

TRIANGLE



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NEVER GIVE UP

by mrs. klass

This past Tuesday, October 24, at 1:30 a.m., 2002 BJA grad Michelle Beckett Rebman was told that her husband, S.C. State Trooper Keith Rebman, had been involved in an accident on I-385 and was at Greenville Memorial in critical condition. Hours later, Michelle and her family were saying their final goodbyes.

In 2016 Keith fulfilled his dream of working in law enforcement when he became a S.C. State Trooper. He got a position in Charleston but hoped he could be transferred back to Greenville. In August of this year, he got his wish, and the Rebmans moved back home. Keith's friend Luke Perry, also a S.C. State Trooper, said that it was very evident Keith loved his job. "Everyone in the family has said that he was a hard-working servant in every aspect."

Not only was Keith passionate about his job, but even more so about God and his family. Michelle posted the following on Facebook the day after Keith was killed: "Keith was kind and gentle, and he took such good care of his family and friends. He was a perpetual servant in both his public and private life, and he was a man who loved God and had a relationship with Jesus Christ." Keith leaves behind three daughters, Olivia (5), Charlie (4), and Kennedy (2) who adored their daddy and who he spent as much time with as possible. Mr. McCrum and his wife were also close friends of Keith and his family. They are in the same Sunday school class at Morningside Baptist Church, and Mr. McCrum is their deacon. About his family life Mr. McCrum says, "Every time Keith was with his kids he was holding one of them and loving on them. Whether he was coloring, playing or watching college football with his girls, he never seemed to get upset with them. He also loved taking them to Georgia to spend time with his family whom he loved dearly."

When asked what advice Keith would give to high school students, Mr. McCrum says, "Based on the testimony of his life, Keith would say to put God first, family second and then their job." In one of the last conversations he had with him, Keith told Mr. McCrum that he was so thankful he had accomplished his goals in life: a wife, children and being a highway patrolman in Greenville. "Even though it wasn't always easy for Keith, he never gave up. I think he would want our students to



pursue their dreams, work hard, and not make their life about money."

Grief and sorrow are not easy ... we all must go through these valleys. But as children of God we have hope. Hope that we will see our loved ones again. Hope that our sins are forgiven. Hope that God's mercies are new every morning. Hope that we will see Jesus and that God will wipe all tears from our eyes. Forever. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

Continue to pray for the Rebmans and the Becketts. (Michelle's dad Mike Beckett is the University locksmith and serves our Academy students behind the scenes.) To contribute to Michelle's financial needs during this difficult time, a GoFundMe account has been set up by Heroes in Blue.





by miranda chapman and renee kalagayan

Martin Luther is famed for nailing his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church in Germany on October 31, 1517. This list of questions and statements focused on the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church regarding forgiveness of sins ignited a theological revolution summarized in the statement: sola fide, meaning “justification by faith alone.” The Roman Catholic Church taught that salvation was merited by doing good works or buying indulgences, but Luther disagreed. In fact, he wasn’t the only one. Forerunners of the Reformation like John Wycliffe and John Huss had the same idea many years before, and they were declared heretics for their beliefs, just like Luther would be. In April of 1521, Luther appeared before the Diet of Worms, where, when told to recant his statements, he said, “Here I stand. God help me. I can do no other.” Luther was then declared a heretic and his writings were burned. The Protestant Reformation, however, soldiered on for many years after.

Here we are, 500 years later. The story of the Reformation has been buried in the pages of history books, only to be studied by passionate historians and apathetic students. Although they may seem like old news, Luther’s Ninety-five Theses and the resulting movement are still important parts of history. Like Mr. Cancino stated in chapel, “Luther wasn’t just a nerd, he had a concern that people would be right with the Lord.” Luther’s papers brought up important points that still apply today. So, as we approach October 31, may we remember what Luther did and stood for.

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Bob Jones University Concert Choir will perform the “Five Solas” on Friday, October 27, at 7 p.m., including selected works by Stanford, Chilcott, Handel and Dan Forrest. Join in the celebration of the Reformation by your attendance at the concert! While the music presented may not have been enjoyed during the time of Martin Luther, the echoes in each piece will give you a unique taste of the impact of the Reformation.

While the historical date for the observance of the Reformation is October 31, most churches celebrate it on the last Sunday in October. The only countries in which Reformation Day is a national holiday are Chile and Slovenia. (Though in Chile it’s called Día Nacional de las Iglesias Evangélicas y Protestantes—National Day of the Evangelical and Protestant Churches.)

Congratulations to the cross-country teams for their great success in their first season ever! The boys’ team received 4th place in the state championship of ten schools and the girls’ team earned 2nd.



WHEN GOD CHANGES OUR PLANS

by isaac chisholm

Not all of our teachers at BJA necessarily planned to teach the subject they are teaching now. Four such teachers' former career plans may surprise you. The teachers at BJA are great examples of Christians denying themselves to do whatever God wants them to do. We should learn from their examples and be open to God's plan for our lives.



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Mrs. Chisholm truly has a passion for both English and drama, but although deeply interested in drama, she performed better overall in English. Also, ever since she had Miss Markham for senior English, she always wanted to follow in her footsteps and teach senior English at BJA. Now, 32 years later, she has finally fulfilled her dream. But she's also happy to be able to help Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas with the forensics team and perform in occasional plays on campus.

Mr. Pinkston was a theater major and biology minor in college. His plan was to be involved in theater programs at BJU while he was a GA, but BJA needed a biology teacher. Since he had already student taught at BJA, he was the best choice. So he agreed to teach biology for a year. The following year BJA again needed a biology teacher, and he taught for another year. And another. And another. A few years later, BJU offered him a job as a speech teacher at BJU; however, by this time, Mr. Pinkston realized that God really wanted him to stay at BJA as a biology teacher. And here he is, still teaching biology 49 years later.

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Mrs. Richmond wanted to be a lawyer when she was in high school. She actually became open to the idea of being a math teacher when she gave her life to the Lord during the New York mission trip her senior year. She was not at the top of her college classes, but throughout college she knew the direction that God was taking her. On one of the hardest tests in Calculus 3, she walked out of the classroom feeling that, although she'd done her best, it just wasn't good enough. Her teacher spoke to her later that day and said that she hadn't only done well, she'd scored the highest out of anyone on that test. God was constantly reminding her that He would complete the work which He had begun in her.

Mr. George says, "I took chemistry in high school because it was required. I took chemistry in college because it was required." That doesn't sound like he was enthusiastic about chemistry enough to teach it to students. While in high school, Mr. George had a love for biology. He designed his own independent biology study course, which was approved by his school administration and spent his free time two afternoons a week working at an outdoor classroom facility, a bit like Roper Mountain Science Center. During college Mr. George studied biology because he enjoyed plants, animals and being outdoors. However, after graduation he was asked to teach chemistry at BJA shortly before the school year began, but he didn't think he could teach that subject. He tried to talk Mr. Tompkins out of hiring him for the job, but Mr. Tompkins seemed to have faith in him and was very encouraging throughout the interview process. Mr. George said, "I am confident that I learned far more than my students did during that first year. I still enjoy being outside and enjoying God's amazing creation, but God has also given me a love for teaching students about the wonders of His creation through chemistry."

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A LITTLE TIP

by callie parker

As any of us who work in the customer service industry know, dealing with customers on a daily basis (or any basis, really) can be incredibly stressful. None of us like to be ridiculed or yelled at when we're honestly trying to do our jobs well. But as employees we always have to be respectful, even if that respect is not reciprocated by those we are serving.

But there is a bigger issue here. Why should we be kind to people even when they are not kind to us? It all comes back to living our Christian life as closely as possible to the way Christ lived his earthly life. Isaiah 53:3a says, "He was despised and rejected of men." Christ was treated terribly by many during his time on the Earth, but He never ceased to show the love of God to every single person He came in contact with. Are we living the same way? Keep this in mind the next time you're at work and someone says something rude to you.

It's also important to make sure that when we are in the position of the customer, we are always polite to those who serve us. I'm sure all of us have heard stories of people who profess to be Christians leaving a tract at a restaurant instead of a tip for their server. While leaving a tract is obviously a good idea, leaving one by itself with no tip is impolite, and it is more than likely only going to turn the waiter or waitress off to Christians altogether. Our testimony is the most important resource we have in leading people to Christ. Let's keep that in mind!

Tippling Suggestions

Waiter: 15% or higher if you like the service. (Even if the service stinks, never tip below 15%)

Hair Salon, barber, nails: 15%

Restaurant delivery: 10-15%

Always, always tip for the above. It is considered impolite and rude to not leave a tip, which does not represent Christ well.



Sean Jefferson	10/20
Stephen Bartholomew	10/23
McKel Howell	10/23
Daniel Matesevac	10/24
Gabrielle Donovan	10/25
Mackenzie LeViere	10/25
Hannahlee Oberman	10/25
Rebekah Ohler	10/25
Autumn Tuck	10/30
Mrs. Payne	11/1
Maria Coco	11/1
David Krystowiak	11/1
Kristy Nguyen	11/1
Lacy MacDonald	11/2

SPIRIT DAY CANDIDS

