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The Lord has blessed my life in many ways. He has blessed it the most by simply giving it to me. You see, when I was born I had several health problems. One time I even died! But, the Lord had greater plans for me, and so, I was successfully resuscitated! God has placed Christian people in my life, mostly through my education, which clearly shows how I have been as “Clay in His Molding Hands”.

Since preschool I have been immersed in Christian Education. I started school at First United Methodist Church. My teachers taught me about Jesus and all the wonderful things He did. This caused the start of a yearning to always learn about Christ!

When I turned five, my parents enrolled me at William Lindale Christian Academy. I loved the learning experience there because to me, it was like learning

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Welcoming Our New Student

Meet Dalton!

We are happy to introduce the newest member of the PMA Family, Dalton Watson.

Dalton transferred to PMA from a local Christian academy in order to receive a better quality education and achieve his goal of graduating high school, attending college and ultimately becoming a petroleum engineer. He looks forward to attending either A&M or OSU after graduating from PMA.

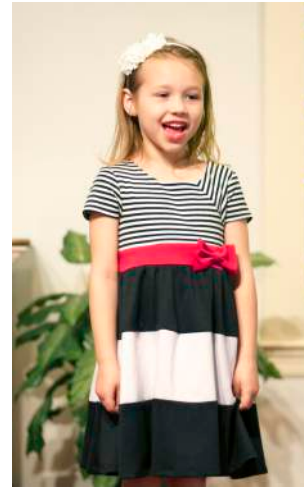


When asked about hobbies outside of school, Dalton replied, “just basketball”. “Just basketball” is an understatement though; Dalton is quite the basketball enthusiast! After getting a basketball goal for Christmas when he was 12 years old, Dalton began playing one-on-one basketball with a close friend. Now, at age 16, Dalton spends several hours a week playing basketball with friends at the YMCA here in Corsicana.

So far, Dalton’s favorite things about PMA are his teacher, Mrs. Thurston, and the structure of the classrooms. Having attended both public and private schools, Dalton struggled with under-qualified teachers, and disrespectful and unorganized classmates and superiors. Dalton believes his best opportunity for a solid, Christian education is here at PMA, and we agree!

We are happy to say that Dalton is fitting in very well as part of the PMA family. We look forward to providing him with an education as well as the opportunities necessary to achieve his goals.

Our Exciting PTF Success!



A great deal of preparation went into PMA's very first PTF (parent/teacher fellowship) meeting, held on November 11. Students and staff rehearsed and prepared for the special event for weeks in advance, and the hard work paid off!

Our elementary students sang and recited several songs and poems with great enthusiasm and confidence, and many of our high school students recited poetry from memory! Elizabeth Camargo read her original piece "Christian Traits of the Ideal American" aloud, and copies of the work were made available to all in attendance. The entire program was a reflection of the hard work done by our students on a daily basis, and the values we aim to instill in them.

With the success of our first PTF meeting in our rear view mirror, we look forward to our next meeting, which is scheduled for January 27, 2015. We invite everyone to join us, and we mean everyone! PTF meetings are open to anyone wishing to show support for our students, or learn more about what we offer at PMA. We are grateful for everyone that participated in our first PTF meeting, and we can't wait to see what this new tradition brings us next!



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a new game. My first and second grade teacher, Mrs. Hargrave, was a tremendous influence to me. Not only was she someone who was teaching valuable skills, but she was a unique friend. She guided me through my younger years with great love and affection. Her honesty and care influenced me to do my best in all things.

After second grade, William Lindale closed. So, I was enrolled in Park Meadows Academy. My teacher there has also had a huge impact on my life. Mrs. Thurston, my supervisor, has watched over me since sixth grade. She has kept me on course in my work, and has always kept me focused. Her Biblical guidance has also been very influential at school.

Mrs. Thurston has accommodated our need for learning in more ways than one. In addition to helping and teaching us in our schoolwork, she leads a short Bible study after lunch each day. I can see how and why the Lord placed me at Park Meadows. I have grown in Him every day that I have been here.

The Lord has guided me through every thing in my life. I have learned to trust Him in all things, and not to rely on anyone else. Another way He has blessed me is with the talent of playing the piano. I am extremely grateful to have a Christian piano teacher.

Joyce Schane, my piano teacher, is an older lady who is married to the pastor of a church in Corsicana. She accepted me as her student when I was at the tender age of five. She has taught me many great things about piano, and I know it is a privilege to learn from such a wise Christian teacher. I try not to take for granted the fact that I am blessed to be able to communicate with her about God. She has made a huge impact in my life by encouraging me and helping me use my talent to honor God.

My life, as I've said, has been turned over completely to God. I have grown up in a Christian environment and been surrounded by Christians who care about me and love me. I don't know exactly what God has in store for the rest of my life, but I do know that by reading His Word, meditating on it, and praying, I can do His will. Anything that the Lord desires of me, I will do. Since I can see how He has worked in my life already, it is easy for me to trust Him. Without Him I wouldn't even be alive.

Sometimes it is hard for me to yield to God's will, but I still remember that is why I am in this world. All of my life, since even before pre-school, I have known who God is, and how awesome He is. The least I can do is to yield to Him and be the "Clay in His Molding Hands."



Field Trip! Old Ft. Parker & Ft. Parker State Park



Upcoming Events

- Thanksgiving Break – Nov. 24-28
- Christmas Program – Dec. 11
- Christmas Break – Dec. 18 – Jan. 5
- PTF Meeting – January 27

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