

BRADFORD BULLETIN

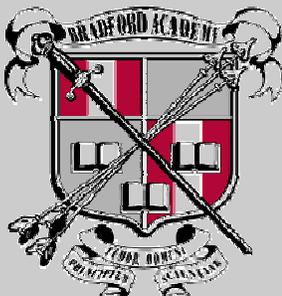
BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **April 27th**, Dogwood Race
- **April 28th**, Dogwood Fest.
- **April 24th** Spring Equestrian Leadership Club continues each Tuesday after school until our last meeting on May 15th.
- **May 4th**, PE Field Trip
- **May 4th**, Running Club Party, after school
- **May 7th, 14th, & 21st:** GARDEN CLUB!
- **May 8th**, Men's Book Study
- **May 18th** Senior Center
- **May 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd** - ERB CTP4 Standardized Testing
- **May 24** Patriotic Program
- **May 28** Memorial Day
- **May 30th** Field Day
- **May 31st** Clean-up Day
- **June 1st** Last Day of School Picnic, DISMISS at noon.

PRAYER

- **Luke Williams** - Please pray for his complete healing!
- **Enrollment** - Please continue to pray for next year's enrollment!
- **New teachers** - We would like to add two more teachers to our staff next year. Pray that the Lord would bring us the right candidates.

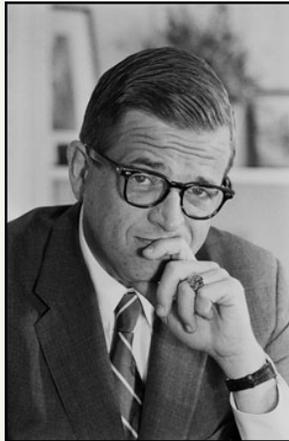


A REDEEMED LIFE (1931-2012) CHARLES W. COLSON REQUIESCAT IN PACE

In 1974, the White House Special Counsel to the President was indicted for obstructing justice and for conspiring to cover up the Watergate scandal. Charles "Chuck" Colson was known as Nixon's "hatchet man" and Nixon's "evil genius." During the turmoil of the Watergate investigation, Colson was given a copy of C.S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity* which resulted in his conversion to Christ. Under the conviction of his sins, he came forward and pleaded guilty to his several criminal acts. He eventually was disbarred and served time in federal prison. During his incarceration, it became apparent that his conversion was quite genuine.

Upon his release, he dedicated his life to ministering to inmates and seeking better ways to administer justice and improve rehabilitation. His biblical conviction was that the gospel alone contained the best answers to the problems facing America's prison system. He founded Prison Fellowship Ministries and has been instrumental in bringing the gospel to hundreds of thousands of prisoners in the U.S. and around the world.

Over the years he became more and more



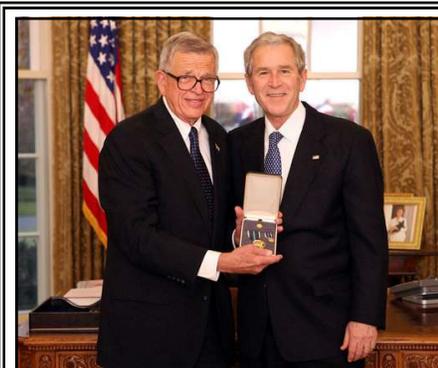
concerned with the root causes of the problems in society. He closely linked many societal ills with the decline of Christian thought and influence.

For the last three decades before his death last Saturday, he had grown to be a popular public speaker, author, and social commentator. He donated all his publishing and speaking royalties to the ministries he had founded. His radio commentaries, *Breakpoint*, can be heard archived on his website www.ColsonCenter.org.

Chuck Colson is an example of the corrupting influence of power and pride AND of the redeeming power of Jesus Christ. In his life we see the blessings of academic excellence and hard work. We also see the consequences of striving for excellence without Christ. His early years were to be admired. He grew up during the Depression and became a hard working young man, served in the Marine Corps, graduated from law school, and built a very successful law firm before working for the White House. When he seemed to have reached his highest, God brought Colson lower than he could have ever imagined. That was when he truly became a useful man.

Colson wrote this in his book, *Loving God*:

"...all my achievements meant nothing in God's economy. No, the real legacy of my life was my biggest failure -- that I was an ex-convict. My greatest humiliation -- being sent to prison -- was the beginning of God's greatest use of my life ... only when I lost everything I thought made



Colson receiving the Presidential Citizens Medal in 2008

TIMOR DOMINI PRINCIPALIUM SCIENTIAE

MRS. OGLE

1st grade Phonics: "Ph" as in phrase, ed as t and d

1st grade Math: Measuring/drawing a line using centimeters, identifying geometric solids, and subtracting 8 facts

1st grade Grammar: Types of sentences (statement, question, and command)

2nd grade Phonics: Dividing words into syllables

2nd grade Math: Making change from \$1.00, finding the missing addend for a sum of 100, multiplying by 100 and 1,000

2nd grade Grammar: Writing a two-point Expository paragraph

2nd grade Latin: Chapter 30 "Playing Outdoors" and Review

Specials:

4th grade Art: Drawing advanced level houses

4th grade Music: "Upward Trail" (duet), and "Ode to Joy"

2/3rd grade Art: Using elements of shape to draw cartoon hands and feet

2/3rd Music: Review of notes on the treble clef, time signature, measures, double bar line, etc.

2nd/3rd/4th grade P. E.: Disc golf



MRS. HICKS

Math: Addition and subtraction facts, measurement and review (time, money and ordinal numbers).

Phonics: Reading, handwriting, digraphs (ch, sh, th, wh) and sight words.

Centers: Geoboards, copy-work, reading, wrap-ups.

Music (K/1st): 4th quarter composer Aaron Copland.

Art: We made shields in art this week. They loved having Mr. Johnston and the 4th grade visit to help them with heraldry and their very own coat-of-arms!

P.E. (K/1st): Review: Running, galloping, skipping, hopping, and jumping. Students reviewed and practiced skills through games and relay races.

Science: Plants: Seasonal plant change.

History: Early American explorers.

Verse: Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and other" which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

MR. JOHNSTON

3rd Writing: Improving sentences and punctuation.

3rd Reading: We continued reading the exciting mystery, *Detectives in Togas*. We completed chapter 8 this week.

4th Reading: This week we Continue reading the Newberry award winner *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*.

3rd Math: We reviewed long division, simplifying fractions, polygons, and PRIME NUMBERS!

4th Math: We continue dividing fractions by using the reciprocal, simplifying decimals,

3rd Latin: *LfC A* - Ch. 28— 1 st Conjugation verb *Eo*.

4th Latin: *LfC B* - Ch. 28—Imperatives

1st History: We looked at the good and the bad of the 1920's.

2nd/3rd Grade History: Davidic Kingdom

4th Grade History: Ulrich Zwingli

1st Science: Bird of the Month, Eastern Bluebird

2nd/3rd Science: Bird of the Month, Eastern Bluebird, Chemistry/Combustion



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Chuck Colson a great guy had I found the true self God intended me to be and the true purpose of my life. It is not what we do that matters, but what a sovereign God chooses to do through us. God doesn't want our success; He wants us. He doesn't demand our

achievements; He demands our obedience... Victory comes through defeat; healing through brokenness; finding self through losing self."

His words reflect the great irony of Christianity. His life reflected the great hope. Our lives can have meaning and will have meaning in Christ. May we

strive to realize this truth in our lives and pray that our children would too!

I have been very blessed by the works of Chuck Colson and would encourage you to take the time to visit his personal site **chuckcolson.org**. His life is a testimony of the mercy of God.

Peace and grace!

CHUCK COLSON ON CLASSICAL AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

During the last few decades, Mr. Colson spent much time promoting the idea that we must think like Christians as well as live like Christians. He considered his magnum opus to be his book entitled, *How Now Shall We Live?* It is a popular treatment of some philosophical issues applied to our daily lives and how they effect culture and society. In it, he mentions the very promising developments in Christian education, specifically the Classical and Christian school movement. Below are two links to hear what he has to say. The first is audio of a radio piece, while the second is a short video.

<http://www.oneplace.com/ministries/breakpoint/listen/classical-schools-back-to-a-better-education-218122.html>

<http://www.colsoncenter.org/twominutewarning/archive/entry/33/17560>