



THE HEADLINER

Heritage Christian High School

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Natural Disasters... Signs of the End Times?

By: Joanna De Jong

In the past couple of years around the world there have been many natural disasters. First was the tsunami which hit India and the islands around it, and then just a few weeks ago Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita wrecked havoc in cities in our own country. In these works of God we are able to see God's majesty and power. God uses these storms to show us His glory, and we must take heed to the signs that He sets before us using natural disasters.

On Wednesday, September 28, 2005, Rev. Nathan Brummel spoke to us in chapel on the first part of Revelation 16 where the angels pour out vials of wrath upon the earth. He also talked about a question that is in the air around us. That question is, "Why are all these things happening?" Many people just blame natural disasters on fate, but no one wants to admit that they are all an act of God! God tells us in His Word that at the end of time He will pour out His wrath. In these storms, that cause so much damage and distress around the world, we see the mighty hand of God pouring out His wrath upon the wicked world.

We as Christians must be ready for the end of the world and must understand what these signs mean. We must be ready for great persecution and must be ready spiritually. In the Parable of the 10 Virgins there were 5 virgins who were not prepared for the coming of the Bridegroom. The elect children of God must not be like these virgins! We must not forget our "oil"! All Christians must be ready spiritually for the return of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAN Test

Sophomores will be taking the PLAN test on Tuesday, October 11. Since this test will take all morning, classes will be rearranged for all students to accommodate for this test.

Teacher's Convention

Due to the PRTI Convention at Heritage Christian in Hudsonville, HCHS will have a half-day of school on Weds. Oct. 19. No classes will be held on Thurs. Oct. 20, and Fri. Oct. 21.

2004-2005 Yearbooks

Distribution and Sale

Yearbooks have been distributed to all patrons and advertisers. If you were a patron or advertiser, and you did not receive your book, or if you would like to purchase a book, please contact Mrs. Valerie DeKok or one of the secretaries at school. We have a limited number of books available for sale for \$25 each.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held November 3 and 7 in the evening. Parents, if you have a preferred date and time, please leave a message with the office soon.

PSAT/NMSQT

Juniors planning to go to college are encouraged to take the PSAT on Saturday, October 15 at school. Interested students should sign up with Mr. Vermeer with \$12 for the cost of the test. Anyone with questions about the test should also talk to Mr. Vermeer.

John Wesley and Methodism

By Brittany Kooiker

In Church History the freshmen and sophomores are learning about the time period from 1517 till today. Our current unit studies different religious movements during the Age of Reason and Revival (1648-1789). This age stressed that faith served reason, it placed authority on man, and the basic concern was on this present life. We have learned about the Deist, Jansenist, Pietist, and Methodist movements, of which Methodist is probably most known. John Wesley started Methodism. Who was he? And what is Methodism?

At the time of John Wesley (1703-1791) the church in England was in dark times. The ministers were dry, and lazy; the people did not live Christian lives. The church was stuck in dead orthodoxy. This was the church world that John Wesley sought to reform.

Methodism had its beginnings at Oxford University where Wesley led a group of students in a club called the "Holy Club". Mockers of this club called them Methodists because of their study method and regular mode of life. This name stuck. The goal of this club was to realize the ideal of a consecrated Christian life. Wesley believed that the goal of the Christian life was perfection. He said the Christian could reach a point of perfection after which he could sin no more.

Wesley was energetic, zealous, and very organized. His followers were divided into classes, and the leaders of each class were responsible to collect the dues from the members. Through sensational preaching and

good organization, the Methodist movement prospered. Wesley said the world was his parish. He practiced preaching in the open fields and appointed lay preachers. These practices were unorthodox in his day. Wesley was also an Arminian who left salvation up to man. He did not believe in predestination and felt it stifled the call to repentance and conversion.

John Wesley was reluctant to break off from the Anglican Church, but the Anglican Church closed the doors on him and his reforms. The Methodist Church was formed, and today there are at least seventeen different denominations of Methodist Churches in the US. and Canada alone.

Although John Wesley was zealous in his beliefs, we strongly disagree with his teachings. Wesley stressed an instantaneous conversion, but we believe the Holy Spirit converts us everyday. Wesley allowed unordained men to preach; we require educated ministers who have gone to seminary, where they were prepared for the important calling of the ministry. Wesley's form of Arminianism is also wrong, for God clearly proves in the Bible the truth of predestination. Romans 9:13: "As is it written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated," shows election and reprobation.

Christians must diligently study the truth of God's Word so that they may be able to refute the seemingly good and sincere beliefs of the world around them.

Hot Lunch Schedule

Oct. 12	BBQ	1.25	Oct. 26	Tacos	1.25	Nov. 2	Spaghetti	2.25
	Chips	.50		Pop	.75		w/ bread	
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