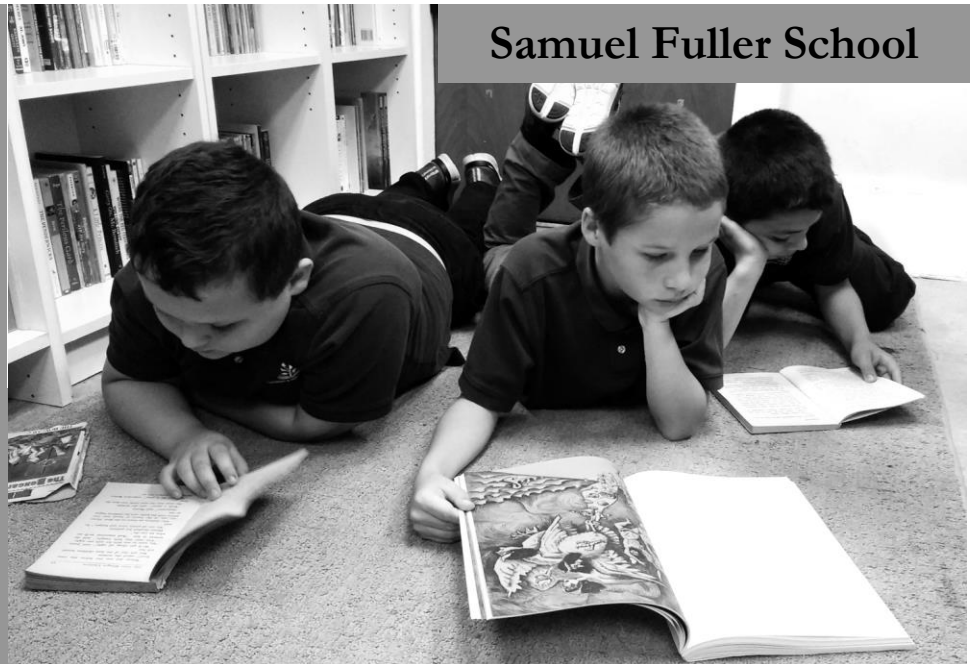




Sapientia et Scientia

*"...Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."
Colossians 2:2b-3*

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Tuesday Tidings

Upcoming Events:

Jan 20 –

**Family Activity Night
6 PM**

Jan 22 – Mid-Term 2

**Jan 26 – Professional Day
– No School**

Jan 31 – Open House

**Feb 15 –Dinner Theater K-
2nd grades presenting
“The Tale of Tom
Kitter”**

Feb 16 – City State Day

**Feb 19-23 – Winter
Vacation**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. – Ephesians 2:4-6

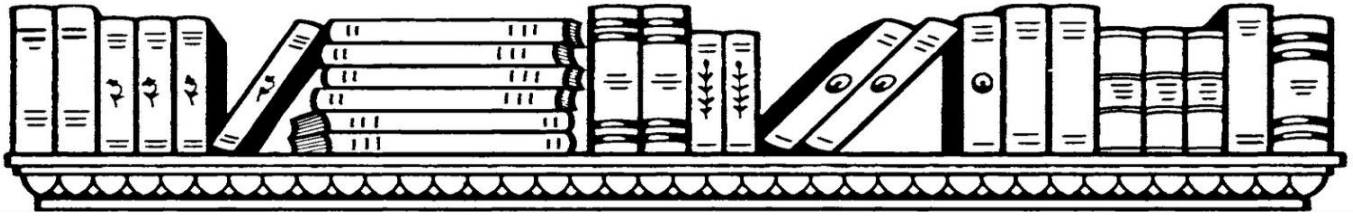
The decisive act of God in conversion is that he “made us alive together with Christ” even when “we were dead in our trespasses.” In other words, we were dead to God. We were unresponsive; we had no true spiritual taste or interest; we had no spiritual eyes for the beauties of Christ; we were simply dead to all that ultimately matters.

Then God acted — unconditionally — before we could do anything to be fit vessels of his presence. He made us alive. He sovereignly awakened us from the sleep of spiritual death, to see the glory of Christ (II Cor. 4:4). The spiritual senses that were dead, miraculously came to life. Ephesians 2:4 says that this was an act of “mercy.” That is, God saw us in our deadness and pitied us. God saw the terrible wages of sin leading to eternal death and misery. “God, being *rich in mercy* . . . made us alive.” And the riches of his mercy overflowed to us in our need. But what is so remarkable about this text is that Paul breaks the flow of his own sentence in order to insert, “by grace you have been saved.” “God . . . made us alive together with Christ — *by grace you have been saved* — and raised us up with him.”

Paul is going to say this again in verse 8. So why does he break the flow of his own sentence in order to add it here? What’s more, the focus is on God’s *mercy* responding to our miserable plight of deadness; so why does Paul go out of his way to say that it is also by *grace* that we are saved? I think the answer is that Paul recognizes that here is a perfect opportunity to emphasize the *freeness* of grace. As he describes our dead condition before conversion, he realizes that dead people can’t meet conditions. If they are to live, there must be a totally unconditional and utterly *free* act of God to save them. This freedom is the very heart of grace.

What act could be more one-sidedly free and non-negotiated than one person raising another from the dead! This is the meaning of grace.

-devotional excerpted from *Future Grace* by John Piper



Announcements and News

FAMILY NIGHT

All are invited to a night out for some family fun with your SFS family. Compete in family City State competition to win points (and honor) for your kids' City State teams. Enjoy pizza and salad inside and hot chocolate and cider outside around the fire. (If you can chip in \$5 per person for food that would be great.) We hope to see you all there and look forward to fellowshiping with you!

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS TEAM SPIRIT DAY

To celebrate the continued success of NE Patriots, students may come to school this Friday, January 19, dressed in Patriots fan gear or team colors.

TAEKWONDO CLUB

The Korean martial art of Taekwondo has become a dynamic and popular sport that focuses on blocks, punches, and especially kicks. During this 6-week club, students will learn the basic blocks and strikes of Taekwondo, memorize movement patterns called "forms," and just have a great workout! The Taekwondo club will be open to students 4th grade and up and will cost \$20 per student. Our first class will be Thursday, Jan. 18 from 3:00 to 4:15pm. Students should bring a pair of gym clothes to change into. Interested parents can sign up by contacting Mr. Davenport or Mrs. Rivers.

PROMOTING SFS

Our first Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, and enrollment for next school year is now open. We have had several parent volunteers visit area churches in December asking them to promote our school, and we are planning to mail out posters and brochures to other churches on our distribution list. We are looking for parent volunteers willing to distribute Open House posters and brochures to area libraries and businesses. There are also a few local businesses that are willing to set up table displays for the school, and we are looking for parents willing to set up one or more of those displays. Please let Alia know if you are willing to help out in any of these areas.

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES

Looking toward some of our upcoming events, there will be several changes to our school calendar. Please mark these changes on your calendars accordingly. We apologize for any inconvenience these changes might cause.

- March 1 will **not** be a half-day because we have had to move the date of our annual banquet.
- March 15 is the new date for the SFS banquet. Details about this exciting event are coming soon. This means the Parent/Teacher Conferences will be moved to a new date.
- March 22 is the new date for Parent/Teacher Conferences, and this day will be changed to a half-day of school.
- We are looking at a date at the end of April or the beginning of May for our 3rd-5th grade musical. We hope to have an exact date available by next week.
- May 17-18 are the confirmed dates for our 6th-8th grade musical.