

# LIVING THE GOSPEL



CHRISTUS IN LITTERIS = CHRIST IN KNOWLEDGE. IN 2000 CHERYL BODEN CHOSE THE MOTTO AND KIRSTEN WOTHE CREATED THE SCHOOL CREST. IN THE LEWIS HOME AT A PLANNING MEETING TERRY SPIVEY SUGGESTED THE NAME ST. STEPHEN'S ACADEMY, THE BIBLICAL STORY DESCRIBING STEPHEN "FULL OF GRACE AND POWER...FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT." THE BULK OF THE STORY IS STEPHEN PREACHING THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL RESULTING IN HIS MARTYRDOM. KIRSTEN CAPTURED ALL THESE ELEMENTS IN THE CREST'S CROSS, FLAME, AND HOLY SCRIPTURES.

## Evergreen Provides Community with a School

On the eve of the 21st century, while many Christians were phobic about Y2k, stockpiling toilet paper, water, and canned food, Evergreen members decided to do something good

for their community - establish a Classical, Christian school. In one of the early discussion groups, Chuck Heil said, "This is an opportunity to not only educate children, but

to also educate their parents." One of the first teachers asked, "Where will my class meet?" And we said, "In the sanctuary!" This year's enrollment = 160-170 students!



ISAIAH SPIVEY & THE ARCHERS



KATHY MIER - ART TEACHER



SONYA RYGH & 4H CLUB

## Psalm 8: 1-2

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

*You have set your glory above the heavens.*

*Out of the mouth of babies and infants, You have established strength because of your foes,*

*To still the enemy and the avenger.*

David has given us a beautiful song of praise in Psalm 8. He begins by addressing the sovereign Lord, the infinite controller of the universe. In the very next breath, with apposition, he brings this Omnipotent Ruler close to us, for he is “our Lord.” The covenant cut between God and us in the Bible makes it clear that we belong to God and that God belongs to us!

The Lord, is a royal Person in his authority and power. The splendor of the Lord is the very light of divine glory. The beauty of the Lord is unsurpassed in all nature. David means all this in describing the Lord’s name as majestic. Divine name and character are inseparably majestic.

The Lord’s majesty is readily apparent in all the earth, but more precisely David means that there is nothing else in all the earth as majestic as the Lord. The display of God’s glory is a work of God himself: “You have set your glory above the heavens.”

To silence his enemies, God often chooses the least likely representatives. In Psalm 8, he has chosen babies and children! At Evergreen we include babies and children in our worship and fellowship as much as possible, recognizing them to be those who testify to God’s majesty.



## CATHERINE & RUTH

THESE TWO PRECIOUS GIRLS, MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AT EVERGREEN FIRST WORSHIPPED WITH US AS INFANTS, FROM WHOSE LIPS GOD HAS ORDAINED PRAISE. HOW QUICKLY OUR BABIES GROW UP!

## OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

“How sweet to think, dear Brothers and Sisters, that we never know what one child’s mouth can do! One would like to have seen little George Whitefield when first he began to prattle. Who would have thought that the mouth of such a youngster would ultimately set two nations on fire by its zealous declaration of the Truth of God? I should like to have seen John Wesley, when he was a little child, on the knee of that remarkable woman, “the mother of the Wesleys!” Who would have thought that he would awaken the masses as he did? Out of the mouths of little George Whitefield and little John Wesley—out of those two babes’ mouths—how grandly did the Lord smite the adversary!” **Charles H. Spurgeon preaching on Psalm 8:2**



## DAVID

EVERGREEN’S ANNUAL CAMPOUT AT COUGAR IS A HIGHLIGHT FOR OUR CHILDREN. DAVID NOT ONLY ENJOYS SUCH EXCURSIONS BUT ALSO IS ATTENTIVE TO THE WORD OF GOD IN WORSHIP, “GROWING IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST...”