



*Sapientia et Scientia*

## Samuel Fuller School

“...Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Colossians 2:2b-3



## *Monday Missive*

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Today's faculty devotional was a good reminder that God does not need our service, but we need his help.

### **Don't Serve God**

devotional by John Piper

*The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. -2 Chronicles 16:9*

### **Upcoming Events**

**May 8 –**

**3-4:15pm: Extra Practice for Captain Blood's Crew**

**May 9 –**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Field Trip to Concord and Lexington**

**May 10 –**

**3-4:30pm: 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Musical Extra Practice – All Cast**

**May 15 –**

**3-4pm: 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Dress Rehearsal – All Cast**

What is God looking for in the world? Assistants? No. The gospel is not a “help wanted” sign. Neither is the call to Christian service.

God is not looking for people to work for him. “The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him” (2 Chronicles 16:9). He's the great worker. He's the one with broad, burden-bearing shoulders. He's the strong one. And he is looking for ways to show it. This is what differentiates God from the so-called gods of the world: he works for us. Isaiah 64:4, “From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you [in other words this is his uniqueness], who acts for those who wait for him.”

What does God want from us? Not what we might expect. He rebukes Israel for bringing him so many sacrifices: “I will not accept a bull from your house. . . . For every beast of the forest is mine. . . . If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine” (Psalm 50:9–10, 12).

But isn't there something we can give to God that won't belittle him to the status of beneficiary?

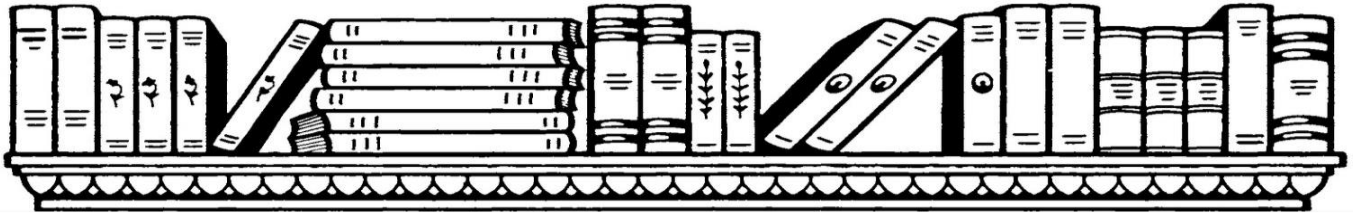
Yes. Our anxieties. Our needs. Our cries for power to do his will.

It's a command: “[Cast] all your anxieties on him” (1 Peter 5:7). God will gladly receive anything from us that shows our dependence and his all-sufficiency.

Christianity is fundamentally convalescence. Patients do not serve their physicians. They trust them for good prescriptions and therapy. The Sermon on the Mount is our Doctor's therapeutic regimen, not our Employer's job description.

Our very lives hang on not working for God. “To the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness” (Romans 4:4–5).

Workmen get no gifts. They get their due. Their wage. If we would have the gift of justification, we dare not work for it. God is the workman in this affair. And what he gets is the glory of being the benefactor of grace, not the beneficiary of service.



## Announcements and News

### 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> FIELD TRIP

We are looking forward to our field trip on **Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** where the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will visit the Concord and Lexington Revolutionary War sites, and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will visit Walden pond. If you have not filled out your child's **permission slip**, please sign and return it by tomorrow.

### 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> SPRNG MUSICAL AND AFTERSCHOOL PRACTICES

Our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Spring Musical is only two weeks away! There will be two evenings performances – **May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. We are looking forward to this rollicking pirate performance!

**Parents of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students**, please make sure to check the calendar sent out last week to see if your child has afterschool practice.

### COSTUMES FOR 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> MUSICAL

Costumes for *A Pirate Life for Me* were due today. If your child does not yet have his costume, please assemble it as soon as possible and bring it to school. Mrs. Rivers has hung out some costume items in the school entryway, so feel free to borrow one of these items if needed.

### CHURCH CLEANUP

A building cleanup day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8AM**. After this long winter of storms, the building and grounds could use some spring cleaning. If you can, please come for all or part of the day, and bring any garden implements you have. Many hands make light work!

### UNIFORM POLICY

We're sure many of you have heard talk of the new uniform policy that we will be implementing for next year. The official policy will be sent out this week along with information about a group order discount order.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

Do you have friends who like to golf? Do you know a business that would be willing to donate raffle items or be a sponsor? Please tell them about our annual golf tournament coming up in June 2018! Let Mrs. Rivers know if you would like flyers or a sponsor letter to hand out. This event is so key to the financial health of our school.



