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Psalm 40: 4-5

Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust,
And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works
Which You have done;
And Your thoughts toward us
Cannot be recounted to You in order;
If I would declare and speak of them,
They are more than can be numbered.

2011 Conference Recordings

Video/Watch for free: You may watch George Grant’s opening plenary session, “The Shema Strategy,” from the 2011 conference here: https://www.accsedu.org/Conference_Recordings.ihtml?id=441761. (Note: The page is slow to load.)

Individual video recordings from the 2011 conference cost \$6.00 to download.

Medical Insurance and More

For the past 15 years, ACCS has been contacted by a number of schools asking about medical insurance. A few weeks ago, ACCS was approached by Tim Harrison, a Christian school colleague who has a 20-year track record of successfully implementing cost-saving strategies for private schools. After speaking with Tim and reviewing his web site www.keysbs.com, and the Group Benefit Services web site www.gbsio.net, ACCS believes that all member schools can derive significant “bottom line” results by exploring, on a voluntary basis, what Tim and GBS have to offer. Over the next few weeks, Tim will be contacting you to discuss how he can help your school implement meaningful cost reduction programs.

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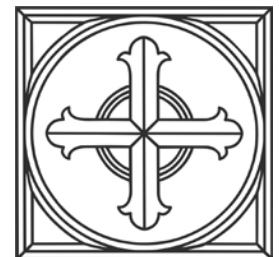
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Battle of Marathon Anniversary Event

Invitation from Nancy Hierholzer, Heritage School

On **Wednesday, September 21** at 1:00 pm (EST), Professor Paul Cartledge, A.G. Leventis Chair of Greek Culture at Cambridge, will present the final lecture—via web and conference call—of the yearlong Marathon2500 program.

It's a free lecture (including toll-free phone number and webinar). I've participated in the previous lectures, and I can't recommend this enough. Professor Cartledge is terrific (see his bio below) and this unique program has really brought this history alive. I have read and/or own (ready to read) several of Prof. Cartledge's books and have heard him in the initial Marathon lecture, subsequent podcasts, and in a YouTube series on "Why the Past Matters" from last October in Dublin. He is always effervescent, witty, and manifests a vast understanding of the Greek culture which is enlightening and exciting.

But, most important, I think we should take a moment to reflect together—especially as classical schools—on the impact and importance of the Battle of Marathon on this remarkable 2,500-year anniversary. Perhaps your history teachers and other history buffs can make time to participate in this event!

I hope you can join me. You can sign up free here: <http://marathon2500-9.eventbrite.com/>.

Biography

Paul Cartledge, Hellenic Parliament Global Distinguished Professor in the History and Theory of Democracy at New York University and A.G. Leventis Professor Greek Culture, Cambridge University, will lead the celebration today of the 2,500 year-anniversary of the Battle of Marathon by reviewing the yearlong lecture series that he's chaired and by answering questions from the global audience about any of the topics discussed during the previous 12 months.

A world expert on Athens and Sparta in the Classical Age, Professor Cartledge was chief historical consultant for the BBC-TV series *The Greeks* and the Channel 4 series *The Spartans*, presented by Bettany Hughes. He is also a holder of the Gold Cross of the Order of Honour (Greece), an Honorary Citizen of (modern) Sparta and a board member of the Reading Odyssey.

Marathon2500 Lecture Series

Professor Cartledge has chaired the year-long Marathon2500 lecture series and will be reviewing key themes and answering questions in this final lecture/discussion. People around the world have participated in this commemoration of the Battle of Marathon, thanks to the world's best Hellenic scholars and sports historians who delivered eight lectures on the cultural, intellectual, and athletic legacy of the Battle of Marathon. The talks were delivered in a variety of contexts: live audiences at NYU and Georgetown, global webinars and webcasts, and all podcasts have been archived for listening on demand.

New Members

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*Trivium Pursuit
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Affiliate Individual

*Dr. Alice Smith
Llano, TX*

THE SCHOOL RULE: Avoiding Litigation as Well as Liability

by David R. Hostetler, Esq.

This article continues the current "School Rule" series on risk management. The following case is an example of lawsuits arising from seemingly innocent and important curricular activities.

A student, as part of his probation, enrolled at two private Baptist boarding schools where all students were required to perform chores such as "laundry, cleaning, lawn-mowing, brush-clearing, painting, general maintenance, and other tasks" as an integral part of their curricula. The student and his parents eventually sued the schools. They claimed, in part, that under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) the student was entitled to minimum wages for the chores he completed while attending the schools.

The court applied a United States Supreme Court definition of "work" as a "physical or mental exertion . . . controlled or required by the employer and pursued necessarily and primarily for the benefit of the employer and his business." This requires considering the economic reality of the whole arrangement.

Applying these principles, the Court held that the student's activities at the schools were not "work," and the schools were not "employers," under the FLSA. Examining the totality of the circumstances, the court determined that the "chores" were primarily for the students', not the schools' benefit even though the chores helped defray certain costs that the schools would have incurred had they hired employees to perform those tasks."¹

Practice Points:

Although the private schools in this case escaped liability, they did not escape the costs and complications of litigation. School risk management practices need to be tailored, therefore, not only to avoid liability, but also to minimize the risk of being sued at all. Below are some specific points to consider.

- It is not uncommon for schools to implement well-intended and even well-designed programs and practices, without considering the types of litigation threats they may pose. Your schools should have a risk-management staff person or committee to monitor these kinds of concerns.

- School "work" and service activities are increasingly common these days. Carefully examine any such activities for safety and other legal considerations like wage and hour implications.

- Generally, "work" programs are unlikely to violate federal or state wage and hour rules if they are primarily for curricular purposes. Courts may look suspiciously, though, on a program that generates more financial than curricular benefit.

- When considering any new or innovative school program or change, it is important to include your school's attorney in the process; there is often a "legal angle" to such plans. Addressing them usually serves as a vital "ounce of prevention."

NOTES:

1. The case is *Blair v. Wills*, 420 F.3d 823 (8th Cir. 2005); *cert. denied*, 547 U.S. 1004 (2006).

Note: This column is for information only and not offered as formal legal advice. Readers are urged to consult a school law attorney to address specific legal questions.

The "School Rule" column is designed to offer legal updates and practical legal recommendations. Mr. Hostetler, legal consultant for ACCS, specializes in education law, is founder and director of Lex-is School Law Services (Chapel Hill, NC), and is an associate professor of education law, policy, and ethics at Appalachian State University (Boone, NC). He may be contacted at hos@Lex-is.com or (919) 308-4652.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Ashton Murphy Once Again Earns Top Honors at the National Junior Classical League Convention

She did it again! For the second consecutive year Ashton Murphy, student at Grace Academy of Georgetown (Texas), was awarded top honors at the annual convention for the National Junior Classical League. (For a story on Ashton's success in 2010, visit https://www.accsedu.org/Student_Spotlight_%28September_2010%29.ihhtml?id=667666).



Ashton Murphy

The NJCL national convention meets annually at various universities around the U.S. for a week full of competitions and events pertaining to the study of the classics. This year the convention, attended by nearly 1,000 students from across the U.S., was held at the University of Eastern Kentucky.

Ashton was awarded the **First Place Overall Sweepstakes Trophy** for Individual Achievement (awarded to the individual who earns the highest number of point at the convention overall) and the **Lillie B. Hamilton Trophy** (awarded for earning the highest number of points in three separate categories). These two tremendous trophies, the highest honors awarded at the convention, are earned through placing in the top five in the various events at convention. Ashton outdid herself this year by earning 78 points more than at last year's convention. For a list of her individual achievements, visit <https://www.accsedu.org/files/FORUM/2011%20Forum/Ashton%20Murphy%20results.pdf>.

Ashton has participated in area and state JCL events since her seventh grade year. This year Ashton made her fourth pilgrimage to the national JCL convention. Each year her goal has been to improve on the year before, challenging herself to pursue more competitions and excel at each one.

The NJCL is an organization of more than 50,000 members in the United States, Canada, and Australia. It is the largest classical organization in the world today. Its purpose is to promote the study of classics in secondary schools. The Latin Club of Grace Academy attends competitions on the area and state level. To learn more about this award winning Latin Club and see a detailed list of Ashton's awards, visit www.graceacademy-gt.org.

Student Spotlight

Help us shine the spotlight on the successful students from your school by sending stories to admin@accsedu.org.

POSITIONS

West

Prayer Rock Academy

in **Umpqua, OR**, is seeking enthusiastic and qualified applicants for a **1st-2nd grade FT teaching** position. Please contact Cheryl Sieker or Brian Turner at (541) 637-7500 for more information or email info@prayerrockacademy.com to receive an application. 8/11

Grace Classical Academy

in **Laguna Niguel, CA** (South Orange County), is accepting résumés for a **FT kindergarten teacher** for the 2011-12 SY. Classical Christian education teaching experience and SWR preferred. Send résumé to Jenni Helj at principal@graceclassicalacademy.com. 7/11

Calvary Christian Academy

in **San Jose, CA**, is seeking a passionate **Omnibus teacher** who loves God, loves children, and has the gift of teaching. This is a PT position, 3 days a week. Our ideal candidate would possess an English literature degree and be familiar with classical teaching style of Omnibus course. Please visit our website for more information on applying at: www.calvarychristiansj.org/about/employment. For more information please email ccainfo@calvarysj.org. 8/11

Northeast

Geneva School of Manhattan

Located in the heart of **New York City**, the Geneva School of Manhattan, a classical Christian nursery-8th grade coed private school seeks a **FT academic dean** candidate with potential to become the head of school. The ideal candidate would have graduate training and at least 5 years of experience teaching and/or leading in a classical Christian school. He/she would also have a passion for academic achievement that is rooted in classical, integrated curricula. He/she would have a history of working well with all school constituents, would be passionate about developing the academic stature of the school while contributing to a thriving spiritual influence. If interested, please e-mail résumé and brief statement of your philosophy of the integration of faith and learning to: slataif@hotmail.com. 9/11

Woodstream Christian Academy

is an ACSI and MSA accredited school, in the **D.C. metropolitan area**, as well as an ACCS member school. We are currently seeking **teachers** for various subject areas including **HS Spanish, middle school** and **HS math** which includes the following classes: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and possibly others; and **middle school** and **HS science**.

Woodstream Christian Academy requires all teachers to have a bachelor's degree or higher. Please contact Ashley Hollandsworth with inquiries or to submit résumés by e-mail at ahollandsworth@woodstreamacademy.com or call (301) 955-1170. 7/11



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S o u t h e a s t

Heritage Preparatory School

in **Atlanta, GA**, is accepting applications for the position of **principal**. This individual will oversee the academic, spiritual, and character development of students in a pre-kindergarten four-year-old through eighth grade context. The principal will report directly to the head of school to further the overall mission of Heritage Preparatory School. Prior experience in curriculum development and teacher mentoring is critical, preferably in a classical Christian school context. Heritage is also looking for a **director of operations** and an **administrative assistant**. Please review the website as well for details on these positions. For more information on the school and to submit an online résumé go to: www.heritageprep.org. 9/11

Dominion Christian School

(www.dominionschool.com) in **Oakton (Fairfax County), VA**, seeks a **head of school** to be appointed no later than July 1, 2012. Dominion was founded as a classical school in 1996 and enrolls approximately 150 students in grades K–11, with the first graduating class anticipated in 2013. The head of school, as chief executive officer and sole employee of the board, ensures that the vision and mission of the school are pursued and realized, providing leadership in all aspects of the school, including academic quality, staff development, strategic planning, financial development and management, community relations, facility development and management, and daily operations. Interested candidates should send a résumé/CV to request an application from William Yoder, Search Committee Chair, at william.a.yoder@gmail.com. 9/11

Providence Classical School

in **Williamsburg, VA** is currently seeking a **PT teacher** to teach **pre-calculus** and **biology**. Please email Susan Oweis soweis@pcsvirginia.org if you are interested. 7/11

Evangel Classical Christian School

in **Alabaster, AL**, is now accepting applications for the **headmaster** position. Employment to begin summer, 2011. In its 11th year and with over 330 students K–12, ECCS is a growing school with a strong classical and Christian focus. ECCS is a ministry of Evangel Presbyterian Church (PCA). The headmaster will report to the school board which serves under the authority of the session of EPC. Candidates should be: spiritually called to Christian education with a background in cC education; spiritually gifted in leadership and administration; able to attain financial goals in the area of development; committed to ECCS's position to educate children classically from a biblical worldview; currently ordained as an elder or willing and eligible to pursue such ordination in the PCA. For more information about ECCS, visit us at www.evangelclassical.org. Interested applicants should submit a résumé to Rob Richardson at robert.richardson@regions.com. 8/11

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As space is available, referrals may be run for individuals seeking employment or for potential start-up schools seeking like-minded families in their area (with prior approval of the Executive Director).

A referral runs in four consecutive issues and is **limited to 500 characters including spaces and punctuation.**

Contact ACCS for information on paid ads in either the FORUM or in CLASSIS.

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South Central

Geneva Academy

in **Monroe, LA**, seeks **PT** or **FT development director** for Fall 2011. Applicants should have a firm understanding of the classical Christian model and possess solid PR and organizational skills. Geneva operates in the context of a vibrant Christian community that wishes to integrate the lives of the faculty and families by worshiping, reading, studying, and working together. Interested parties should write elang@genevaclassical.org or call (318) 805-0116. 7/11

Covenant Academy,

a growing and flourishing ACCS-member school in **Cypress, TX**, is accepting applications for a **FT director of business administration** for immediate hire. Applicants should be proficient in Excel, Outlook, and preferably knowledgeable of RenWeb. If you possess a solid understanding of cash flow, budget forecasting, accounts receivable and payable, employee contracts and orientation, management of third party vendors, facility management, process refining, and excellent customer service, and desire to be part of an educational ministry that includes expanding to 12th grade by 2016, please submit your résumé to: Leslie Collins, head of school at lcollins@covenantacademyhouston.org. 9/11

M i d w e s t

Freedom Christian Schools

is looking for a state certified, experienced **K-12 art teacher** who is looking for a PT teaching opportunity. The ideal teacher will be able to teach art from a Christian perspective to children at all grade levels. Résumé and letter of interest should be sent to Freedom Christian Schools, attn: Head of Schools, 6340 Autumn Dr., Hudsonville, MI 49426 or emailed to gscheck@freedomchristianschools.net. Inquiries can also be made by phone at (616) 669-2270. 8/11

Freedom Christian Schools

is looking for an experienced **Latin teacher** who is able to teach junior high and high school Latin courses. The ideal teacher will have experience teaching Henle's Latin and/or an understanding of Wheelock's and Cambridge Latin. Résumé and letter of interest should be sent to Freedom Christian Schools, attn: Head of Schools, 6340 Autumn Dr., Hudsonville, MI 49426 or emailed to gscheck@freedomchristianschools.net. Inquiries can also be made by phone at (616) 669-2270. 8/11

PEOPLE

People Seeking Positions

Jay (and Claudia) Haug

seeks a teaching position in **history, Bible, theology, or philosophy**. He earned a BA in American civilization from Williams College, post-graduate diplomas in theology from the University of Nottingham, England, and in pastoral studies from St. John's College, Nottingham, as well as a master of divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA. He has experience as a radio talk show host, writer, financial advisor, and pastor. His wife, **Claudia**, seeks a position **teaching drama**. In addition to acting herself, Claudia earned a BFA in theatre from Penn State and has 14 years experience as drama director of Beaches Chapel Church in Neptune Beach, FL. Their daughter attended St. John's Academy in St. Augustine, FL. Contact Jay Haug at cjewguy@gmail.com or (904) 635-8546. 7/11

Karl Stump

is seeking a **FT teaching position in logic and rhetoric**. Degrees held: MTh, University of Edinburgh, MDiv, Reformed Theological Seminary, MS computer science, West Virginia University, BFA theater, Carnegie-Mellon University. Over three years of teaching experience. Married, five children ages nine to one year old. Church member (OPC) in good standing. Email: karlstump@gmail.com. 9/11

Matthew Leroe

experienced ESL, math, and geography teacher, with a BA in Bible, MA in Christian counseling, and CELTA in teaching ESL to adults. I'm open to teaching any subject, any age group, at any location in America, where a school is seeking to fill a last minute position. You can contact me at: norgeforkristus@yahoo.com. 9/11

John Rohde

is seeking a **FT teaching position in economics, government, American history, geography, or theater arts**. I have seven years of public school teaching experience. I have experience coaching varsity boys soccer (five years), and football (two years). I hold a BA in secondary education/geography from Arizona State University, where I graduated magna cum laude. I have led or participated in over 25 short-term missions trips to Latin America and Africa. Please contact me at jrflycaster@msn.com or (480) 398-5538. 7/11

Paul Finch

seeks FT position **teaching and coaching**. Available summer 2012. Seventeen years in education—K-12 and college. Teaching credentials in English and rhetoric. Taught much more in start-up schools. Coach basketball and track. Administration experience. BA and MA in English, graduate credentials in composition and rhetoric. Married, four children, ages 17–23. Information: ppccrhetor@yahoo.com or (719) 640.4155. 9/11

Mitchell Nees

seeks a position **teaching humanities: Latin, literature, history, composition, public speaking**. He has lifelong experience of Christian schools and five years experience in classical curricula, including progymnasmata rhetoric. Mitchell earned a BA in classics from Hillsdale College focusing on Latin and Greek, and an MA in teaching Latin from the University of Illinois at Champaign. He seeks a position in the Midwest. Contact: m.and.c.nees@gmail.com or (936) 615-8006. 7/11

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Start-up School Groups

Cornerstone Academy

is a classical Christ-centered school in **Morristown, TN**, serving families in Lakeway region. Enrolling grades K-11 for 2011-12, and will add grade 12 the following year. Our mission is to partner with families in equipping students to achieve spiritual maturity and academic excellence by providing a Christ-centered, classical education, so they will adopt a biblical worldview, thinking and living their lives in a manner that brings glory to God. If you have any questions, e-mail info@camtn.com, call us at (423) 307-1189, or visit our website at www.camtn.com. 8/11

Prince William County, VA

We are investigating to see if there is enough interest to begin the process of starting a classical Christian school in central Prince William County, Virginia. We would love to hear from any families interested in participating in the start-up group for the establishment of a classical Christian school or any families who would just be interested in enrolling their children in a classical Christian school in the Prince William County area. Please send an email explaining your level of interest to PWCVAClassicalSchool@comcast.net. 9/11

Seattle Classical Christian School

located in the heart of **Seattle, WA**, exists to glorify God through Christ-centered, educational excellence. We open September 7, 2011, and are now enrolling K-2. Visit our website at www.seattleclassicalchristianschool.org or search for us on Facebook. 7/11

Lafayette, LA

We are a start-up group in **Lafayette, LA**. We desire to establish a classical Christian school by fall of 2012. God has already blessed us with a visionary board, beautiful facilities, and several interested families. If you would like to stay informed with the progress of the soon-to-be Covenant Academy, go to www.covenantacademy.la.org and sign in. 9/11

Chittenden County, Vermont

We would love to hear from any person interested in meeting with a small group to discuss the possibilities for starting a classical Christian school in the Chittenden County (or Burlington area) of Vermont. Please send an email explaining your interest to: lsnash@comcast.net. 8/11

Anchorage, AK

We are a small group who desires to start a classical Christian school in **Anchorage, AK**. Please send an email expressing your interest in such a school to: ellenland1@gmail.com 9/11

Livermore, CA

Tri-Valley Classical Christian Academy began operating in Fall 2010 using the university model of education. See our website (trivalleyclassical.org) or contact us at main.tvcca@gmail.com for more information. 6/11

Highlands Classical Academy

plans to open Fall 2011 in **NW Denver**, enrolling preschool through 1st grade. Subsequent grades will be added through 12th grade, as interest demands. We are seeking individuals committed to classical, Christian education to partner with us in many ways. If interested, contact us at info@hcadenver.org. For additional information, visit hcadenver.com. 8/11

Los Angeles, CA

We are starting a classical Christian school in the Los Angeles area. Our launch team has made progress but we need additional people that are willing to pray and assist. Contact me if interested in assisting. Les Higgins at higginslb@yahoo.com. 8/11

San Jose, CA

Calvary Christian Academy will be opening its doors in the fall of 2011. We are a Christ-centered school which will be offering classes for preschool through 8th grade full of rich classical curriculum and many enrichments. Enrichment courses will also be opened to homeschooled children. We are currently accepting applications for enrollment. For more information including upcoming Open House dates, please visit www.RecaptureEducation.org or e-mail: ccainfo@calvarysj.org. "To God Be The Glory!" 8/11

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Quantum Change Academy

a classical and Christian school located in **Tangerang (west side of Jakarta), Indonesia**, is seeking **kindergarten and elementary teachers** to cover different subjects at various grade levels. Candidates who are born again, Spirit-filled and mature Christians are welcome to apply. For further information you may contact Ms. Leony Maranatha at qcainternational@yahoo.com or call us at 62-817-0154814. 8/11

Cornerstone Academy

is seeking applicants for **head of school**. Cornerstone is a classical, Christian school located in **Guadalajara, Mexico**, that presently offers K-9. Candidates who are mature Christians, at least moderately bilingual, with appropriate experience are invited to apply. Candidates should contact Jorge Carrillo at jorge@okuma.com.mx or Adriana Espinoza at adryespinosa_16@yahoo.com. 8/11