



Light of the world  
You shown down into darkness  
Opened my eyes,  
Let me see  
  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

"Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?"

Thomas Jefferson, 1791



# Preparing Elementary Students to Preserve Our Nation's Freedom

By Robert White

"The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His apostles. . . to this we owe our free constitutions of government."- Noah Webster

Webster and our country's founding fathers understood that our liberties come from God. The future of our liberties lies with our young people, and the foundation for the future is laid in the lives of our citizens during the formative years of elementary school. Abraham Lincoln stated, "The philosophy of the classroom in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next." We are delighted to partner with our elementary parents to provide an education based upon academic excellence and Biblical values. In addition to developing solid academic skills that will prepare them for life, our students are being challenged to develop their value system based upon God's Word. This foundation we are laying for them now will equip them with the moral compass that will guide their lifelong decisions.

It is a delight to walk down the halls of Cypress Christian Elementary School! Our students are daily taught the truth of God's Word, memorize Scripture, and raise their voices in praise to our God. Students are honoring God in their speech and through

their actions both in the classroom and on the playing field. I am so pleased with the superior academic instruction presented from a distinctly Christian perspective. During a faculty meeting, one of our new teachers (new to CCS, but experienced in the public school system) stated, "I am truly amazed at all that these students know in fifth grade! They know all of their prepositions, the American's Creed, etc." Praise God for strong academics!

We thank our Lord for a wonderful first quarter this year.

- God has brought to us a fantastic group of new teachers to complement the excellent existing faculty!
- Chapel speakers have been dynamic, challenging our students from God's Word.
- Our students have been serving others, through Operation Christmas Child and Christmas cards for the Veteran's hospital.
- A group of our students sang at our Freedom Banquet.
- The Thanksgiving celebrations will focus upon the need to be grateful to our Creator for all things.
- Students will be raising their voices in remembrance of the Savior this Christmas.

- Our after-school clubs and elementary soccer program are enriching the lives of our students.
- The language arts committee continues to meet in order to strengthen our English department in the elementary and secondary schools.
- Accreditation preparations focus us to continuously improve our service to our students and parents.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to train the next generation of leaders to impact the world for Christ and work toward preserving our freedoms!