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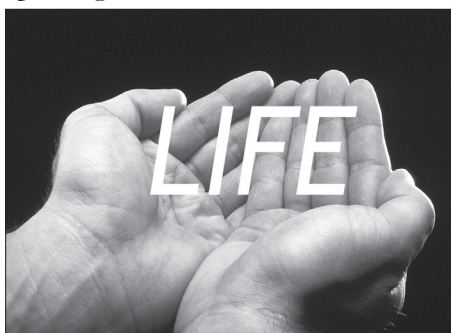
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Handing Over Your Life *The Best Investment You Will Ever Make*

by Terry Meyer

Some time ago our elderly neighbor passed away, and as is often the case, the possessions she and her husband accumulated over the years were sold in an estate sale. I went over to see what "morsel" I might find, only to leave shortly after arriving, convicted that I cared more for the former occupants' possessions than I did for the former occupants themselves. I say with shame that I never visited the home even when I noticed frequent ambulance visits in the months leading up to her passing. I valued mere trifles when God had prepared eternal riches.



As a Christian, I want to have an eternal impact. Jesus, wanting a full life for His children, encourages us to live lives of Kingdom worth. *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,...* Matthew 6:19.

We think wrongly, I believe, about investment. We have a tendency to sequester investment to the financial world without recognizing that investing occurs at every moment of our lives. Investing is not something we do; it is something we are. What I mean is this: with every word we speak and every action we undertake, we invest in something. There are no spiritually neutral words or actions. Ultimately, we are investing in either the Kingdom of God or into that world system governed temporarily by the Prince of the power of the air. It is worldly thinking that separates the spiritual from the worldly. And it is the scriptures that break this wall down. *Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31*

Additionally, it is rare that an investment will bear fruit immediately. Generally, the wiser the investment the more likely it is to pay off but typically does so after an extended period of time. Short term gains are

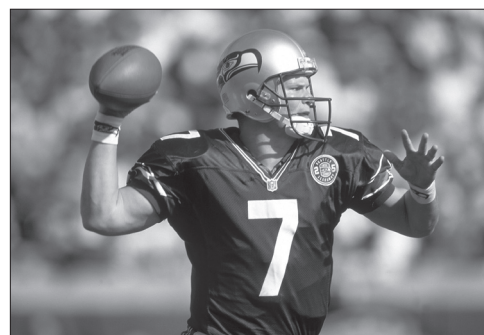
of a worldlier sort. How much more in the spiritual realm! If scripture is to be taken literally, the majority of the investment we undertake will only be realized

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Jon Kitna *IMPACT NWC 2014*



Jon Kitna, best known to most of you as the former quarterback of the Seattle Seahawks, will be the keynote speaker for IMPACT NWC 2014.

In college, Jon played without an athletic scholarship as quarterback for the Central Washington University Wildcats from 1992 to 1995, leading the team to a NAIA Football National Championship in 1995.

Trying to live the dream, Jon Kitna fell into the secular trap of alcohol, cheating and stealing, while still

Save the Date

Saturday, November 1, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Spokane Convention Center
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maintaining his role on the football team. Reaching a low point in his life, he turned to Christ and learned of His redeeming salvation.

Jon Kitna was signed by the Seattle

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Alumni Notes

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1964 - 50 Year **Saturday, June 7, 2014**

Jana Baldwin,
NWC Alumni Relations
509.238.4005 ext 146
alumni@nwcs.org

Class of 1974 - 40 Year **Saturday, June 21, 2014**

Michelle (Modisett) West
509.327.8368
michelle7218@msn.com

Class of 1984 - 30 Year

Please contact us if you are
interested in planning this
reunion.

Class of 1994 - 20 Year **June 20 or 21, 2014**

Ben and Heidi (Soberg) VanGerpen
509.475.7232
bhvangerpen@comcast.net

Class of 2004 - 10 Year

Please contact us if you are
interested in planning this
reunion.

More information at
[http://nwcs.org/upcoming-
reunions/](http://nwcs.org/upcoming-reunions/)

UPDATES & MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES

Our extended Northwest Christian family continues to grow each year as another class graduates and new families enroll. It is a challenge to keep our database current. We ask that you take the time to notify us of family changes – new addresses, phone numbers, cell numbers, email addresses, marriages – of NWC alumni or former students. Maybe one of these changes happened a few years ago and you haven't got around to updating with the school. We strive for accuracy in our contacts, but we need your help.

We would love for everyone in our extended school family to receive their own copy of *The Crusader* at their current home address. You may email your corrections or updates to Pam Vaughn (pvaughn@nwcs.org), call 509-238-4005 ext. 142, or fill out our new connection form at <http://nwcs.org/connect/> ■

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when Christ is revealed:

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4

This is where faith comes in. Do we really believe that investment in the Kingdom of God will result in future glory when Christ is revealed? If so, then how we spend our time, our treasures, and our talents will look radically different from those of the world.

So I would like to extend an invitation to each reader. The invitation is for you to invest in the Kingdom of God. Begin with your family, then your church. Then, should the Lord direct you, I would ask that you consider investing in Northwest Christian Schools. The Lord is at work here! Your investment of time, talents, and treasures will indeed bear fruit. ■

NWC 12th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

Friday, June 27

Deer Park Golf Club

For event sponsorship or
to register to golf,
contact Jim Nendel
509.238.4005 ext 135 or
jnendel@nwcs.org

Proceeds to fund the NWC Football Program

NWC Journeys Night "Road Less Traveled"

Thursday, May 22, 2014
6:30-8:30 p.m.

*Students will be presenting:
"The Dinner Party"*

Culminating Projects of the Year
Advanced Art Portfolio Exhibits
Science Demonstrations
The 2014 Literary Journal Debut



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Gordon Smith *Class of 1954*



Gordon Smith was born December 7, 1936. He was taken from us to be with his Lord October 29, 2013 while driving through a sandstorm near Picacho Peak, Arizona. He is survived by Jeanette (Olson-Kappler) Smith ('55), his wife of 53 years, his four children – Lori (Smith) Mayhle ('77), Daniel Smith ('79), Darla (Smith) Stewart ('82), and Corey Smith (FS '88), multiple grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and two sisters – Geri (Smith) Roning ('54) and Carol (Smith) Williams ('57). Gordon retired from Spokane School District 81. He served on the Board of Regents for Northwest Christian Schools in the late 70's and early 80's. His love for NWC continued over the years, and he was a faithful Crusader basketball fan ■.

Gladys Krauss *Parent, Grandparent, Great-Grandparent*

Gladys Krauss, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed from this world into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on September 28, 2013. Gladys was born in Tower, Minnesota on May 18, 1924, where she spent her childhood. She was dedicated to Northwest Christian Schools – she served by painting and cleaning at the Central campus and sorted clothes for the old Thrift Store trailer in the back parking lot. She was preceded in death by her son Doug Krauss ('76). She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Jake, son Dan Krauss ('70), daughter Judy (Krauss) Bell ('72), son Chuck Krauss ('78), several grandchildren, including NWC Alumni Eric Bell ('99) and Brandon Bell ('07), and 14 great-grandchildren including current NWC second grader Jacob Bell. Northwest Christian played such a primary role in her life because of its influence on the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild. ■



Clara Jacobs Reames

Former Regent & Former Parent

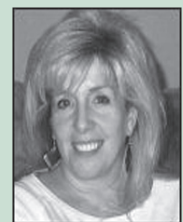
Clara Jacobs Reames passed away peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on November 22, 2013, at the age of 99 years. Clara married Harry Jacobs in 1934. He passed away in 1957. They had four surviving children: Barbara (Jacobs) Tedrow ('53), Jerry Jacobs ('54), Harvey Jacobs, and Sharon Reames. Clara is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Clara served as secretary on the Board of Regents for Northwest Christian High School in the early 1950's. She also spent many hours helping with the remodeling of the buildings to turn them into classrooms for the Central campus. ■

Louis Buckley

Louis Buckley went home to be with the Lord on Friday, February 7, 2014, at 100 years of age. Louis served as NWC's Public Relations Director from 1951-1955, traveling the Northwest armed with the word of God and the mission of NWC, tirelessly bringing in funds to help finance the fledgling school and providing scholarships for those in need. Louis was preceded in death by Betty, his life partner of 63 years. He is survived by his children, David ('58), and Sharon, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. ■

Cheryl (Seely) Tangen *Class of 1974*

Cheryl was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on February 6, 2014. Some of her greatest accomplishments in life were following her call as an ordained minister and becoming an amazing teacher to all who would listen. Most importantly, her greatest pride and joy were her four children - Jeremy, Jalene, Janika and Jeweliet. She is survived by siblings Don Seely ('74), Danny Seely, Kathleen (Seely) Huffman (FS '78) and Linda (Seely) Belyea (FS '81), and her parents, Clarence and Louise (Reidlinger) Seely ('53). ■



Re-Investing in the Future



Chloe (Crittenden) Clark '09
Third Grade Teacher



Sarah (Peterson) White '02
Homeschool Art Teacher



Matt Halpin '03
Algebra, Trig & Bible Teacher
Laura (Hindman) West '96
High School Spanish Teacher

The best measure as to whether a business is successful is when their customers are not only merely satisfied but return again to give them more business! In the business of Christian education that return cycle may be decades as alumni and former students start families of their own and begin to make educational decisions for their children. This means that for decades, alumni and former students understand and value the impact Northwest Christian Schools has made upon their lives – a lasting impact! At NWC we currently have forty-nine alumni whose children are enrolled in the school. It is a generation re-investment that is a demonstration of God's grace working through NWC.

Another tier of that re-investment is those alumni who feel so strongly about the mission of Christian education that they have returned to carry forward the mission of Preparing Minds and Transforming Hearts. We have fourteen alumni and former students who work



Kathy (Hart) DeLaMatter '74, Technology Director
Mary (MacPherson) Frey '91, Business Office
Jana (VanderBeek) Baldwin '90, Development Department
Ray Ricks '89, High School Principal

Cross County State Champions

by Coach Terry Meyer

On a frosty November morning, NWC athletes lined up on the starting line at the State Cross Country meet. The routine was well established; before every race I would begin our battle cry, "You don't know what is ahead." The resolute voices of my athletes followed, "So do the right thing and win slowly."

This enduring routine (along with three others) framed our entire season. The ideas are bigger than ourselves; concepts that are spiritual in nature. Understanding these ideas are the end for which Cross Country is merely a means.

By God's grace we won the State Cross Country Meet. But my true hope is that these athletes would transfer what they've learned during the season to a lifetime of fruitfulness for the Gospel.

2013 Cross Country Enduring Understandings

Coach: "You don't know what is ahead."
Coach: "Run for something bigger than yourself."
Coach: "Work Hard!"
Coach: "Its not about you!"

Athletes: "So do the right thing and win slowly."
Athletes: "We run for Christ, School, and Team."
Athletes: "Play Hard!"
Athletes: "Encourage one another." ■



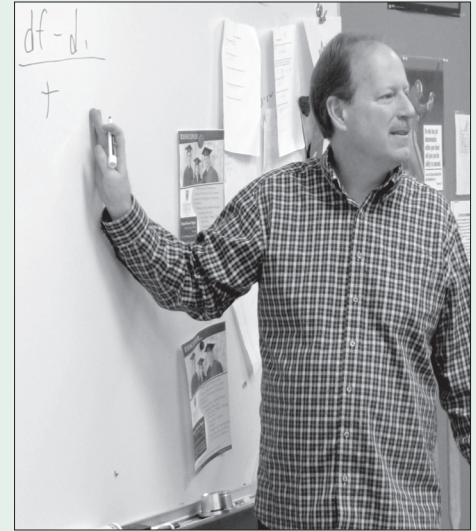
Timothy Kopplin, Jack Ammon, Brian Henry, Adi Purohith, Ben Alford, Ian Starkey, Alex Wallat (holding Regional Championship Trophy)



Jake Williams '06, Technology & Maintenance
Shannon (Wright) Sauer '08, Maintenance



Karli (Koger) Reed FS '84
 Upper Campus Lunch Services



Tim Hansen '78
 Middle School Math, Science and Bible Teacher



Jennifer (Kennett) Eide '92,
 Lower Campus Lunch Services
Faith (Felice) Orr '91,
 Elementary Principal

at various levels of the school. As principals, Ray Ricks and Faith

Mr. Button and Mr. Orr took the time to encourage and mentor me during my senior year at NWC. Those moments made a lasting impression on me and shaped my heart for Christian education. Now the Lord is using those moments for me to re-invest in the lives of NWC students.

-Ray Ricks '89,
 High School Principal

Orr lead teams of teachers who are heavily invested in the minds and hearts of students. Chloe Clark, Tim Hansen, Matt Halpin,

Laura West and Sarah White are on the front lines interacting and exemplifying Christ in their teacher roles. They are supported by a team of other alumni and former students who each strive to secure the mission of NWC for generations to come.

Alumni who return to serve at NWC are the most visible sign of God's work through the ministry of Northwest Christian. However, they are just the beginning. God has used NWC in the lives of hundreds of people who faithfully serve Christ throughout the world.

■



Kaytlyn Turner, Hannah Hustad, Lauren Taylor,
Alexis Tibbetts
Not Pictured: Hanna Chaffin and Coach Stewart

International Softball

Five Northwest Christian Schools' softball players will be traveling to compete at the international level this summer. Hannah Hustad ('14), Kaytlyn Turner ('16), Lauren Taylor ('16), Alexis Tibbetts ('16) and alumni Hanna Chaffin ('13) will be traveling from New York to Italy on July 27.

They will be competing for USA Athletes International (USAAI) and will play in the Italian Softball Series in the Tuscany region of Italy. In addition to competing, the team will also take plenty of time to tour the host city as well as other culturally and historically significant sites around the Italian countryside (Rome, Florence and Pisa).

NWC Softball Coach Jamie Stewart recommends players for USAAI who are chosen based on their athletic ability and their ability to represent their country, school and hometown in a positive manner. The team is comprised of a combination of female softball players from around the nation. Coach Stewart will be traveling with the girls as the coach for this tournament. Please pray for these young women as they not only represent Northwest Christian Schools but the United States of America in their sport. ■



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Alumni Notes

Jewel Floch Class of 1974

Little did I understand in 2001 how everything that had happened up to that point in my life - the family into which I was born, my father being a pastor, living in a Christian home, attending high school at a private Christian school, marrying a wonderful Christian man, raising two special boys, living in the small town of Odessa - would be so necessary to my "survival" as a Christian woman, wife, and mother. You see, in 2001 my two sons took their last step on earth and their first step in heaven. That was when all the years in Sunday School and church, being raised in a Christian home, the three years I was blessed to attend Northwest Christian High School came into sharp focus. My next steps were not taken on my own; my loving heavenly Father caught me in His strong and powerful arms, and I "walked" in faith and trust in Him.

Subsequently, my husband and I served in China for four years and just moved back mid September 2013 with two precious Chinese daughters of our hearts! Our work there was one of serving and loving abandoned children.

The years at NWC where I was truly cared for by my fellow students and the teaching staff (during those important high school years) was an important building block in my life as I know it today. I was blessed to be in the very close Class of 1974 at NWC, and over the years we have had many reunions. I still count many as my friends today and have many wonderful memories of those friends - especially choir activities! Many of these friends have blessed and encouraged us in the years since 2001. God used NWC in my life to better prepare me for the life He knew would be ahead of me. I'm so blessed!! ■



Pray for Our Alumni in Uniform

Pat McGlade, '88
Bryan Zeski, '95
Glen Miller, '96
David Blackorby, '97
Noah Hindman, '98
Eric Pederson, '98
Angela (Smeltz) Scharnhorst, '98
Jack Pederson, '99*
Nathan Thew, '01
David Blair, '02
Alicia Jasper, '03
Jeremy Meyers, '04
Bethany Indahl, '05
Kalina Schmidt, '06
Jared Shaw, '07
Nathan Robar, '07
Ryan Rabe, '07*
Justin Loiseau '09
Bonnie Alford '10
Thomas Hughes, '12

**Former Student*

**If you know of an
alumnus or former
student that should
be on this prayer
list, please contact
us!**



Justin Loiseau Class of 2009

I just wrapped up my college education and graduated from Washington State University in December 2013 with a BS in Criminal Justice. While at WSU, I participated in the ROTC program and on December 5th was Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

The next step for me starts in September of 2014, when I enter into Active Duty in the Intelligence Career Field. I will be trained in gathering as much useful information as I can to help accomplish the mission of the Air Force. This career field encompasses a wide range of tasks with locations all over the world. I am excited to travel and meet new people! I eagerly anticipate the will of God in his specific role for me in a career and in a location somewhere on the globe, but I am excited for the opportunity to serve Christ in my journey! ■





NWC 7th Grader in Award- Winning Film

Brayden Tucker, a 7th grader at Northwest Christian Schools, has a lead role in the new family film, "Different Drummers." The film premiered in Spokane on Friday, January 10th.

The film was shot last year by a local crew. It tells the true story of two Spokane kids who grew up in the fifties. The boys formed an encouraging friendship in order to face their respective challenges together and try to discover God in the process. It is based on the book by the same name. "Different Drummers" has gathered awards including Best Screenplay at the San Fernando Film Festival, Best Family Film at WorldFest-Houston, Best Young Actor – Critics Choice Award, and Best Screenplay, Houston. ■



Senior Hannah Hustad Softball Scholarship

As a sophomore and junior, Hannah, led Northwest Christian to back-to-back second-place finishes in the State 2B tournament. Hannah has signed with Briar Cliff University, in Sioux City, Iowa.

During her first three seasons at NWC, Hustad was named to the Bi-County League All-Opponent first team as a freshman and was the league MVP as a sophomore and junior. She has twice received the State 2B tournament Sportsmanship Award.

In the classroom Hustad is a member of the National Honor Society, has earned two academic letters and received the Biology Scholastic Award. ■

Thanks a Million

Northwest Christian Schools 21st Annual Benefit Auction

Please join us for a special celebration. We have raised over a million dollars through the years thanks to the generous donations of many businesses and individuals.

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Doors open at 4:30 PM

Dinner buffet from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Northwest Christian Schools

Colbert Activity Center

5104 E. Bernhill Rd.

Colbert, WA 99005

\$20 per person

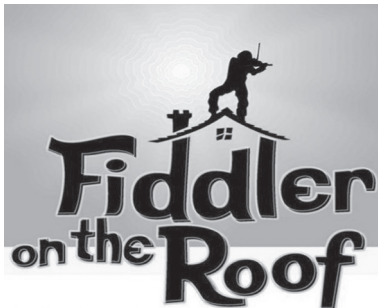
Reservations are required.

Reservation deadline: March 14th

Reservation and donation forms are available on www.nwcs.org/auction

Questions? Email Kathy DeLaMatter at kdelamatter@nwcs.org

Above all, we would ask you to *pray* for the auction.
Thanks a Million for partnering with us!



Show Dates:

Thursday, March 13, ~ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 14 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 16 *Matinee* ~ 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 15 *Dinner Theatre* ~ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 20 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 21 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices:

Adults \$10, Students (0-18) \$8,

Dinner Theater \$35

Tickets on sale at <http://nwcs.org/theater>



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Giving Opportunities

Correspondence & Gifts

NWCS Development Team
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509.238.4005 ext. 146
We love to hear from you!

Other Ways to Give:

Bank of America United Way Campaign

9/13 - 2/14 \$400.00

United Way Contribution

9/13 - 2/14 \$446.82

Wells Fargo Community Support Program

9/13 - 2/14 \$239.50

Glen Arneson Award Fund

In Memory of Glen M. Arneson, Class of '56

- With Love, a gift from Evelyn Arneson
- Larry Christian, Class of '57
- Barbara (Zehm) Niswonger, Class of '54
- Bonnie (Murray) Ryan, Class of '56
- Jeanette (Olson) Smith, Class of '55

(At the end of each school year, the fund helps high school seniors pay tuition costs if needed.)

Gifts since 9/1/2013: \$1,000.00

Students helped since the fund was established in 2000: 16

NWCS Foundation Endowments

Dr. Eugene Fadel Fine Arts Chair
 Lew Button Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dorothy Allen Memorial Scholarship Fund

Arnold Pierce Memorial Scholarship Fund

Moody Harmon Memorial Scholarship Fund

Joshua William Wright Memorial Scholarship Fund

Valentine & Winifred Kreidel Scholarship Fund

Giving In Focus

Gifts of Real Estate

Located in the heart of the City of Spokane Valley, Redwood Plaza is a multi-use complex consisting of two wing buildings and a center Clock Tower building giving the complex in excess of 107,000 square feet of space.



The building was left to Northwest Christian Schools in May of 1997 through the estate of Hank Grinalds, a former NWC parent and grandparent, whose great-grandchildren currently attend NWC.

Over the last nearly 17 years, the building has generated over \$11M toward capital expenditures and the operating budget of Northwest Christian Schools and helps to cover the gap between tuition and the cost of running the school.

Giving to NWC doesn't always have to be during your lifetime. You can leave a kingdom legacy by putting NWC in your will – gifts of property or even life insurance are all different ways you can contribute. If you would like to speak with someone about putting NWC in your will, please contact Pam Vaughn at 509.238.4005 ext. 142. ■

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Seahawks as an undrafted free agent in 1996. In 1998, he took over for Warren Moon as the Seahawks starting quarterback until 2001. In 1999, he led the Seahawks to a 9-7 record and the AFC West Championship.

Jon Kitna has also played for the Cincinnati Bengals, Detroit Lions, and Dallas Cowboys. In 2012, he retired from the NFL and now resides in Tacoma, Washington with his wife, Jeni, and four children. He teaches math and coaches football for his alma mater, Lincoln High School.

Jon was most recently in the news when he was brought back as reserve quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys on December 29, 2013 due to an injured Tony Romo. This notoriety comes not from his return to the NFL, but for donating his entire \$53,000 paycheck to Lincoln High School.

Please join us on Saturday, November 1st, at the Spokane Convention Center to hear Jon's powerful testimony of how God took hold of him and changed his heart. ■

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