


Gap Rap Newsletter

Growing in academic, social, physical and spiritual maturity.

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PRE-REGISTRATION

With the influx of new families moving to the area & applying to our school, it is imperative that we know how many of our current students will be returning to Standifer Gap next year. Please pay the pre-registration fee to hold your student's spot and to help us plan for the upcoming school year. If you pay by April 15, the pre-registration fee will be \$50 (and will grant a discount of an additional \$50 off the registration fee). If you wait until after April 15, the fee to hold your student's spot will be \$100.

TUTORING

Does your student need help? Contact Ron Malloch, M.Ed., 423-305-3995 423-396-4409 a local tutoring specialist who can help struggling students (grades 1-5) in reading, math and written language.

SOCCER (4TH-8TH)

Away game Tues, April 11th at 4:30 pm at OAKS and our last Home game Thurs, April 13th at 5 pm against Coble.

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on **Friday, April 7th** in honor of Good Friday.

WELLKIDS DAY CAMP

Keep your kids moving and exploring the great outdoors this summer with "WELLkids in the Wild," a day-camp program at SAU. Each week long session offers outdoor adventures like rock climbing, hiking, caving, ropes course, canoeing, rafting and more. Available for ages 10-16. Spots are limited. For more information & to register, visit southern.edu/wellkids.

LOVE & LOGIC

Parenting the Love and Logic Way introductory workshop will be held at the Samaritan Center community room on April 5 & 6, from 6:30 - 8 pm. For parents, teachers, youth workers, grandparents - make parenting fun and meaningful with practical ways to improve your relationship with kids. Go to <http://highesteducation.com> to register.

EDUCATION SABBATH

The whole school (all grades) will be participating in a very special student Sabbath at the Standifer Gap Church on **April 29th**. If your student will be unable to be present for this church service, please let your students's teacher know ASAP. The dress code will be black and white. The church service begins at 10 am and students should be at the church by 9:45 am.

CREATURE FEATURE

On Friday, April 14, there will be an interactive program that will feature creatures such as a hedgehog, porcupine, bugs, snakes, and more! Each class will get to spend 45 minutes learning about, touching and holding these very interesting animals. The animals will be brought to us at the school so there's no traveling needed! If you would like to donate any money toward this interactive experience, we will happily accept whatever you'd like to give, however, it will be at no cost to your student! You can find out more information about this program by visiting: <https://creaturefeaturestrn.com>

REMEMBER THIS

* Volunteer Hours

Please log your volunteer hours in the yellow binder in the front office. Those with 18 **logged** hours will get free admission to our end of year skate party!

* Student Progress

Parents can check grades with their FACTS Family Portal login.

* Card Processing Fee

There will be a 5% fee applied to all card payments made in the front office. We encourage you to make payments by cash, check or ACH online.

* Online Payments

You can pay tuition, hot lunch and more online through the link on our website. **Please use the ACH (direct debit) option!!**

* Ukulele/Guitar

Wednesdays & Fridays at 7:30 am in the music room.

* Support & Shop

Club





APRIL

Birthdays

HOSEA	APR 1
KYLE	APR 15
LOTOA	APR 16
ARDEN	APR 22
AUDREY	APR 22

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Apr 5 - Pathfinders 6:30 pm
- Apr 7 - NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
- Apr 11 - SGS Soccer Away Game at OAKS 4:30 pm
- Apr 13 - SGS Soccer Home Game vs Coble 5 pm
- Apr 14 - Creature Feature Interactive Program
- Apr 15 - Last Day for Pre-registration Fee Discount
- Apr 29 - Education Sabbath (All Grades)

MORE LIKE JESUS

By Stephanie Land

Jesus is our Savior. But what is He saving us from? Does Jesus save us from God's punishment? Does the blood of the cross appease God and give Him the okay to forgive us? Does Jesus' death on the cross save us from an angry, wrathful God? How and from what are we being saved?? As we go into this Easter holiday weekend, we may have these same questions. We've heard it a million times, "Jesus died on the cross to save us," but what exactly are we being saved from??

God is the Creator - the maker of time, space, matter... everything! And the Bible tells us that God IS love. He's not just a loving being, but He IS love in function, reality, character, existence. Love is other-centered selfless giving for the health and benefit of others. When God creates, it is always in harmony with Himself. Life is based on love. The opposite of selfless love is selfishness, and this is exactly the problem with sin. Sin is a principle of fear and selfishness and it is out of harmony with how life was created to exist. Sin is inherently damaging to the sinner in the same way that tying plastic bag over your head (bringing you out of harmony with the law of respiration) would be damaging and would bring death.

In the beginning, when Adam and Eve fell into sin, who was changed? Was God changed? No. Was God's law changed? No. Was humanity changed? Yes!! Humanity was corrupted, damaged and brought out of harmony with how God designed life to function/operate/exist! We are terminally sick and dying in our sinful condition. It is humanity that needs intervention, not God. So how does Jesus save us? Here are just a few of the many reasons I believe that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is so important to us!

Jesus reveals the true character of God (Col 1:15; Heb 1:3; Jn 14:9; Jn 17:6; 1Jn 5:20). Satan was exposed as a liar (Jn 8:44; Jn 8:32). Complete power was given to Jesus and, unlike the saying "absolute power corrupts absolutely," Jesus proved that he was completely safe with absolute power, not even saving Himself from His own creatures killing Him (Mat 28:18; Jn 8:32; Phil 2:6-9). Jesus developed a perfect character (Heb 5:8), humanity as it was meant to be in Adam, proving there was no defect in His design. He restored the "law of love" back into humanity when he refused to save Himself on the cross. Jesus offers this restoration to all who wish to be healed. As we open our hearts to the truth, our thoughts, desires, and attitudes change. We become partakers of the divine nature (2Pet 1:4), Christ living in us (Gal 2:20) as He writes His law of love into our hearts and minds (Her 8:10, 10:16). We are reconciled to God and His design (Col 1:20). Jesus is the Remedy to our sin-sickness and in participation with His treatment, we are brought back to life (Prov 21:21; Am 5:12; Luke 10:27-28; Jn 17:3; Rom 10:5; Jam 1:18; 1Jn 5:11-12; 1Jn 5:20). We are made to be more like Jesus, just as He designed.

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