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SERVANTS OF JESUS CHRIST

“Well done, good and faithful servants!”

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to recognize a few men and women who were available and obedient to the Master's call, much like the disciples.



Three of these people have humbly served God and His kingdom through many years of faithful service to CCS.

Now, God has called them away into a new season of serving Him.

Vicki Moore, who has served as our Admissions Director (shown above) in recent years, has been employed by CCS for a total of 21 years in various roles (also see page 10). Cindy Cress, our Elementary Principal (shown



in photo at right), has served for 18 years in two different capacities - faculty member and administrator (see page 8). Lynnette Anderson,



Development Coordinator (shown in photo at left), has served over 9 years at CCS in both the Admissions and Development Offices. These women have been mainstays of our school and will leave behind a

lasting legacy of humble service and steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ. While they will be missed, we are excited to see how God will use them in their new callings.

I would also like to gratefully recognize three members of our school Board who will be stepping aside. Each of these men has given of their time, talent, and wisdom to guide CCS through a time of



growth and transition. Bobby Grimes (at far left) has faithfully served on the Board for 10 years. Much of that time

was as Board secretary. Bobby has played an integral role in the development of policy governance and with the rewriting and revision of the CCS constitution and by-laws. David Teague



Extraordinary

I recently picked up a book, distributed by my church last fall, that had been gathering dust on a shelf. The book, *Twelve Ordinary Men* by John MacArthur, describes how the Master, Jesus Christ, shaped His disciples for greatness. When I took this fresh look at the disciples, I was stunned to learn that they were very ordinary men. Hopelessly human! Remarkably unremarkable! What is most amazing about the disciples is that Jesus ever selected them at all! Among them was a handful of common fishermen, a hated tax collector, and an impulsive

political zealot, but they were available and obedient to the Master's call. And, under the teaching and touch of Jesus, they became a force that forever changed the world.

There seems to be an insidious fear in our culture of being average or ordinary – something less than the best, in human terms that is. Does expecting and receiving an excellent education have to include being involved in, and being the best in, every sport and every activity? And, what “price” might we be paying for pushing our children into too many AP or dual credit courses? Too often we want our children “to be the best” rather than to be the best they can be by doing and giving their best efforts.

A few months ago, I read a thought provoking editorial written by David Delph, Headmaster at Trinity Christian Academy in Addison, Texas. The question Dave asked is “How is this fast-paced, got-to-have-it-all, have-to-be-the-best culture in which we all live affecting our children?” Dave explains,

“All of us want high achieving students, who also participate in athletics, fine arts, cheerleading, drill team, leadership activities, etc. We want our students to enroll in AP/Honors courses, zero hour Latin, and score well on their SAT exams. Oh yeah... we also want family meal and devotion times and “free from schoolwork” weekends to spend with our friends. Don't forget youth groups, Bible studies, community service, weekly worship, outreaches, retreats, and missions trips! The danger of these “good things” is that it teaches our children a false worldview of what it means to be successful in life, and, in turn, they often miss the best things in life. Good is often the enemy of best! Those things that are most important to success from God's perspective are their hearts fully-filled with and yielded to Him, or are we allowing the many “good” things our culture offers (our idols) to only allow God to have a portion of their hearts?” “I am the Lord your God... you shall have no other gods before me.” – Exodus 20:2-3

I pray that each of us will take the time this summer to refresh, relax, renew, and recharge. This will be accomplished by spending time with God and family. Moms and Dads, examine the expectations you have set for yourselves and your children. We all need to be loved for who we are (unique beings knit by the hands of God) not for what we do or accomplish. The message of *Twelve Ordinary Men* is clear. If Christ can accomplish His purposes through the lives of the common men described in this book, imagine what He can do through us and our children!



(middle) has always answered the call to serve, often filling in for members who had to step aside for a variety of reasons. David's eye for detail will be missed.

Steve Novotny (at right) has only served one year, but he was God's provision

during a period when his calm and thoughtful wisdom was greatly needed.



To each of these godly men and women may I say, on behalf of all of us at Cypress Christian, “Well done, good and faithful servants.”