

# Faith Christian School PreK-12

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### ACT Aspire Data

As most of you know, we have changed from the Terra Nova to the ACT Aspire as our primary instrument for determining the academic progress and needs of our individual students and our school as a whole. We feel the Aspire will provide us with needed benchmarks to determine the progress of our students

When making a change such as this one, a fluctuation in performance is to be expected as everyone adjusts to a new format. While we are satisfied with our performance, we are confident of further growth as we continue to assess and strengthen our curriculum. Below you will find a comparison of the scores of FCS with those of area schools at the third and eighth grade levels. Our students' performance is shown relative to other systems in our area. For example, 81% of our eighth grade students benchmarked in reading, which means they meet or exceed the level of proficiency required to score as "college ready" on the ACT. This is compared to 29% of eighth grade students statewide and 44% of Oxford eighth grade students who scored at this same level of proficiency.

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ACT Aspire Comparison		
Third Grade		
	Reading	Math
Faith Christian	69%	76%
Alabama	54%	35%
Calhoun County	35%	62%
Anniston City	15%	8%
Jacksonville City	43%	29%
Oxford City	41%	72%
Piedmont City	31%	63%

ACT Aspire Comparison		
Eighth Grade		
	Reading	Math
Faith Christian	81%	48%
Alabama	29%	27%
Calhoun County	45%	21%
Anniston City	30%	8%
Jacksonville City	48%	30%
Oxford City	44%	34%
Piedmont City	37%	18%

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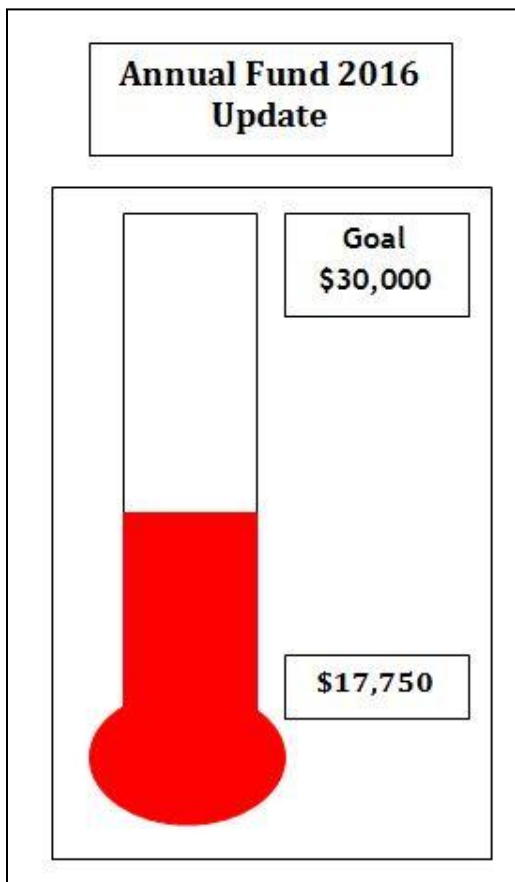
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## Annual Fund Lagging

Our annual fund goal is \$30,000. The achievement of this goal will allow us to complete two projects: air conditioning The Commons and the installation of electronic door locks throughout campus.

After a big start before the holidays, donations to our fund have slowed. At this time our total stands at \$17,750.

Air conditioning The Commons will mean that we can use this facility year-round for athletics, receptions, and other activities. The electronic door lock system will provide a greater level of protection for the threat of an intruder and help us achieve a level of security unequaled among most private schools and many public schools.

While an armed intruder is a remote possibility, a more common problem often faced by schools is an unwelcome visitor on campus who may interrupt instruction and cause problems, such as a parent or grandparent without custodial rights.

## Nicole Denny Named Homecoming Queen 2016

Congratulations to the Faith Christian School 2016 Homecoming Queen **Miss Nicole Denney** and her Court! Members of the Homecoming Court included **Precious Kufamarimai, Abby Kazanjian, Emma Cardin, Nicole Denney, Hannah Reynolds, Madison Stephens, and Sydney Parker**. Nicole was crowned by **Miss Brittany McDade**, Homecoming Queen for 2015 and presently a freshman at the University of Mobile. Following the presentation, a reception was held in The Commons for members of the Homecoming Court, their friends, and their families. Both basketball teams finished the night in style by defeating Donoho handily! The girls opened up with a 52-48 win and the boys closed out the night with a 48-28 victory.



Nicole is crowned and presented with a bouquet of roses by the 2015 Homecoming Queen Miss Brittany McDade as her father and escort Mr. Jim Denney looks on.

## Boys' Victorious in County

The varsity boys' basketball team defeated Wellborn 58-54 in the first round of the Calhoun County Tournament. **Caleb McCord** led all scorers with 15 points, followed by **Jordan Griswold** and **Alex Taylor** with 13, and **Jack Sills** with 12.

Their loss in the second round may have been even more impressive, as they gave Class 6A Oxford as much as they could handle before falling by 64 to 44. The game was much closer than the final score indicated as the Lions kept the lead within single digits for much of the game. **Caleb McCord** was recognized as a member of the All Tournament team. This also was our first player elected to the All County Tournament Team since 2010.

The boys' team has a record of 13-8 as they close in on the end of the regular season.



Caleb McCord leads team out at Blackout

## Coffeehouse Poetry 2016

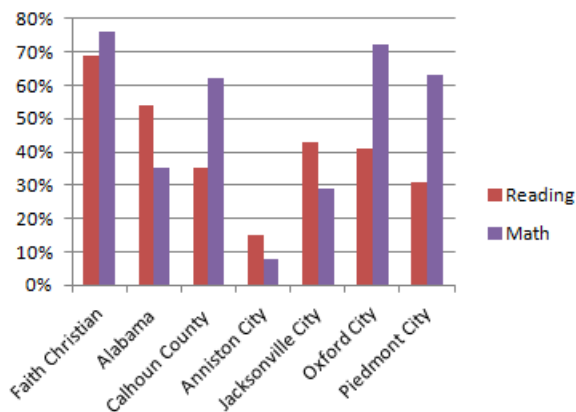
The Second Grade Coffeehouse Poetry Reading was a huge success! Parents, students, teachers, and friends gathered in "the coffeehouse" to enjoy a little "java and jive" as the students read their creative works from the past unit on poetry. Great job students and teachers!

Second grade students include **Bryce Allen, Lexi Anderson, Zayden Bentley, Charlie Breeden, Olivia Collins, Chloe Crocker, Dax Denton, Cruz Hadley, Haley Hartwell, AnnaKate Hopper, Alex Jones-Morris, Tashy Jourdan, James McDade, Kaqitlin McLeod, Cade Miller, Sydney Miller, Annie Minish, Hanner Moore, Chelsea Newton, Gavin Patten, Parker Robertson, Sadie Robertson, Cameron Rogers, Miles Sawyer, Kash Sharma, Emery Smith, Jasmine Strckland, Jack Tant, Quinn Weaver, Regan Webb, and Allyson White.**

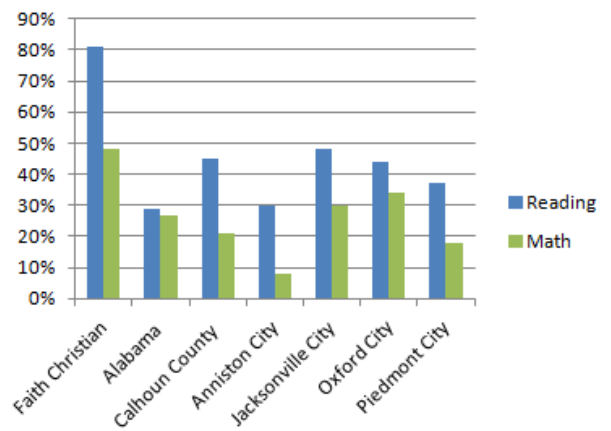


Cool Cats in the Second Grade!

## ACT Aspire Comparisons



3rd Grade



8th Grade

## February Calendar

Date	Event	Time
2/1/16	Moms In Touch	8:00 a.m.
2/2/16	Varsity Basketball vs. Ohatchee	5:00 p.m.
2/3/16	Spring Pictures/ Class Groups	
2/4/16	Basketball vs. Spring Garden	5:00 p.m.
2/5/16	Elementary Sword Drill	8:00 a.m.
	Varsity Basketball vs. Wellborn (Senior Night)	5:00 p.m.
2/6/16	Faith Youth Basketball	9:00 a.m.
2/8/16	Girls Area Basketball Tournament at FCS	
2/9/16	Boys Area Basketball Tournament at Sacred Heart	
2/10/16	Girls Area Basketball Tournament at FCS	
2/11/16	Boys Area Basketball Tournament at Sacred Heart	
	Progress Reports Issued	
	High School Chapel	9:00 a.m.
<b>2/12/16</b>	<b>Grandparents' Day</b>	
	Girls Area Basketball Tournament at FCS	
2/13/16	Faith Youth Basketball	9:00 a.m.
	Baseball/Softball Workday	
	Boys Area Basketball Tournament	
2/15/16	Presidents' Day-School Closed	
	Girls Sub Regional Basketball	
2/16/16	Boys Sub Regional Basketball	
	JV Softball at Pleasant Valley	
2/17/16	Second Grade Field Trip	
	Regional Basketball at JSU	
2/19/16	Elementary Chapel	8:00 a.m.
2/20/16	Science Olympiad at JHS	
	Baseball at Gaylesville (2)	11:00 a.m.
2/22/16	Moms in Touch	8:00 a.m.
2/23/16	Baseball at Winterboro	3:00 p.m.
	JV Softball vs. Pleasant Valley	4:00 p.m.
2/25/16	AVA Solo and Ensemble	
	Soccer at Temple, GA	7:30 p.m. (EST)
	JV Soccer at Talladega	5:00 p.m.
	Tennis at Westbrook	
2/26-27/16	Softball Tournament at Oxford Lake	
2/28/16	Moms In Touch	8:00 a.m.
	Fall/Winter Sports Banquet	6:00 p.m.

Faith Christian School (FCS) is a ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church of Anniston (FPC), Alabama. Faith Christian School's purpose is to provide an exceptional educational program for each individual from a Biblical perspective challenging the whole student, offering a college preparatory education, and equipping each student to serve God and others in a global society. FCS is a board-operated school accredited by SACS and is a member of ACSI and the Alabama High School Athletic Association. The pastor of FPC is Rev. Rick Searle. The chairman of the school board is Dr. Boyce Callahan. The headmaster of FCS is Mr. Robert Phillips.

**"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." Luke 12:48b**