, Jeff Cooksey, Carrie Atinip, Dawn Mehalopoulos, Kelly Cranford, Frances Thompson, Parrish Wilkinson and Gary Wingo, second through third grade.

Ken Frazier, Richard Browning, Lester Pulley, Lori Burgemeister, Kenny Lamica, Jay Harrison, Elaine Erikson, and Shawn L'Orange, fourth through sixth grades.

Nat Ransom, Shelly Chancey, Ward Yerby, Corey Scott and Nancy Terry, junior high division. Also Theresa Allen, special education and Grace Ann Jaye, private school.

Second and third place ribbons along with honorable mentions also were awarded in the various categories and divisions.

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POPULAR ART AWARD — "Gliding on Blue" is the title of this art work; of Ward Yerby (center) voted for the popular award in the recent art show for children sponsored by

the Valparaiso Community Library. Mayor John B. Arnold at right made the award presentation as the picture was dedicated to Dr. Fanny-Fern Davis at right.
(Photo by Emma Goggin)

At Valparaiso Library

Second Youth Art Show Attracts 600 Entries

The Second Annual Youth Art Show, sponsored by the Valparaiso Community Library was termed a "great success" with 600 entries from pre-school to junior high children being displayed.

The library and adjoining meeting room was filled with all types of art work. The Best of Show went to two entries: Nat Ransom, an eighth grader from Ruckel; and Jay Harrison, a sixth grader at Valparaiso Elementary.

Ward Yerby's natural painting, "Gliding On the Blue" was rated the most popular award by those attending the two-day show. This award was especially created and dedicated to Dr. Fanny Fern Davis, a long-time library board member. Ward is an eighth grader at Ruckel Jr. High.

Ribbons for first through third place along with honorable mention were awarded in the various age categories.

Pre-School

Mixed Media: Mathew Mulder, 1st; Chris Page, 2nd; Michael Haush, 3rd.

Drawings: Becky Ewing, 1st; David Bailey, 2nd; Jerry Atnip, 3rd.

Painting: Michelle Bradley, 1st; Michael Yon, 2nd; Jerri Atnip, 3rd.

Kindergarten-1st

Graphics: Gregory Dennis, 1st, Plew; Ken Roshto, 2nd, Valp.; Kurt Winchenback, 3rd, Plew.

Painting: Wernher Ryals, 1st, Plew; Huff Chandler, 2nd, Plew; Leslie Francis, 3rd, Plew.

Sculpture: Chris Morris, 1st, Plew; Gregory Dennis, 2nd, Plew; Michelle Jackson, 3rd, Plew.

Crafts: Gregory Dennis, 1st, Plew; Jill Scott, 2nd, Edge; Vicki Habegger, 3rd, Plew. Mixed Media: Pam Klein, 1st, Plew; Lisa Mulder, 2nd, Troop 113; Christy Corbin, 3rd, Plew.

Drawing: Susie Wingo, 1st, Plew; Debbie Cranford, 2nd, Plew; Ken Roshto, 3rd, Valp.

Second-Third

Graphics: Valerie Smith, 1st, Plew; Sherry Byles, 2nd, Plew; Kay Boldue, 3rd, Plew.

Chalk: Jeff Cooksey, 1st, Plew; Mardie Beasley, 2nd, Plew; Kelly Highfill, 3rd, Plew.

Crafts: Carrie Atnip, 1st, Plew; Brandon Huff, 2nd, Plew; Jean Condie, 3rd, Plew.

Mosaics: Dawn Mehaloupoulos, 1st, Plew; Marco Johnson, 2nd, Plew; Dale Thompson, 3rd, Plew.

Drawings: Kelly Cranford, 1st, Plew; Wesley Richardson, 2nd, Rocky Bayou; Steven Mark, 3rd, Edge.

Painting: Frances Thompson, 1st, Plew; Paula Ireland, 2nd, Valp.; Maureen Smith, 3rd, Plew.

Diarama & Sculpture: Parrish Wilkinson, 1st, Plew; Lane Buckner, 2nd, Plew; Robert Lindros, 3rd, New Heights.

Mixed Media: Gary Wingo, 1st, Plew; Susie Wood, 2nd, Edge; Aileen Jocson, 3rd, Plew.

Fourth, Fifth & Sixth

Cartooning: Ken Frazier, 1st, Plew; Leslie Goldsborough, 2nd, Edge; Melissa Tucker, 3rd, Plew.

Mixed Media: Richard Browning, 1st, Valp.; Elaine Erickson, 2nd, Plew; Carol Ann Lege, 3rd, Valp.

Painting: Lester Pulley, 1st, Plew; Keith Moring, 2nd, Valp.; Paige Love, 3rd, Valp.

Sculpture: Lori Burgemeister, 1st, Plew; Linda Naber, 2nd, Plew; Ray Edge, 3rd, Plew.

Original Crafts: Kenny Lamica, 1st, Plew; Lynn Zuley, 2nd, Plew; Ingrid Zimmer, 3rd, Plew.

Drawing: Jay Harrison, 1st, Valp.; Beth Dunn, 2nd, Valp.; Michaela Lindros, 3rd, New Heights.

Crayon Resist: Elaine Erickson, 1st, Plew; Jason Phillips, 2nd, Plew; John Donnelly, 3rd, Plew.

String Art: Shawn L'Orange, 1st, Plew; Mike Urbanale, 2nd, Plew; James Kimmel, 3rd, Plew.

Junior High

Painting: Nat Ransom, 1st, Ruckel; Ward Yerby, 2nd, Ruckel; Marlene Simmons, 3rd, Lewis.

Mixed Media: Shelly Chancey, 1st, Lewis; Sonia Than, 2nd, Lewis; Donna Krawczyk, 3rd, Lewis.

Drawing: Ward Yerby, 1st,

Art Show Winners

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Ruckel; Chuck Ritter, 2nd, Lewis; Tanya Lingerfelt, 3rd, Ruckel.

Cartoons: Corey Scott, 1st, Ruckel; Donald Adams, 2nd, Ruckel; Corey Scott, 3rd, Ruckel.

Original Crafts: Nancy Terry, 1st, Lewis; Marian Allen,

2nd, Lewis; Ann Kowalski, 3rd, Lewis.

Special Education

Theresa Allen, 1st, Edge; Franklin Flowers, 2nd, Edge.

Private Lessons

Grace Ann Jaye, 1st, Private.

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DUANE EDWARD SPENCER TO SPEAK AT EGLIN

Dr. Duane Edward Spencer, Bible expositor for "The Word of Grace" International Radio Broadcasts, founder of Grace Bible Church and School in San Antonio, Texas, author of the "Word Keys" commentaries, and popular Bible Conference speaker, will bring a series of messages on "The Person and Work of Jesus Christ at Calvary" at Chapel #1, Eglin AFB, during the week after Easter. Chapel #1 is located at Avenue A and 2nd Street on Eglin Main. The first message will be presented on Monday evening, 31 March, at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Spencer will deliver a new message at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each day, Tuesday through Friday, 1-4 April.

Friday night's service will be introduced by a special music program presented by the students of the Rocky Bayou Christian School. Free nursery service will be provided by both nurseries on Eglin Main. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. For further information, contact Lt. Col. Grete at 242-6967; RBGS at 678-7712; or Eglin Chapel #1, 382-2113.

RBGS CHORAL PROGRAM

Our 1st - 7th grade students will present special music in Eglin Chapel #1 at 7 PM, Friday, 4 April. The occasion will be the final message by Dr. Duane Spencer, who is presenting a series of messages on "The Gospel of Calvary". We would like to have the children at the chapel at 6:30 PM, dressed in uniforms or equivalent clothing (girls in dresses; boys in coat and tie). If you do not plan to bring your own child, please call your bus driver to arrange RBGS transportation.

Rocky Bayou Christian School

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NEWS RELEASE

The Rocky Bayou Christian School (RECS) will present a year end music program and open house on Friday evening, 7:30 PM, in the auditorium of the Forest Lake Bible Church, 1000 37th Street, in Niceville. The program will begin with choral presentations which illustrate the quality and God-centered nature of the RECS music curriculum. Following the musical program, Director Bob Grete will briefly discuss the objectives of RECS in light of the Scripture and contemporary social issues, including state versus parental responsibility in education, falling standards and performance in education, moral problems, the school prayer issue, and the discussions relevant to Christianity in recent letters published in local newspapers. Then, after a few presentations recognizing substantial contributions to the RECS program this year, an open house will be held in the school. This is an excellent opportunity for interested persons to learn first hand what is happening at RECS, and how RECS can serve the education needs of many families in our community. Open discussions with students, parents, teachers, and the Director are encouraged.

ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

13 May 1975

Dear Parents and Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to our year end music program and Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) to be held on Friday evening, 30 May, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Forest Lake Bible Church, 1000 37th Street, in Niceville. Following our music program, I would like to take a few minutes to review the purpose and goals of RBCS, and recognize some very special people. We will then move to the school for refreshments and fellowship. Folks with questions regarding RBCS will have an excellent opportunity to ask them of students, teachers, parents, or myself. We sure hope you can come.

Let me also take this opportunity to mention other items scheduled during our remaining days. First, IQ and achievement tests will be administered this month. Parents of elementary school students transferring to RBCS next fall will be phoned regarding this testing.

Secondly, the morning following our program (Saturday, 31 May) will be another "work-day" opportunity for anyone who would like to participate. We will work 9 AM to noon, and conclude with a picnic. Bring brooms, saws, rakes, shovels, electric sanders, and your lunch. We can improve our grounds, start refinishing more furniture for next year, and have a lot of fun in the process.

Finally, the last day of school is Thursday, 5 June. After a brief administrative session at school, we will dismiss for our second annual school picnic, probably at Fred Gannon State Park. Parents are welcome; we hope some of you will volunteer to help plan the details.

I hope we'll see you on the 30th.

In Christ's service,



ROBERT L. GRETE, DIRECTOR

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P.S. Don't forget Monday,
26 May is a holiday.

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic
is thy name

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SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM
30 May 1975

Mrs. Joseph Caraglor, Directing
Mrs. Thomas Berkly, Accompanist

Opening Prayer
Congregational Hymn

1st & 4th stanzas
529

Chi Chi Pappa
Thou Art a Wonderful God

Kindergarten

Market Calls
Sulliam

6th & 7th
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Coffee
Tzena, tzena
Feng Yang Song
Hear Us Father
Spring Song

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ALL

Balm in Gilead

Dawn Murphy
Robbie Thomas
Kim Gibson

We Wish You a Happy Summer

ALL

Solo

Director's Remarks
Recognition of Significant Contributions

Mrs. Caraglor
Mr. Grete

OPEN HOUSE WITH REFRESHMENTS AT RECS



ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

5 June 1975

Dear RBCS Parents -

Yea! School's out! Time to relax! But it's also time for us to get ready for next year. RBCS will add an 8th grade and enlarge our staff. We ask your prayer support as we put together our AY 75-76 team.

There are also things you can do to get ready for next year. First, enjoy some family activities with your children. Talk to them about what they have learned this year, not only in the area of academic facts, but also in the areas of attitudes, moral and spiritual principles, priorities, etc. Remember, we must work as a team to fulfill the parental responsibility to raise up our children in the way they should go. There is no vacation from that responsibility. We should use the summer to fellowship with our children, reinforce and strengthen what we have tried to develop in them this year, and prepare them to hit their academics with enthusiasm next fall. Those students who must complete additional academic work prior to readmission in the fall have the caveat "(conditional)" written after the grade accepted for, which is entered in the bottom section of the application for admission for school year 1975-76. Your copy of this form is enclosed. No such entry is made on the report card. If "(conditional)" is entered for your child, please contact the appropriate teacher or myself to insure readmission requirements are clear.

Also enclosed is a Student Profile Sheet which indicates California Achievement Test results. Under column A is an expression of grade level. An entry of 6.3 would indicate that the raw score of the student was the same as the average raw score achieved by all students in the nation now in the 6th grade, 3rd month. Under column B is a percentile ranking. An entry of 80 would mean that the raw score of the student was better than that achieved by 80% of the nation's students in the same grade. We realize that many factors can influence test results, including the amount of sleep the student had the night before the test. Nevertheless, on the average, the tests are a good indicator of the student's competence in basic academic skills. Obviously, they say nothing of what the student has learned in substantive courses such as history, geography, Bible, science, or foreign language. RBCS has 33 students in grades 1 through 7, including 4 special education students. Excluding the latter, our median percentile score was 88, and 48% of our students scored in the 90th percentile or better. We believe this indicates the opportunity for outstanding performance is well established at RBCS. It is especially interesting to note that of our students in the third grade and below, 8 out of 12 scored in the 93rd percentile or above. This, I believe, illustrates the importance of being in a quality program right from the beginning.

We pray you enjoy the summer. Members of our staff will keep the school office and bookstore open from 9 AM to 1 PM, Tuesday through Friday during the summer. Please feel free to contact us any time we can be of help.

In Christ's service,



ROBERT L. GRETE, DIRECTOR

Episcopal Church

EVERYONE

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is God-centered, and inter-personal relationships are based upon Biblical principles.

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