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A Model for Remodel



Bro. Javier Deleon,
Brian Smith, and
Rev. Ray Perez

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary year, Glad Tidings Christian Academy has accomplished a big remodeling project by adding a newly remodeled Upper Learning Center, Elementary Learning Center, and a new Kindergarten and First Grade Classroom. Rev. Ray Perez, who was Project Coordinator, said there were over twenty people at various times that took time out of their day to lend a helping hand to this month and a half long project. The first step in this process included tearing the walls out, which Brother Robert Rabagos, Rev. Ray Perez, and Brother Rey Ochoa took care of. Then Bro. Javier De Leon and his crew dry walled. Next, the paint crew, led by Sister

Sherry Smith, added the beautiful blue accent lines in the main hallway, classroom, and library. Brother Bryan Smith worked with Brother Javier Deleon, and Robert Rabagos to install the laminate flooring to add a real nice touch of class, pun intended! In addition to the classroom, Sister Perez received a newly remodeled office with carpeted flooring. Sister Bonnie was not left out,

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Going to the Chapel

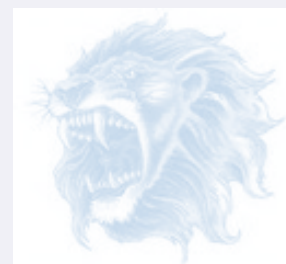
Our chapel services have been very exciting this year. How is it exciting you ask? Well, I'll tell you, Pastor Jacob Smith preached an amazing sermon about the "Three Hebrew Children". God kept them safe in the face of adversity. God was with them through the fire, and if you trust in him, he will walk you through your situation. Another sermon that was preached by Rev. Ray Perez was "Moses at the Red Sea". If it wasn't for the power of God, Moses would have never been able to lead the Israelites. God protects his children. If you trust in him, you will never be alone. We would also like to thank Bro. Joseph Bjorgaard, and Bro. Jonathan Cowger for coming by to preach as well. We also have a worship team, Bro and Sis Perez lead the Praise and Worship while Benjamin and Ayshia play piano and drums. God has blessed our school in many ways. This is our 10th year here at GTCA, and I believe God will continue to send his blessings on this school, and we will continue to have many more wonderful chapel services. -Story by: Benjamin Perez-



Chapel Service

T-CAL Varsity Basketball Schedule

10/11	Away Kingsville	SCR
10/25	Home Falfurrias	SCR
11/29	Home Annapolis	SCR
12/13	Away Falfurrias	DIST
1/10	Away Annapolis	DIST
1/24	Home Falfurrias	DIST
2/10	Home Annapolis	DIST



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Court is almost in Session



Basketball, Volleyball and Multipurpose court

The students of Glad Tidings Christian Academy have been patiently waiting to build a safe area to play basketball. Every student has a passion for basketball and now we can say that God has made that way possible for us to have a court on this, our 10th school year. It has been an eye-opening experience! We have watched as the Lord has brought in people and resources from unexpected places as a lesson for students to pray for the answer. There has been a lot of work that has been required to build a court. Every day during the P.E. hour, the older GTCA boys would follow the instructions of Rev. Ray Perez as he directs them in what to do to prepare the court. Even though it was a long process in the dry heat, it will be all worth it in the end. We are nearing completion and we want to thank Bro. Robert Rabagos, Rev. Ray Perez, and Bro. Brian Smith for their time and effort. If you would like to donate to the court cost contact Bro. Ray Perez or the school office at (361) 289-7770.

-Story by: Zackery Rabagos-

Scholarships Score Big

Glad Tidings Christian Academy has very exciting news for you! For the first time in 10 years GTCA has not one, but two scholarships. The first scholarship is the Al Willeford Memorial scholarship, (AWM Scholarship). On February 25, 2011, Bro. Al Willeford went to be with the Lord. We were blessed to have had Al Willeford as a member of Glad Tidings for over 25 years. Bro. Al was not only vital to the local community, but he was also vital to our church and school. Brother Al touched so many lives daily and he is continuing to touch people's lives today through the AWM Scholarship. We will always remember him for his big smile and his big heart. The AWM Scholarship has made it possible for Benjamin Perez to receive a full tuition scholarship. Daniel Garcia and John Mills were recipients of a partial tuition scholarship. Congratulations to these young men. The second scholarship is the T.E.A.M. Scholarship (Together Effectively Achieving Ministry). It was very exciting to see four students benefit from the T.E.A.M. scholarship. Now that we have these two scholarships, students who were not able to afford private school are now able to attend. I want to thank everyone for giving a donation toward these scholarships and helping out. May the Lord bless you for your giving. See our website for more information about when these scholarships are available at www.gtcaacademy.com



Mr. Al Willeford

-Story By: Izaac Rabagos-

Remodel (continued)

she now has a bigger library with computers and seating areas adding a comfortable space for testing. Then, Pastor Jacob Smith's office was converted into Sister Rabagos' new Elementary Learning Center. Last, but not least, we remodeled our old after care room into what is now Ms. Carranza's Kindergarten and First Grade classroom, complete with new tile work, thanks to Bro. Ochoa. The painting in her class was done by Pastor Jacob Smith and Sister Karen Teaford. Finally, GTCA would also like to thank all the men and women who prepared food, picked up hammers, carried boxes, set up library books, packed, unpacked, cleaned and then cleaned some more, we couldn't have done it without you. After all the remodeling was done we praised the Lord for a wonderful open house. All the church family were invited over, and we dedicated our new school building along with the school year. The Lord has been so good to us. We received many blessings, and there are many more to come.

-Story by: Ayshia Puente-

Boy's Varsity Basketball

At the very beginning of the school year a miracle was in the works when a man, Pastor Danny Isom met with Brother Ray Perez about forming a basketball team. Little did anyone know that a meeting several months before between the two would lead to a partnership to form the GTCA Lions Varsity Boys Basketball Team. He offered to come coach our basketball team and at the same time bring in six home school players to join our team. This then would make up our new Varsity Basketball Team. The Lord sure works in mysterious ways! If you are interested in finding out when our basketball team will be playing be sure and go to the GTCA website, www.gtcaacademy.com There you will be able to see our team's upcoming events on the "Athletic News" Tab. Story by Daniel Garcia

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ELC News

In Sister Alice Rabagos class, they have learned and discussed the class rules and the procedure of the ACE Program. This includes scoring, raising the flags, and proper behavior. Students have been working with their PACE's in the different subject areas. Mrs. Rabagos stated "I am pleased that all students completed a set of PACE's by the end of the 3rd week, and learned the scripture verse Psalm 51:1-13. We are also excited as reading, math, and language strategies have been implemented to supplement the A.C.E. Curriculum. "It is a rewarding experience working with all the students in the Elementary Learning Center", Mrs. Rabagos stated. "Each of my students have been a joy to teach, and I look forward to their accomplishments and success." The Elementary Learning Center is also off to a great start with the help of Sister Karen Teaford coming in weekly to assist Sister Rabagos. We thank her for taking the time to teach these children. We look forward to seeing all of the students accomplish great things. -Story By: Cindy Jimenez-

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Meet our newest Staff Member

GTCA is proud to welcome Mrs. Angelica Carranza to GTCA as our new Kindergarten teacher! Mrs. Carranza and the GTCA staff beautifully decorated the new classroom and it has a cozy feel to it. She is Teaching her classroom phonics, one digit addition problems, and poetry. The students are reading sentences, and are impressively mastering the skill. If a student completes their work for the week, they are rewarded by getting extra privileges such as, getting a star or a special toy. The students enjoy a variety of learning centers such as computer, library, art, science, and manipulatives. They also have a meeting board where Mrs. Carranza reinforces a variety of skills. Last but not least Mrs. Carranza says " I love and enjoy teaching these wonderful children daily."



Angelica Carranza

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by: Hope Vasquez

The Tail Page

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T.E.A.M Scholarship

It is the belief of G.T.C.A. that providing a quality education is a team effort. T.E.A.M. means, Together Effectively Achieving Ministry. If you would like to help a young person attend Glad Tidings Christian Academy by supplying full / partial monthly tuition or a onetime gift, please prayerfully fill out the attached scholarship form and return it to the church office or offering plate. Your donation is tax deductible and you will receive a record of your stewardship giving at the end of the year. Your gift to Glad Tidings Christian Academy is more important than you might realize. By empowering a child this year, you will bless that child for years to come. Please contact Cynthia Perez at 361-289-7770.

Box Tops

GTCA is collecting Box Tops for education! We will have a collection box at the Back table of the sanctuary to drop your box tops in. Parents send them with your child!

GTCA would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their sponsorship of the GTCA Lions Varsity Boys Basketball Team.

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Call Nancy Ryals 361-563-5869

Know your Bible

On a baking hot first day of school, Bro. Jacob happily marched into the classroom with excitement and announced a scripture memorization challenge. The students were full of excitement. He also announced a special prize for the first student to quote Psalm 51: 1-13. This made the students even more excited. During the first day of the challenge, many students tried quoting the scripture, while others took their time and tackled a few verses at a time. On the second day of the challenge one student was ready to quote the scripture for the month to his supervisor. He quoted the scripture on his first try and received these prizes 2 yoo-hoos (the best chocolate milk you will ever drink), an orange flavored coke, a bag of cookies, 4 Recess Peanut Butter Cups, and a beef jerky link. That's a prize a young man would want! He was very happy to be the first to quote the scripture but also learned many things, from it, and that person was me, John Mills! Story by: John Mills

In the Lion's Domain

This year we have been blessed with visitors in the classroom. Brother Thomas Wilson and Pastor Jacob Smith, and Brother Ray Perez have spent some time in the classroom answering flags and quizzing students. We appreciate their hard work in all they do. The students at GTCA love the new larger and more comfortable class room. Not only do we have a new room, but new offices, and rolling chairs. To keep our facility in nice shape, each student is assigned a duty. For example the duties are washing dishes, microwaving food, classroom sweeping, kitchen trash, bathroom duties, wiping counters in kitchen, ect. Sister Perez says it's to build character! The students are pumped up for all the new upcoming events, Volleyball, Basketball, and Turkey Fundraiser. Keep an eye on our website for future updates, www.gtcacademy.com. Thank you Sister Perez, and Glad Tidings Church! Story by: Melody Casares

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The Rabagos Family

The Price Family



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