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Becoming World Changers for Christ



Pastor Schoeneck is working to provide chaplains at each ODA campus. Photo courtesy of Wayne Solum

When asked how he incorporates faith into his classroom, Tom Schoeneck said he does it by "continually drawing the students back to what the Bible teaches. You can't have a solid biblical worldview and not realize God has chosen us to be His light and salt in the world. No matter what your circumstances in life might be, where ever you are, and whatever you are doing, living in the power of the Holy Spirit makes you a witness to God's truth."

Along with pastoring Faith Evangelical Free Church in Round Rock, Pastor Schoeneck is partnering with One Day Academy to equip students to become world-

changers for Christ. Besides teaching his worldview classes, Pastor Schoeneck is actively involved in the Psalm 91 ministry that is designed to cover every staff member of One Day Academy in prayer. Also on the prayer front are chaplains who are available on some One Day campuses to provide students with the means to talk to a spiritual mentor for advice or prayer needs. More information can be found on the ODA website.

Pastor Schoeneck is responsible for giving students the opportunity to go on mission trips with other One Day students. He said, "This is the first year ODA is offering

mission trip experiences to students. Each trip offered will be led by someone from the ODA family. As of now, the possible trips are to the Republic of Moldova, two African countries, and Venezuela."

Emmanuel Hein, an ODA student and mission trip participant said, "Going on mission trips is the greatest thing I've done because I learned how to help people of various backgrounds and cultures. It changed my life."

Patriot Academy, held each summer at the Texas state capitol, is another ministry in which Pastor Schoeneck and ODA participate. Wallbuild-

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Sandra Gaiser Named Teacher of the Year



One Day Academy's Sandra Gaiser received the Teacher of the Year award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8200 (Liberty Hill) in November. The award honors teachers for instilling civic responsibility and inspiring student interest in history and patriotic traditions.

VFW officer Andy Mortenson said Mrs. Gaiser will receive a plaque and monetary award at the VFW Post Dec. 12.

Winners of the local VFW competition progress to the regional, state, and finally, national level.

Mrs. Gaiser teaches computer courses in ODA's business division.

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Coming in February:
Spelling Bee Results
Choosing Curriculum/Classes

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Sign up Now for Spelling Bee and Academic Fair

Registration is underway for the Spelling Bee and Academic Fair coming soon.

One Day Academy's competition for the Scripps National Spelling Bee is coming up on January 9, 2010 from 9 am to noon at Crestview Baptist Church, in the gym. Winning participants may qualify to go

to the regional competition for the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The event is open to students 13 years and younger; they must register now so they may receive the word study list and have time to prepare.

The One Day Academy Academic Fair, where students

compete for a chance to take their winning project to the regional competition, takes place on January 23, 2010 at the same location as the Bee.

Students will compete in either science or art and are matched up against students in their age level.

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Homeschool Handyman's Corner: Teaching Your Children Basic Homeowner Skills *This month: Keeping Christmas Lights Lit—GFCIs*



Outdoor Christmas lights can trip GFCIs in wet weather. Photo by Emily Peisker

Christmas is upon us and many families put up outdoor lights for decoration. This is expected to be a wet winter, so water on all those electric lights is likely. That means a high probability of tripping the special electrical device that protects your exterior power outlets.

Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are a big part of your life whether you are aware of them or not. They are

one of your best friends and the same time they can be one of the most aggravating devices in your home. A proper understanding of what GFCIs are and how to deal with them can be very useful for current and future homeowners, so share this with your kids.

GFCIs (sometimes shortened to GFI) have been required by the United States National Electrical Code for many years now, so you are almost certain

to have them in your home. All receptacles (power outlets) in areas where water is nearby must be protected by a GFCI. Specifically, receptacles for kitchen counters, bathrooms, garages, and outdoors are protected, along with a couple of other locations where there is a potential for water and electricity to mix. Water increases the likelihood of electric current causing harm to a person who accidentally contacts

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power plugged into an outlet, so protecting receptacles in these areas significantly improves safety.

GFCIs work by comparing the electric current in the two power wires of a receptacle. Any imbalance between the amperage in the two wires indicates some stray current leaking

to earth ground. If we assume that this stray current is flowing through a human body, by quickly disconnecting the power, a harmful electric shock can be avoided.

Here's where Christmas lights or other outdoor lighting become a nuisance in the rain. Water can collect in or around a

light socket or power plug and allow current to flow to earth through a wet path to ground. If this leakage current exceeds 5mA, the required GFCI for the outdoor receptacle should trip. Your holiday lights will switch off and perhaps some other things in your house as well. When an outdoor receptacle

trips because of leakage current, you have to figure out where to reset it. This can be very challenging because it is rarely obvious where the GFCI device is located unless you are plugged directly into one. The GFCI, whether in the breaker panel or in a power outlet, will always have a test and reset button. It would be a good idea to go around the house and identify the GFCI reset button for every outlet requiring one. That way you are prepared to quickly restore power when the time comes.

The best way to do this is to purchase a simple, inexpensive GFCI tester from a home improvement or hardware store. This is a good item to have since you should periodically check the operation of GFCIs

anyway. The test button on the GFCI is supposed to do this but I have seen receptacles apparently trip with the test button, yet still leave power on. Go around the house (outdoors, kitchen, baths, garage) and verify that the GFCI really shuts off power when you press the test button. This way, you will locate the GFCI device to reset the circuit, so you will know where it is in the future.

More information on GFCIs and troubleshooting can be found at my website below.

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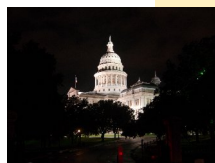
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**"Unless we motivate and equip the rising generation to take up the torch of freedom and carry it forward, it will become extinguished forever." - Patriot Academy
Photo by Susan Peisker**

ers and the Torch of Freedom Foundation sponsor Patriot Academy. On the vision page of their website, Patriot Academy explains their purpose: "President Ronald Reagan said, 'Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.' Unless we motivate and equip the rising generation to take up the torch of freedom and carry it forward, it will become extinguished forever. We desire to help students become agents of positive

change and to give them the tools they need to successfully engage in the political process."

Kristin Dulin, Director of Development for Mike Huckabee and former student of Patriot Academy said, "I grew up in a Christian family. I cared deeply about family issues and conservative causes, faithfully voting and supporting candidates who shared my values. Since I had no desire to run for office, I believed that this would forever be the extent of my involvement in politics. My perspective changed in the sum-

mer of 2007, when I attended Patriot Academy."

All of these are ministries which are open and available for ODA families. Pastor Schoeneck said, "The greatest joy is to teach students in each of their four years, then see them graduate and go into ministry."

*-Cassidy Woodall
Monthly staff*

For more information on these ministries, go to: <http://onedayacademy.com> and click on "Serving Him."

Spelling Bee/Academic Fair, from page 1

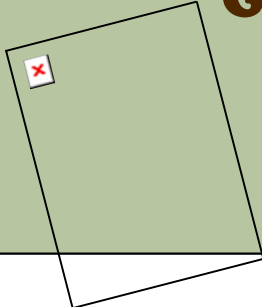
Competition preparation starts at 8:30 am. Then, from 9-10 am the judges will interview the presenters. Participants will be judged on many features in the science fair, from organization and neatness to facts and accuracy. The winner of the science fair will go on to the Austin Energy Science Festival in February.

"The fair gives students the

opportunity to compete against other students in their field of interest both regionally and later at the state level," said Cinda Lewis, ODA faculty member and Events Director.

For more information and to register, go to: <http://onedayacademy.com/event-calendar/academic-competitions>. You may contact Mrs. Lewis at: c.lewis@onedayacademy.com.

*-Justin Movalli
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Announcements

- Seniors! Sign up now for the **2010 One Day Academy graduation** to be held May 22 at Bannockburn Baptist Church. Contact Cinda Lewis at c.lewis@onedayacademy.com for more information.

- One Day Academy's local competition for the **Scripps National Spelling Bee is coming January 9**. Please be sure to register your student **NOW**. Look to the article on page one of this issue for information and a link to the ODA web page.

- Registration is under way for the **Academic Fair, coming January 23**. See the article on page one for more information.

- **Psalm 91 Ministry** offers an opportunity to pray for the ODA staff. Open to ODA families, friends, relatives, etc. Contact: t.schoeneck@onedayacademy.com

- Two of our campuses now have **youth pastors** available for a few hours each week to spend time with the students: Dripping Springs and Georgetown. Please contact David Swarbrick at 736-8823 or the pastors at the campuses to learn more.

- **Math tutors** are now available:

Monday, SW Capstone: 11-2; Tuesday, Lakeline: 12-3

Wednesday, Georgetown: 10-12; Bastrop: 9:30-11:30

Thursday, RR Capstone: 11:30-1:30; Friday, South Austin: 10-12

Stopping to Reflect on the Meaning of Christmas

In our world of Twitter, Facebook, and texting, it is easy to rush through the Christmas season and forget to take even a few minutes to think about a small baby, born in a quiet, warm, yet humble stable: the Son of God who came to earth for us.

Monthly staff writer Cassidy Woodall recently gathered some "Man on the Street" comments from students at the Round Rock Capstone One Day Academy campus. Grab a cup of something hot and take a few minutes to read what Christmas means to these students. May you have a blessed Christmas.

-Susan Peisker

"Christmas is about the love of God and spending time with the people you love."
-Jaime Olivas

"Christmas for me highlights the love of God and reminds me of the true price paid for our lives." -Kassi Kincaid

"It means Jesus' birth, a new start for everyone, a second chance." -Jon Lee

"Christmas means SNOW!!!" -Caitlin Maples

"Christmas means celebrating with family."
-Meagan Hurley

"Christmas is a time when people can give and show their affection to one another."
-Joshua Curtis

"Christmas is the day we celebrate Christ's birth—it means to give and spend time with family." -Emily Tasker

"Christmas means getting together with family, celebrating Christ's birth, and good memories." -Leighann Hurley

"Christmas means celebrating the birth of Christ and all the things He has done and is going to do." -Rebecca Garia

"Christmas means being with family and friends and celebrating the birth of Jesus more than 2,000 years ago." -Maverick Moses

"Christmas means cold weather, but warm feelings." -Kevin Gravis



What does Christmas mean to you? Take a few minutes to read what these students said. *Photo by Emily Peisker*