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All dates are tentative and subject to cancellation or postponement.

BCSO Annual Business Mtg
December 1
Mansfield

AACS Creative Writing Contest Deadline
December 11

BCSO Jr./Sr. High Fine Arts Registration Deadline
January 2

AACS National LEAD Conference
February 7-8
Chattanooga, TN

A full, downloadable 2-year calendar of events is available on our website.

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Stressing the Need for BCSO

Highlighting work being done behind the scenes

Keith Hamblen, BCSO Executive Director

Perhaps the biggest contribution made by BCSO is the maintaining of relationships with our civil government officials. Christians are aware that we are to “pray for those in authority”—but as we are to do more than pray for people to be saved (we talk with them), we also talk directly and develop knowledgeable relationships with our magistrates! David became friends with the king’s son (Jonathon) which paid off when he was in trouble with the government!

On the state level, humanly speaking there would be no 08 (non-chartered, non-tax supported) schools as we know them apart from BCSO’s staying at the table. BCSO was used by God to encourage the passing of tuition tax credits and the Scholarship Granting

Organization (SGO) program, which allows funding of students in non-chartered schools by redirecting individuals’ first \$750 state income tax to students enrolled in 08 schools! PLEASE KEEP SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL SGO PROGRAM! (It takes time for people to change gears, even when it is of great personal benefit to them or their family and friends!)

The SAFE Act was introduced in the Ohio House by Pastor/Representative Gary Click. (It is numbered House Bill 454 and was assigned to the House Committee on Families, Aging, and

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“If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and instill into them just principles, we are then engraving that upon tablets which no time will efface, but will brighten and brighten to all eternity.”

~ Daniel Webster

Getting the most out of your BCSO membership

Benefits of membership are numerous; Commit to be an integral part of BCSO

By Jeremy Bickelhaupt, Editor, *Building & Battling*

When a school enrolls and joins the membership of the BCSO, it instantly receives credibility as an exceptional, Christian educational institution.

Parents and community members who research what BCSO is all about will find that our organization aids schools by developing their students through spiritual, academic, and athletic events at both the state and national levels. This is the *building* aspect of the BCSO that cannot be undervalued.

The other aspect of BCSO is *battling*. BCSO leadership meets with state legislators and department leaders, forming working relationships in order to advance Christian education initiatives in Ohio. Nationally, the

American Association of Christian Schools—of which all BCSO schools are members—assists schools and local churches by regularly communicating legal counsel and updates on national legislation that affects our institutions.

Of course, these benefits are only available because of God’s grace and His leading of dedicated individuals to run and organize the BCSO and all of its moving parts. We are thankful for all those who are at the table helping to make BCSO the best it can be. So much goes on behind the scenes, and your help is needed to continue the excellence that is the BCSO. We encourage every member school to attend board meetings when offered and to get involved in as many events as possible throughout the year.

BCSO well-represented at regional educators’ convention

By Jeremy Bickelhaupt, Editor, *Building & Battling*

Many BCSO schools attended the 2022 Great Lakes Christian Educators’ Convention (GLCEC) held Oct. 29-30 in Kalamazoo, MI.

This two-day regional convention is held every three years and receives Christian school educators from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. Over 1,000 individuals registered and attended the event.

Each day began and ended with challenges by the featured speakers, Evangelist Scott Pauley and Pastor

Jeff Redlin. Perhaps one of the most memorable challenges came at the conclusion of the first day, when Pauley challenged educators with a message entitled, “The Secrets of

Bible Meditation,” referencing Psalms 119:97-104.

He spoke of the the *depth* of meditation. It should be heart-level deep because we love it! “*O how love I thy law!*” (Vs. 97). When we allow God’s Word to penetrate to the heart, we will love it.

He spoke of the *length* of meditation: “*all the day*” (vs. 97). Meditating on Scripture is not just thinking about it while you read it or hear it. It should happen all day long—every waking moment.

He spoke of the *breadth* of meditation and how it will guard us on every side (vs. 101).

He spoke of the *height* of meditation. Pauley said that “it lifts you to God.” (vs. 98-101). It makes us wiser and more understanding of God’s ways. Proper Scripture meditation elevates us above man’s wisdom.

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Evangelist Scott Pauley challenges GLCEC attendees in Kalamazoo on Oct. 29.

The *Building & Battling* newsletter is a quarterly publication of the Buckeye Christian School Organization. Its purpose is to disseminate information pertinent to our member schools in efforts to “build” a good work, as well as to serve as a tool for “battling” the secular worldview that our culture impresses upon our students. Articles may be submitted for publication, but they will be subject to editing and approval. All submissions can be sent in MS Word (.doc) or PDF format to: keithhamblen@gmail.com

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This scriptural challenge, along with Pastor Redlin's, was much needed and well-received.

Both days were filled with workshops conducted by some of the best and brightest minds in Christian education. Many of those who presented workshops represented Bible colleges from around the country. Others were conducted by Christian school administrators, principals, and teachers—including some from BCSO schools. Each session gave valuable insight in the areas administration, classroom instruction, and office administration to name a few.

Between sessions, attendees were able to visit over fifty different vendors who were there to promote their services and educational products.

The importance of BCSO schools attending this event cannot be understated. This convention sharpens tools and revives the spirit of Christian educators. Mr. Rick



Joshua Bix, principal of Pensacola Christian Academy (Pensacola, FL), presents to a full room a workshop on building a unified staff.

Ash well-represented BCSO in the planning for this convention. We thank him, along with the Michigan Association of Christian Schools, under the leadership of Dr. Tim Schmig and Dr. Doug Jackson, for organizing such a large-scale event. We also thank Linda DeGroot of the Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools for assisting in the registration process and organizing the event workshops.



EVENT update:

Soccer/Volleyball Tournament

Results from October 28-29

Varsity Boys Soccer

1st place - Wayside Christian School (Bucyrus)
2nd place - Fayette Christian School
3rd place - Temple Christian School (Dayton)
Sportsmanship - Wayside & Fayette

All-Tournament Soccer Team

Gideon Harner (TCA-Fremont)
Brendyn Ash (TCA-Fremont)
Carter Blankenship (TCS-Dayton)
Arnold Mugisha (TCS-Dayton)
Gage McDaniel (FCS)
Nate Crichton (FCS)
Brady Bumpus (FCS)
Tournament MVP: Kalab Bauman (FCS)

JH Girls Volleyball

1st place - Fayette Christian School
2nd place - Temple Christian School (Dayton)
3rd place - Temple Christian Academy (Fremont)
Sportsmanship - Temple Christian Academy (Fremont)

Varsity Girls Volleyball

1st place - Temple Christian School (Dayton)
2nd place - Fayette Christian School
3rd place - Bethel Baptist School
Sportsmanship - Bethel Baptist School

All-Tournament Volleyball Team

Sophia Linder (LCCA)
Julee Shihady (BBS)
Ryleigh Tooill (FCS)
Letisha Kneep (FCS)
Emma Goodman (TCS-Dayton)
Marah Goodman (TCS-Dayton)
Tournament MVP: Anna Davidson (TCS-Dayton)



A special 'thanks' to Pastor Tony Garren and Pastor Rick Melvin for serving as tournament directors. We also thank Fayette Christian School for hosting this tournament. We look forward to the BCSO basketball tournament hosted by Temple Christian School (Dayton) in February.



Human Services on 10/26/21—a year ago!) This bill “prohibits specified medical healthcare professionals from providing gender transition procedures to minors and from referring minors to a medical doctor for those procedures”; it “prohibits health care services provided by or in a state, county, or local facility or by a physician employed by the state or other state employee from including gender transition procedures for minors.” Nations are judged for “legalized immorality,” and we intend to do what God enables us to do so that “mischief is not framed by a law” (Psa 94:20).

On the national level, the Biden administration illegally is issuing directives without going through the constitutional processes—for example, redefining “sex” in government regulations (heavy penalties for noncompliance) and transferring college debt. BCSO along with AACCS is pushing back against these corruptions.

Thank you for “being at the table” through prayer, being formally part of BCSO, and/or participating in Board and other activities!

2022-2023 BCSO Member Schools

As of October 31, 2022, nineteen schools have registered for membership with the Buckeye Christian School Organization for 2022-2023. Our total enrollment (students & faculty) last year was 1,549, and **this year it is 1,708!** Below is a list of member schools. This updated list has also been uploaded to our website at www.bcsoschools.org. Please visit the site for additional information regarding each member school listed.

School	City	Administrative Contact
Belpre Christian Academy	Belpre	Eric Fullerton
Bethel Baptist School	West Carrollton	Andrea Shihady
Carroll County Christian Academy	Carrollton	Dave Powell
Chili Crossroads Christian School	Fresno	Neal Dearyan
Cozaddale Baptist Academy	Goshen	Paul Price
Fayette Christian School	Washington Court House	Rick Melvin
Franklin Furnace Christian Academy	Franklin Furnace	Dennis Hankins
Heritage Christian School	Brooklyn	Luke Brown
High Street Christian Academy	Columbus	Chad Mainous
Licking County Christian Academy	Heath	Joshua Lynn
Lima Christian Academy	Lima	Keith Hamblen
Ottawa County Christian Academy	Oak Harbor	Jeremy Bickelhaupt
Temple Christian Academy	Fremont	Rick Ash
Temple Christian Academy	Howard	Kris Brandenburg
Temple Christian School	Mansfield	Jessica Day
Temple Christian School	Dayton	Jerry Siler
Victory Christian School	Urbana	Levi Armacost
Wayside Christian School	Bucyrus	Donald Helman
Zanesville Christian School	Zanesville	Paul Shaver