“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”  
—Proverbs 22:6

Classical Education

Will your child be the next Leonardo da Vinci, Galileo, Sir Isaac Newton, William Shakespeare, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, or John Adams? Possible, if he or she is attending the new learning program at Calvary OP church in Wildwood. For centuries, the leaders that have shaped history have been classically educated. These great men lived up to their potential because it was unlocked in part by the classical methods of education. Many schools include classical content, and yet do not use classical methods of education. This ancient pedagogy of instruction recognizes three levels of learning and thinking together known as the Trivium. The grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric stages of development correspond to a child’s intellectual growth. In September of 2008, this learning center launched their program to serve the community by offering quality education. Christine Thomson has twenty-six years of experience and the academic proficiency necessary to facilitate an excellent learning environment and program of study, while Carol Hauser, her assistant, brings thirteen years, nine of which have been in a Classical Christian School. Jan McDonough, a Penn graduate, offers her area of expertise in the fine arts program.

The curriculum is designed to give the class a delightful first experience with a strong phonetic program called Spell to Write and Read where children spell their way into writing and reading. Living math books are used to teach basic math skills such as number recognition and counting. The students are able to recognize numbers as well as write them through the hundreds. They can skip count, use a calendar, work with money, and are exposed to clock work. Since a child’s attention span is short, all lessons are given in short manageable segments. The first years are an ideal time for memorizing favorite poetry, catechism questions, and scripture verses from the Bible. These students have been exposed to classical composers, famous artists, Latin words and phrases, lots of geography and classical children’s literature. They are reading Bob Books, and starting to sound out harder readers on their own. Lap books are developed to enhance learning a good piece of literature. In addition, they play the xylophone in music class and have been taught how to draw from the masters. Materials such as globes, floor maps, hands on science matters, games and lots of books are used to promote the children’s interest. The Classical Christian Model of education is further characterized by a rich exposure to the history, art, music and culture of Western Civilization, including its languages (Latin and Greek). Integration is key in classical learning. And of course, no learning experience is complete without play, snacks, and song singing.

So whether or not your child is destined to become this century’s answer to Thomas Jefferson or William Shakespeare, this learning experience at Calvary OP Church can start them off on their own path to greatness.

Classes are forming for the 2009-year. Call Christine Thomson @ 374-2363 or John Hauser @ 884-5440. We hope to see you at the OPEN HOUSE on March 26th, 2009, at Calvary OP Church at 119 E. Rio Grande Avenue in Wildwood, NJ.

Used Educational Book Sale

**Sponsored by Families United Network**

**Saturday, March 28, 2009 9am - 1pm**

Upper Township Recreation/Community Center on Route 50
Indoors - Rain or Shine! Coffee, Muffins, Lunch Concession

Directions at http://FunCurriculumSale.tripod.com

**<i>The Sun by-the-Sea</i>**

**FIVE MILE BEACH**

**Angel Visit Baptist Church**
435 W. Garfield Ave.  
522-0956  
Sun School 10am, Wed Prayer & Bible Study 6-8pm

**Anglesea Baptist Church**
3rd & Atlantic Ave.  
522-2951  
Sun Service 11am, Sun School 9am, Wed Prayer/Bible Study 7pm

**Asbury A.M.E. Church**
Young & New Jersey Ave.  
729-5584

**Assumption (RC) Church**
711 Seaview Ave.  
668-4114  
Mon-Fri 6:30am, Sat 9am-4pm  
Confessions 11-12 Sun 8:30am, 10:30am

**Beth Judah Temple**
Pacific & Spencer Aves.  
522-7641  
Shabbat Services 9am

**Passover**
April 20th

**Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church**
119 E. Rio Grande Ave.  
522-6489  
Sun School 9:45  
Sun Service 11am 6pm  
**WED EVES**
7:30 Prayer

**Central Bible Church**
18th Ave. & Central Ave.  
522-5917  
Sun School 9:45  
Sun Services 11am, 6pm

**Crest Community Church**
Crocus & Pacific Aves  
522-1618  
Sun Service 9:30, 11am  
Children’s Worship 10:45am

**Eureka Baptist Church**
142 W. Spencer Ave.  
522-1028  
Sun School 9:45  
Sun Service 11  
Wed Prayer 7-8pm

**Hope Pregnancy Center**
3808 Rt. 95  
Rio Grande  
609-886-7022  
321 West Ave.  
Ocean City  
609-398-9449  
www.hopepregnancyofnj.com

**3/13 HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER SPRING BANQUET**
Great Bay Golf Club, Somers Point.
7PM Guest Speaker: Prudence Humber, Executive Director of Alpha Pregnancy Center, Philadelphia. Call for Reservations.