

October 2, 2017

**How Does the Bible Define a Hero?**

Says Dr. Anne Bradley ... When my son was younger, he watched *The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything*, a VeggieTales movie, all the time. A royal family needs rescuing from an evil tyrant. At one point, a fight breaks out on a pirate ship transporting the family. One of the pirates proclaims, "Where are the heroes? We need some heroes!" Where are the heroes, indeed! There are many cultural narratives about heroism. Some are biblical. Some aren't. So how does the Bible define a hero?



When I think of heroism in God's terms, I think of Romans 15:1-2.

"We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up." This verse describes the different characteristics of heroism:

- Helping those in need
- Buttressing the weaknesses of others with our strengths and vice versa
- Contributing to the welfare of our neighbours

These are all active words. Being a hero means being a helper, supporter, and friend. Hollywood portrays heroes in quite a different light: they have supernatural powers and wear capes. As much as I enjoy a superhero movie, I think this is a sad definition of what being a hero means. It's sad because it's intangible. Since I can't fly and I can't always discern good guys from bad guys, how can I be a hero?

The Bible defines being a hero as helping those who in need. We need to offer our strengths to others to support their areas of weakness. This is how God calls us to love and serve others.

(Source - Institute for Faith, Work, & Economics, Dr. Anne Bradley, 11/11/16. <https://tifwe.org/how-the-bible-defines-a-hero/>)

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| Monday    | - Miranda W., Gr.6        |
| Tuesday   | - Nicolas D., SK          |
| Wednesday | - GraceAnn K., Gr.8       |
|           | - Mrs. Grevers, Custodian |
| Thursday  | - Erin M., Gr.6           |
|           | - Isaiah V., Gr.1B        |
| Friday    | - Brennan M., Gr.7        |
| Sunday    | - Anna W., Gr.3           |
|           | - Alex B., Gr.5           |

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Spirit Wear** will be available for purchase during the month of October! Watch for samples in the lobby! Order forms will be emailed and on the counter in the office.

**Forward Drive:** Watch your mailbox! Packages for the Forward Drive 2017 have been sent! Please take time to read through the booklet and all the information provided! Talk with your parents, grandparents and those in your community about the blessing Christian Education has been to you. Any questions can be directed to [forward@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:forward@woodstockchristian.ca), contact Dawn Streutker or ask during the call nights on October 16 & 17! We look forward to connecting with you!

**MAP Volunteers Needed:** This week, the students will be completing standardized testing. For students who struggle with reading, we use volunteers to read the math and language usage test questions to them so these students can show what they know. We are still in need of volunteers during these times on Friday, Oct. 6: 9:45-10:45, 11:30-12:30, and 2:15-3:15. Please let Mrs. Bulthuis know if you would like to volunteer during any of these times ([t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca)). Thanks!

**GIFTS-Getting Involved For The Students:** If you haven't already done so, please place your completed GIFTS survey in a back pack for delivery at the office. We have approximately half of the forms returned. The survey is used to compile a database to showcase each family's gifts! We appreciate you sharing your talents and passions at WCS. Questions? Contact Dawn Streutker [admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca).

**SOCCER:** Thank you to parents who came to the tournament to cheer and encourage us on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Taxandria Soccer Fields. This tournament closes our short soccer season. Thanks for arranging transport so that your sons and daughters could participate and represent WCS. Students who have not returned purple socks and jerseys should return washed items as soon as possible.

**Cross Country Team:** We will have an after school practice on Tuesday till 4:45. We will NOT have one next Tuesday. The Christian Schools meet is on Wed. Oct. 11 at Stratford Christian School.

**Senior Girls Volleyball:** We will have an after school practice on Tuesday, please pick your daughter up at 5. Our first game is on Thursday October 5 at Holy Family in Woodstock please have arrangements to pick up around 5 at WCS. If you are able to help drive on Thursday please let Mrs. Horinga or Mrs. VanderPloeg know.

**Senior Boys Volleyball:** Thanks to those that came out last Wednesday for our first practice. A list of names is posted on the bulletin board who is playing on Wednesday versus Holy Family. We should be back at WCS at 5:15 p.m. and players can be picked up at that time. Players need to ensure they have WCS gym uniform for the game including their purple gym shirt. Thank you Mr. Takacs for your willingness to drive to the game. G. Hiemstra

**Nut Free:** Woodstock Christian School and buses are NUT FREE. Due to food allergies to more than just peanuts, we need to be a NUT FREE FACILITY for the safety of all students here! Please be sure that when you are packing lunches, treating our staff with goodies (which we love and appreciate), or sending birthday treats, no nuts of any kind are included. Please do not send products which closely resemble peanut butter as teachers cannot determine which contain nuts and which don't.

**Measures of Academic Progress (MAP):** We are into our third year of testing using Northwest Evaluation Association's (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). The Ontario Association of Christian Schools has recommended and is providing this test for participating Christian Schools. The MAP test is designed not only to compare students' scores to norms but also to measure individual student progress over time in language arts and math. The MAP on-line test will also adapt the level and complexity of the questions to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student will have the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. Another advantage of MAP tests is that we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. Students will start the testing this week (October 2-13). Testing will occur three times this year, once during each of the fall, winter, and spring terms. If you are interested in learning more about MAP here is a link to further information on their website - <https://www.nwea.org/assessments/map/>. During parent-teacher conferences, there will be opportunity to ask questions about the MAP testing and results as well. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to speak to staff.

**Transportation:** Parents, please review bus safety and bus rules with your children from time to time. See the WCS Family Handbook for details and the Bus Rider Agreement students signed in September for a refresher. Please note that from time to time, we may have to cancel a run due to our driver shortage or bus repairs. Every effort will be given to provide advance notice.

**Leadership Team assignments have been made.** Thanks to all the students who applied for the various positions! This week teachers will meet with their teams to establish meeting times, explain tasks, and establish learning targets. Bus safety patrollers have parent consent forms that will need to be signed and returned.

## Michael Mitchell is coming to WCS!

*"One of the most renowned and recognized school performers in Canada, Michael Mitchell, is an award-winning singer, songwriter and storyteller. He is on a never-ending mission to stir up some patriotic spirit in the hearts and minds of all Canadians through lively songs and humorous stories of our history, geography and some of the wacky oddities that identify us as Canadians."*

Michael Mitchell  
CANADA IS FOR KIDS



is coming to  
Woodstock Christian School.  
Please join us!

**Thursday October 12th @ 12:30 pm**

### **Will Clinic - November 22, 2017:** You'll Be Glad You Finally Addressed This Task:

YOU are invited! MARK your calendars! SAVE your seat! The Woodstock Christian School Foundation, with its partners the Christian School Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services is hosting a WILL CLINIC: Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 pm, 2017 at Woodstock Christian School (800 Juliana Drive, Woodstock). Learn how to have an effective Will and Estate Plan that is tax-smart, protects your family and provides an opportunity to bless charities that are important to you. White Coad LLP is providing a free will kit (value: \$400) to be awarded one of the Will Clinic participants. RSVP: Woodstock Christian School: 519-539-1492 or [office@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:office@woodstockchristian.ca)

**Learning Place:** Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are being sent home this week for all students receiving extra support in the classroom and/or in the Learning Place. If you have any questions or further suggestions regarding these plans, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Poort, Mrs. Bulthuis, or your child's teacher. IEPs are working documents and can be changed at any time during the year. Please sign one copy and return it to school; the second copy is for your personal records. -Mrs. Poort and Mrs. Bulthuis

**Junior Kindergarten:** We heard a sad story about when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and how God destroyed the earth with a flood - but he did send a rainbow as a promise and we are excited to hear stories of how God will use ordinary people for extra ordinary things. October calendars went home last week check the reverse side for information about an upcoming trip, please e-mail me if you can drive. We are collecting food items for the local food banks - please bring in something for Wednesday or Thursday.  
Wednesday - Library  
Thursday - Sub day

- Show and Share: a picture of something orange

**Senior Kindergarten:** Welcome to a new week. Happy Birthday to Nico tomorrow. May God bless you in the coming year as you grow closer to Him. Thanks to all the parents who joined us last week to Apple Land. We had a great time. This week we will focus on Thanksgiving and on sharing. This week we will make stone soup. Please bring in something for soup that is washed and chopped. Also, please bring in something for the food drive on Thursday. Have a

great week.

- Wednesday - Library  
 Thursday - Sub Day  
 - Stone soup, bring in something for soup  
 - Show and share something that you are thankful for  
 - Thanksgiving Chapel

**Grade 1A:** Welcome to a brand new month. A HUGE thank you to everyone for helping to make my birthday last week special. I absolutely loved all the precious cards signed by your children, and the gifts. In your child's VIP Folder you will find an updated calendar. Students are asked to bring in a canned good to our Thanksgiving chapel this week to donate to the Woodstock Food Bank. This week is the last week I will be accepting September's Reading Challenge pages. Over the next little while, a class book entitled "Our Favourite Bible Stories" will be coming home with your child. Please take a few moments with your child to read through and see all the stories that we love in this class. Then return it so that I can send it along to the next family.

- Monday - See VIP Folder  
 Tuesday - Return VIP Folder  
 - Library Day  
 Thursday - Thanksgiving Chapel  
 - Bring Canned Good  
 - Sub Day  
 Friday - Spelling Test  
 - Please return spelling practice pages  
 Next Mon. - Thanksgiving Day (No School)

**Grade 1B/2B:** Welcome to October! As we enter into this season of Thanksgiving may we remember all the many blessings we have been given!! Check your emails for an update on what is happening this week.

- Tuesday - Gym  
 - Library  
 Wednesday - Show&Share: Maylina & Alayna  
 Friday - Gym

**Grade 2A:** Welcome to a new week in grade 2. This week we will be wrapping up our Creation Studies unit on Bees, completing our MAP tests, having our first spelling test, and continuing our math unit on Number Relationships and Bible unit on the Old Testament. We welcome you to join us for the Thanksgiving Chapel this Thursday. Please return the September reading calendars this week (the earlier the better) so that each students rocket can begin to shoot into space!

- Monday - Gym  
 Tuesday - Library  
 Wednesday - Gym  
 Thursday - Thanksgiving Chapel  
 Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week. We will have MAP testing Wed. - Fri. We will continue practising for the Cross Country meet on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. The Tree Project is being sent

home today. It is due Oct. 25.

- Monday - Phys. Ed.  
 Wednesday - Library  
 - Phys. Ed.  
 - Bible Test: The Fall to Babel  
 Thursday - Sub Lunch  
 - Thanksgiving Chapel  
 Friday - Mem. Work: Genesis 8:22  
 - Spelling Test: List 1

**Grade 4:** Welcome to the month of October! This week we will be taking part in MAP Testing. Grade 4 is leading the Thanksgiving Assembly on Thursday morning. If you are able, please come and celebrate Thanksgiving with us.

- Monday - Lydia  
 - Music  
 Tuesday - Matthew  
 - MAP testing at 8:45  
 - Phys. Ed.  
 - Library: remember your books  
 Wednesday - Megan  
 - Music  
 - Special visitor from Stratford  
 Thursday - Patrick  
 - Sub lunch  
 - Thanksgiving Assembly - 8:45  
 - Phys. Ed.  
 Friday - Tiffany  
 - MAP testing at 8:45  
 - Spelling test  
 - Memory work: Hebrews 11:1-3  
 - Special visitor from Stratford  
 Monday - Thanksgiving: no school  
 Tuesday - Library: remember your books

**Grade 5:** Welcome to October! I'm away today at the boys' soccer tournament in Warwick Ontario. Please note that the first AR Reading Comprehension Test is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. On a different note, if you still have Terry Fox (cancer research) donations to give, bring them in ASAP. The more the better! Thanks. See homework schedule for this week below:

- Monday - Mr. H away coaching boys soccer.  
 Tuesday - Physical Education: bring gym clothes  
 - Music: bring recorder  
 Wednesday - First AR Reading Comprehension Quiz: make sure you are finished reading your novel.  
 Thursday - Physical Education: bring gym clothes  
 - Music: bring recorder  
 Friday - Science Quiz: study highlighted notes from your binder  
 - Spelling Lesson 05 Workbook + Test  
 - Memory Work: Hebrews 12:1-2a (NIV).

**Grade 6:** Parents, please initial the agenda when your child asks you to sign it. We are trying to establish habits and routines. Does anyone still have money for the Terry Fox Run

on Thursday? Please bring canned goods for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We have much to be thankful for! Michael Mitchell is coming! Next week Michael Mitchell will be here. Map testing begins this week; please ensure you have plenty of rest, as you need to concentrate well during these tests. Watch for an emailed letter.

Thursday - Math Test: Patterns  
 - Spelling Quiz: Unit 4  
 - Bring canned goods for Thanksgiving Food Drive

Friday - Class flight study at a museum. Bring lunches that don't need a microwave.

**Grade 7:** Happy Birthday, Brennan! (Oct. 6) Please bring to school donations of canned goods for the Thanksgiving food drive. October's Reading Assignment is a mystery novel. Students are encouraged to read every night for 15-30 mins. The October Grade 7 Newsletter is coming home on Tuesday. Student work folders are coming home on Friday. Enjoy viewing your child's school work from September.

**Grade 8:** Welcome to a new week! I hope everyone is settling in to the routines of Grade 8. This Friday the VanStraten Orders will be arriving at school, please be sure to make arrangements to get your baked goods delivered on Friday afternoon after school. Also, this Friday afternoon our class will be walking over to Caressant Care for our monthly visit with some seniors. Please dress appropriately for our walk!

Monday - Boys and Girls Soccer Teams away at tournament.

Tuesday - Gym (bring gym clothes)  
 - Music (bring instruments)

Wednesday - French Quiz  
 - Math Quiz (Lessons 7-21 from Jump Math workbook)

Thursday - Gym (bring gym clothes)  
 - Music (bring instruments)  
 - Spelling Workbook Due/Spelling Quiz

Friday - Caressant Care visit  
 - VanStraten Orders to be picked up at school.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

October	2	Soccer Tournament
	4	Staff Meeting Prayer Group
	5	Thanksgiving Chapel Sub Day
	9	Thanksgiving Day*
	11	Cross Country Meet
	12	Michael Mitchell Concert
	13	Interim Reports Chix w Stix
	17	Board Meeting
	18	Prayer Grou
	19	Pizza Day
	26, 27	Teacher's Convention**

### SONG OF THE MONTH: Big Word

A huge cloud of witnesses is all around us, all around us  
 So let us throw off everything that stands in our way,  
 stands in our way  
 and let us throw off any sin that holds onto us so tightly  
 and let us keep on running, keep on running,  
 keep on running the race marked out  
 let us keep on running, keep on running, keep on running  
 the race marked out for us  
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Title: Big Word  
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