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# Perspectives

“Setting a **NEW STANDARD** for Christ-Centered Academic Excellence”

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# The Ambassador Fundraising System

The Ambassador Fundraising System is a turn-key solution endorsed by ACTS and AG Financial that will pay your school or organization Top-Tier Commissions for your fundraising efforts!

What if your school or organization could offer a system where individuals or businesses could purchase a Benefit Card and 33% of the revenues flow back as a donation?

How about receiving those donations each and every month the Discount Health or Lifestyle Benefit card is active!

Four easy benefit plans are available to promote with tremendous value!

## **Lifestyle Plan – \$9.95/month**

- LifeLock (Identity Theft)
- Roadside Assistance
- Legal Services
- Travel Assistance
- Home Alarm Systems

## **Health Discount Plan – \$9.95/month**

- TelaDoc
- Nurse Hotline
- Vision
- Dental
- Travel Assist
- VIP Health & Wellness
- Hearing Aids
- Neighborhood and Mail Order Pharmacy

## **Premium Plan – \$14.95/month**

- Includes Benefits from both the Lifestyle & Health plans

## **Business Plan – \$13.95/month**

- Includes Benefits from both the Lifestyle & Health plans, minimum 5 registrations

No matter what your fundraising goal and objectives are, we have a program that will work for you.

We work with all schools and PTAs. Every

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group from school bands to sports teams to academic clubs!

### **Here's how the Ambassador Fundraising System works:**

#### **Lifestyle Benefit Card – \$9.95/month**

•\$3.25/month goes to your school or organization

#### **Health Discount Benefit Card – \$9.95/month**

•\$3.25/month goes to your school or organization

#### **Premium Benefit Card –\$14.95/month**

•\$4.00/month goes to your school or organization

#### **Business Benefit Card –\$9.95/month**

•\$3.40/month goes to your school or organization

### **Hypothetical Example:**

#### **1st Year**

•School signs up 60 members for the Lifestyle Benefit Card

•60 x \$3.25 = \$195/month or **\$2,340 annual donation**

#### **2nd Year**

•School signs up 60 new members for the Lifestyle Benefit Card

•120 x \$3.25 = \$390/month or **\$4,680 annual donation**

#### **3rd Year**

•School signs up 60 more new members for the Lifestyle Benefit Card

•180 x \$3.25 = \$585/month or **\$7,020 annual donation**

**After 3 years with a 90% member retention rate, your school could generate over \$6,300 in annual donations!**

Disclosures:

This Plan is not insurance.

**This contains a 30 day cancellation policy. Member shall receive a full refund of membership fees, excluding registration fee, if membership is cancelled within the first 30 days after receipt of membership materials.** Discount Medical Plan Organization: New Benefits, Ltd., 14240 Proton Road, Dallas, TX 75244. 800-800-7616. Internet website address to obtain participating providers, [www.ambassadorfundraising.org](http://www.ambassadorfundraising.org). LA, MD, ND, OK, SC, SD and TX residents: Member shall receive a full refund of membership fees, excluding registration fee, if membership is cancelled within the first 30 days after receipt of membership materials. AR & TN residents: A refund of all fees will be issued if membership is cancelled within the first 30 days. The range of discounts for medical or ancillary services provided under the plan will vary depending on the type of provider and medical or ancillary service received. Available in all states except KS, IL and FL.

*Pharmacy discounts are not insurance and not intended as a substitute for insurance. **The discount is only available at participating pharmacies.** TelaDoc is not available in the state or to residents of OK. TelaDoc does not prescribe DEA controlled substances or lifestyle drugs. TelaDoc provides services for members 10 years of age or older. TelaDoc does not replace your primary care physician. Dental Benefits are not available to Vermont residents. Travel Assist not available to OR, FL, CT and WA residents.*

# Testimonials

## TelaDoc

"One night my 12 year old son had an upset stomach and vomited a couple of times. I considered taking him to the emergency room but, instead of waking up my other children and dragging them to the hospital, I called TelaDoc. Within 30 minutes I was on the phone with a doctor. After asking a battery of questions, the doctor suggested fluids, rest and a call to my doctor in the morning. I'm thankful that I avoided the time and expense of going to the ER."

~Mary (Mother)

## LifeLock Identity Theft Protection

"I'm a former chief of police of a major city. I knew identity theft was a \$50 billion a year business, and a prime focus of organized crime. But they got me anyway. Even though I was a senior law enforcement official, it took weeks to clear my name. I decided: never again. A reporter recommended LifeLock to me and I tried them out. I've never had a problem since. I highly recommend them to you."

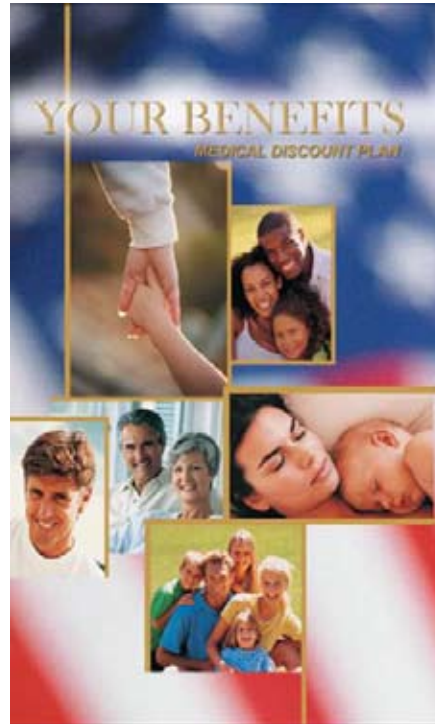
~Bobby Jo Harris

## Pharmacy Card

"We were getting ready to go on a mission trip to Haiti, and we had to take Chloroquine as a

precaution against malaria. Four of the people on the team did not have a drug card. When I called Wal-Mart, the price was \$144 for the drug, but the discount price with our pharmacy card was \$57.00 a \$87.00 savings!"

~David Parker





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# Update Your Contacts!

The Association of Christian Teachers and Schools has new contact information! We have an updated web address as well as e-mail addresses. Please update your contacts and favorites!

In regards to our web site, please be patient as we transition over all of the features from the previous site to the new site. We are working diligently to get the new site up and running (and to make some much needed improvements).

Web site: [www.actsschools.org](http://www.actsschools.org)

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Ike Stokes' E-mail: [istokes@actsschools.org](mailto:istokes@actsschools.org)

General E-mail: [ACTS@actsschools.org](mailto:ACTS@actsschools.org)

For a period of time the former site and e-mail addresses will all still be operational, but you can help us by updating your contact information for us!



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# Teacher Certification Update

Effective immediately (October 1, 2008) there are 2 major changes in the teacher certification process that all need to be aware of.

1. Transcripts **MUST** be official transcripts, sent directly to ACTS from the college/university where the coursework was completed.
2. The fee for processing the certification application has been increased. It is now \$40 instead of \$20, as previously. This is the first increase in over 8 years.

All teacher certification applications must be accompanied by official college transcripts and a check for \$40 in order to be processed. Beginning October 1, 2008 any applications not following these guidelines will be delayed in processing until an official transcript has been received and/or a check for \$40 has been received.

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# Build a Skyscraper

A big case of boredom sometimes requires a big cure - like this towering, build-it-yourself skyscraper. Made from stuff you already have around the house or classroom, it can keep children busy for hours. Start by collecting cardboard boxes in various sizes.

Tape the boxes shut with packing tape, then stack and tape them atop each other. Using markers or crayons, your kids can decorate the boxes with windows, columns, gargoyles, mailboxes and so on. They might also add some 3-D touches, such as tissue paper flowers and bushes, construction paper flags or even some plastic figurines.

**CRAFTER'S TIP:** If you don't have plain brown boxes, wrap yours with butcher paper or turn them inside out and tape them back together.



## Did You Know?

The first train reached a top speed of only 5 mph.

The typical bolt of lightning heats the atmosphere to 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

The paperclip was invented by Norwegian Johaan Vaaler.

The Dead Sea is 1,200 feet below sea level.

Mickey Mouse was originally named Mortimer Mouse.

A fathom is 6 feet.



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## Book Review

Shel Silverstein shook the staid world of children's poetry in 1974 with the publication of this collection, and things haven't been the same since. More than four and a half million copies of *Where the Sidewalk Ends* have been sold, making it the bestselling children's poetry book ever. With this and his other poetry collections (*A Light in the Attic* and *Falling Up*), Silverstein reveals his genius for reaching kids with silly words and simple pen-and-ink drawings. What child can resist a poem called "Dancing Pants" or "The Dirtiest Man in the World"? Each of the 130 poems is funny in a different way, or touching ... or both. Some approach naughtiness or are a bit disgusting to squeamish grown-ups, but that's exactly what kids like best about Silverstein's work. Jim Trelease, author of *The New Read-Aloud Handbook*, calls this book "without question, the best-loved collection of poetry for children."



### Where the Sidewalk Ends

the poems and drawings of  
Shel Silverstein

### Book Details

**TITLE:** *Where the Sidewalk Ends*

**AUTHOR:** Shel Silverstein

**PUBLISHED:** HarperCollins

**ISBN:** 0060256672



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# Testing Through Pearson

## Stanford Achievement Test Series, Tenth Edition

The standard of excellence in achievement testing for over 80 years, the *Stanford Achievement Test Series* now offers a state-of-the-art tenth edition to measure student progress toward high academic standards. The *Stanford 10* multiple-choice assessment will help educators find out what students know and are able to do.

**Rely on Stanford 10 to help you guide teaching and learning toward high academic standards.**

This technically excellent instrument provides the valid and reliable tool needed for objective measurement of achievement. Administrators will obtain reliable data to evaluate progress toward meeting content standards and high expectations. Teachers will identify and help children who are at risk of being left behind. Parents will understand what their children know and can do and how they can help.

**New content built to maximize information and guide instruction**

Student strengths and weaknesses are easily identified and lead to effective placement and instructional planning. In addition, each item in *Stanford 10* is designed to measure up to four achievement parameters including a content cluster, a process cluster, a cognitive level, and an instructional standard. Test items assess all the core content areas.

**Unique, friendly design to help students do their best**

*Stanford 10* has been totally redesigned to focus students and help them navigate through the test, with its uncluttered layout, framed questions, and easy-to-follow answer document. Students enjoy the realistic four-color illustrations, minimizing stress on test day.

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# Newly Accredited Schools

Congratulations to these schools that recently completed either their initial accreditation or reaccreditation.

No schools were newly accredited or reaccredited in the month of December as of publication date.



## Why Accredit?

The ACTS Accreditation Program establishes high, uniform standards among its member schools. Accreditation requirements also identify educational and spiritual criteria which establish high expectations for Christian Daycares, Preschools, and K-12 schools. ACTS accreditation carries with it both national and regional accreditation along with state-level recognition in eight states.

The ACTS Accreditation Program is designed to meet or exceed the minimum standards recognized by the major Christian school accrediting associations as well as other state-level accrediting associations. It is important for all ACTS member schools to strive to be accredited. Only member schools may apply for accreditation. The initial process takes about one year. ACTS accreditation is an ongoing process promoting excellence in Christian school education.



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## How Are Your Bulletin Boards Doing?

By Ike Stokes

Have you taken a look at your school/classroom's bulletin boards lately? Hopefully, if you did you found all of them current and in keeping with the season or teaching topic. I remember going to one school (that shall remain anonymous) on an accreditation team visit and finding out of date bulletin boards in a couple of classrooms. In fact, the visit was during November and a bulletin board still heralded to the students "Welcome Back to School!" Considering that school started in late August you would have expected that the teacher would have changed the board since school had been in session for almost three months.

Actually, most bulletin boards lose their effectiveness after about 30 days. That being said they should be changed as often as necessary to enhance your student's learning atmosphere. Bulletin boards should be incorporated into the actual life of your classroom so that they compliment on-going lessons and seasonal topics. Now I know that

some of you are saying, "That's easy for you to say." Actually, you are right—it is. So, to help you I've provided 12 web sites addresses that contain a lot of ideas, materials and photos of bulletin boards. These sites are just a few of the multitude that are available with free information.

I particularly enjoyed reviewing one site called the Garden of Praise. It was created by a retired teacher with 35 years of experience to provide free online and printable teaching materials for use within the classroom. The site had a great slide show of some fairly awesome bulletin boards. The bulletin board section of the site is <http://www.gardenofpraise.com/bulletin.htm>.

Finally, I want to say a special thanks to Jerry Hoyt who is the administrator of Heritage Child Development Center in Culpepper, VA for asking for some assistance with bulletin board information. If you have any education related question give ACTS a call at 417-865-4290 or send an e-mail to [acts@actsschools.org](mailto:acts@actsschools.org) and we will provide you with an answer.

## Weekly Devotions

### January 5-9

Topic: Words of Wisdom

References: Deuteronomy 6:7; Psalm 145:11; Malachi 3:16; Luke 24:13-14, 24:32; Ephesians 5:19

### January 12-16

Topic: Inspiring Hopes

References: Proverbs 14:32; Acts 24:15; Romans 4:18, 8:24, 15:4; 1 Corinthians 13:13; Colossians 1:5; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 6:18-19; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 John 3:3

### January 19-23

Topic: Unselfish Living

References: Genesis 13:9, 50:21; Numbers 11:29; 1 Samuel 18:4; Daniel 5:17; 1 Corinthians 10:33; 2 Corinthians 8:9

### January 26-30

Topic: Contentment

References: Proverbs 15:16; Luke 3:14; Philippians 4:11; 1 Timothy 6:6, 6:8; Hebrews 13:5

- [www.theteacherscorner.net/bulletinboards/index.htm](http://www.theteacherscorner.net/bulletinboards/index.htm)
- [school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/bulletin/](http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/bulletin/)
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- [www.dltk-teach.com/boards/viewerschool.htm](http://www.dltk-teach.com/boards/viewerschool.htm)
- [www.canteach.ca/elementary/classman8.html](http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/classman8.html)

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## Meet... Dr. Clint Behrends



Perspectives took the opportunity to ask Clint Behrends, the Vice President/President Elect for ACTS, several questions to help everyone get to know him better. We hope you will find this interesting!

Birthday: November 29th

Married to: Lavonne

Anniversary: December 14th

Children: Yes, 4

Hobbies: Golf and automobiles

Favorite Book: Anything about leadership and Christian schools

Favorite Sport: Cedar Park Christian teams

Favorite Saying: "Better to build children than to repair men."

Has lived: Washington State

Hometown: Kelso Longview, Washington

If you could have any superpower, what would it be? Fix hurting people

Favorite Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 12:9

Would like to visit: Israel

Would like to live: Wherever my family is.

### Please Meet...

Every month Perspectives will feature a different individual either from the ACTS office in Springfield, MO or a member of our Executive Board.

Our goal is for each one of you to feel as if you know the various individuals who work so hard to make the Association of Christian Teachers and Schools the organization it is today.



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# Math Puzzler

## Band Around the Earth

The circumference of the Earth is approximately 40,000 kilometers, and someone has just made a metal band that circles the Earth, touching the ground at all locations.

You come along at night, as a practical joke, and add just 10 meters to its length (one hundredth of one kilometer!).

It is now one four-millionth longer, and sits magically just above the ground at all locations.

How far has it risen ... Could a flea, a rabbit or even a man squeeze underneath it?

## December Solution

Number the switches 1, 2 & 3.

Switch on number 1 for 1 minute, then switch it off. Switch on number 2. Go upstairs...

The light that is on is connected to switch 2. The light that is off and **warm** is connected to switch 1. The light that is off and cold is connected to switch 3.

## You Can Help!

Every month Perspectives will feature a different math problem. The solution to the problem will be given in the next month's newsletter.

Teachers and schools are invited to e-mail in suggested math or logic problems for the newsletter. E-mail can be sent to: [ACTS@actsschools.org](mailto:ACTS@actsschools.org).



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# Word of the Week

January 5-9

**litany** • \LIH-tuh-nee\ • noun

1 : a prayer consisting of a series of invocations and supplications by the leader with alternate responses by the congregation

2 a : a resonant or repetitive chant b : a usually lengthy recitation or enumeration c : a sizable series or set

January 12-16

**accentuate** • \ak-SEN-shu-wayt\ • verb

: accent, emphasize; also : intensify

January 19-23

**prolix** • \proh-Liks\ • adjective

1 : unduly prolonged or drawn out : too long

2 : marked by or using an excess of words

January 26-30

**hypaethral** • \hye-PEETH-ru\ • adjective

1 : having a roofless central space

2 : open to the sky



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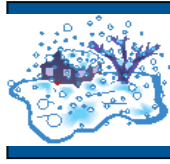


# This Month in History...

- January 1, 1863 – President Abraham Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation
- January 3, 1924 – King Tutankhamen's sarcophagus is found in the Valley of the Kings
- January 4, 1790 – George Washington delivers the first State of the Union address
- January 5, 1972 – President Richard Nixon signs a bill to build and test the first NASA space shuttle
- January 10, 1776 – *Common Sense*, by Thomas Paine is published
- January 10, 1863 – The world's first underground railway service opened in London
- January 15, 1535 – Henry VIII becomes Supreme Head of the Church in England
- January 15, 1973 – Golda Meir becomes the first Israeli prime minister to visit the Pope
- January 17, 1773 – The *Resolution* becomes the first ship to cross the Antarctic Circle
- January 21, 1954 – The *USS Nautilus*, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, is launched
- January 23, 1849 – Elizabeth Blackwell is awarded her MD and becomes America's first female doctor
- January 24, 1848 – The California gold rush begins
- January 27, 1967 – Fire erupts inside Apollo 1 during training exercises and kills 3 American astronauts
- January 28, 1915 – The U.S. Coast Guard is created by an Act of Congress
- January 28, 1986 – The U.S. Space Shuttle *Challenger* explodes and kills all onboard
- January 30, 1933 – Adolf Hitler is appointed Chancellor of Germany by President Paul von Hindenburg



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# Jackie Robinson

Jack Roosevelt "Jackie" Robinson was the first African-American Major League Baseball player of the modern era. Although not the first African-American professional baseball player in United States history, Robinson's 1947 Major League debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers ended approximately 60 years of baseball segregation, breaking the baseball color line, or color barrier. At that time in the United States, many white people believed that blacks and whites should be kept apart in many aspects of life, including sports. Despite this obstacle, Robinson went on to have an exceptional baseball career.

Robinson played on six World Series teams and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962. He earned six consecutive All-Star Game Nominations and won several awards during his career. In 1947, Jackie won *The Sporting News* Rookie of the Year Award and the first MLB Rookie of the Year Award. Two years later, he won the National League

MVP Award - the first black player to do so. On April 15, 1997, the 50-year anniversary of his debut, Major League Baseball retired Robinson's jersey number 42 across all MLB teams in recognition of his accomplishments in a ceremony at Shea Stadium.

He also had success away from the baseball field. Robinson was the first African-American Major League Baseball analyst and the first black Vice President of a major American corporation. In the 1960's, he helped to establish the Freedom National Bank, an African-American owned and controlled entity based in Harlem, New York. Due to his achievements, Robinson was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal. In 1950, he played himself in the biographical film *The Jackie Robinson Story*. In 1946, Robinson married Rachel Annetta Isum, and after Robinson died of a heart attack in 1972, she founded the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

## Quick Facts

Born:	January 31, 1919 Cairo, Georgia
Died:	October 24, 1972 Stamford, Connecticut
MLB Debut:	April 15, 1947
Last Appearance:	October 10, 1956
Team:	Brooklyn Dodgers
Position:	Second Baseman

### Career Statistics:

Batting Average:	.311
Hits:	1,518
Home Runs:	137





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# John Hancock

John Hancock was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, the son of Reverend John Hancock and Mary Hawke. The Hancocks lived in a part of town which eventually became the separate city of Quincy, where John became a childhood friend of John Adams. In 1742, his father died and John was adopted by his paternal uncle, Thomas Hancock, who was a highly successful merchant and privateer.

After graduating from the Boston Latin School in 1750, he enrolled in Harvard University and received a Bachelor's degree in 1754. Upon graduation, he worked for his uncle and was trained for eventual partnership. In 1763 John became a full partner and upon his uncle's death in August 1764 he inherited the business and Hancock Manor, thereby becoming one of the wealthiest men in America.

John Hancock's regular merchant trade as well as his smuggling practices financed much of his region's resistance to British authority. Due to his ability to smuggle so many goods into the American colonies, it wasn't until the Stamp Act was in effect that Hancock started boycotting England and the Crown.

At first, John Hancock, was only a financier of the growing American rebellion against the British, but

he later became a public critic of British rule. On March 5, 1774, the fourth anniversary of the Boston Massacre, he gave a speech strongly condemning the British. In the same year he was unanimously elected President of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress. Under Hancock, Massachusetts was able to raise bands of "minutemen" – soldiers who pledged to be ready for battle on short notice – and his boycott of tea imported by the British East India Company eventually led to the Boston Tea Party.

On May 24, 1775, Hancock was elected President of the Second Continental Congress. The President's authority was limited to that of a presiding officer. Hancock would serve through some of the darkest days of the Revolutionary War, including Washington's defeats in New York and New Jersey as well as Great Britain's occupation of Philadelphia, until resigning his office in York, Pennsylvania on October 30, 1777.

Hancock is best remembered for his large, flamboyant signature on the Declaration of Independence, so much so that "John Hancock" has become, in the United States, an informal synonym for "signature."

## Quick Facts

Born: January 23, 1737  
Braintree, Massachusetts

Died: October 8, 1793  
Quincy, Massachusetts

Spouse: Dorothy Quincy

Occupation:

- 3rd President of the Continental Congress (May 24, 1775 - October 31, 1777)
- 1st Governor of Massachusetts (1780-1785)
- 7th President of the United States in Congress Assembled (November 23, 1785 - June 5, 1786)
- 3rd Governor of Massachusetts (May 30, 1787 - October 8, 1793)





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# Presidential Inauguration

The Presidential Inauguration will be held on January 20, 2009. A week of festivities will include the Presidential Swearing in Ceremony, Inaugural Address, Inaugural Parade and a night of Inaugural Balls and galas honoring the new President of the United States. The theme for the 2009 Presidential Inauguration will be "A New Birth of Freedom," commemorating the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The words come from the Gettysburg Address, and express Lincoln's hope that the sacrifice of those who died to preserve the nation shall lead to "a new birth of freedom" for our nation.

With the election of Barack Obama – the first black president in America – inaugural events are expected to draw record breaking crowds to Washington, D.C. This historic day immediately follows the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. which will be celebrated with special events as well. And just in time for Inauguration Day, the nation's capital honors Lincoln's Bicentennial with a city-wide celebration including special exhibits and tours.

## A Brief History and Overview of the Presidential Inauguration

The swearing-in of the President of the United States occurs upon the commencement of a new term of a President of the United States. The United States Constitution mandates that the President make the following oath or affirmation before he or she can "enter on the Execution" of the office of the presidency:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

The swearing-in traditionally takes place at noon on Inauguration Day at the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., with the Chief Justice of the United States administering the oath. From the presidency of Martin Van Buren through Jimmy Carter, the ceremony took place on the Capitol's East Portico. Since the 1981 inauguration of Ronald Reagan, the ceremony has been held at the Capitol's West

## Quick Facts

Born:	August 4, 1961 (1961-08-04) Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.
Birth name:	Barack Hussein Obama II
Nationality:	American
Political party:	Democratic
Spouse:	Michelle Obama (m. 1992)
Children:	Malia Ann (b. 1998) Sasha (b. 2001)
Residence:	Kenwood, Chicago, Illinois
Alma mater:	Columbia University Harvard Law School
Profession:	Attorney Politician
Religion:	United Church of Christ



Front. The inauguration of William Howard Taft in 1909 and Reagan in 1985 were moved indoors at the Capitol due to cold weather. Until 1937, Inauguration Day was March 4. Since then, Inauguration Day has occurred on January 20 (the 1933 ratification of the Twentieth Amendment changed the start date of the term).

Since Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth swore in President John Adams, no Chief Justice has missed the Inauguration Day swearing-in. When Inauguration Day has fallen on a Sunday, the Chief Justice has administered the oath to the President either on inauguration day itself or on the preceding Saturday privately and the following Monday publicly. Eight presidential deaths and Richard Nixon's resignation have forced the oath of office to be administered by other officials on other days. The War of 1812 and World War II forced two swearing-ins to be held at other locations in Washington, D.C.

From 1789 through 2005, the swearing-in has been administered by 14 Chief Justices, one Associate Justice, three federal judges, two New York state judges and one notary public. Though anyone legally authorized to administer an oath may swear in a President, to date the only person to do so who was not a judge was John C. Coolidge, Calvin Coolidge's father, a notary whose home the then Vice-

President was visiting in 1923 when he learned of the death of President Warren G. Harding.

The Inauguration Day is a busy one for the new President. It often begins with a morning worship service, but not all President's observe this tradition. Next is the procession to the Capitol, which is followed by the swearing-in ceremony for the Vice President and then the President. After the President is sworn-in, the custom is to deliver an Inaugural Address. This has been done since the very first inauguration of George Washington. Following the inaugural address, the outgoing President departs, usually very quietly and with little ceremony. Following this is an Inaugural Luncheon, hosted by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and held in the Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol. However, this tradition did not begin formally until 1953 with President Dwight D. Eisenhower. When the Inaugural Luncheon is completed, it is followed by an Inaugural Parade. The procession is led by the newly sworn in President and Vice President and goes down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. On the evening of the Inauguration, there are many balls given in the new President's honor. This tradition did not begin officially until 1809, with the inauguration of James Madison. Today the Inaugural Balls are planned by the Presidential Inaugural Committee.



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# Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) was born in Atlanta, Georgia. As an African American civil rights leader he spoke eloquently and stressed nonviolent methods to achieve equality. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968. In 1983, the third Monday in January was designated a legal holiday in the United States to celebrate his birthday.

Dr. King was a clergyman, activist and prominent leader in the American civil rights movement. His main legacy was to secure progress on civil rights in the United States and he is frequently referenced as a human rights icon today.

King began his career as a Baptist minister, and he became a civil rights activist early in his career. He led the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957, serving as its first president.

King's efforts led to the 1963 March on Washington, where King delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech. There, he raised public consciousness on the civil rights movement and established himself as one of the greatest orators in American history.

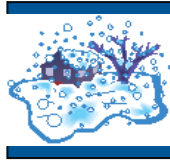
In 1964, King became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to end racial segregation and discrimination through civil disobedience and other non-violent means. By the time of his death in 1968, he had refocused his efforts on ending poverty and opposing the Vietnam War, both from a religious perspective.

King was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was first observed as a U.S. national holiday in 1986, although it had been signed into law in 1983.

## Quick Facts

Born:	January 15, 1929 Atlanta, Georgia
Died:	April 4, 1968 Memphis, Tennessee
Education:	Morehouse College Crozer Theological Seminary Boston University
Religion:	Baptist
Awards:	Nobel Peace Prize Presidential Medal of Freedom Congressional Gold Medal





## Middle Atlantic States Conference

Dear Friends,

You are invited to the First Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS) Middle Atlantic States Conference on March 19, 2009. Christ Chapel Academy in Woodbridge, Virginia will be our host for this event and we are inviting schools from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Delaware. Dr. Nelson, the ACTS Executive Director, will update us on ACTS and we will be forming State Chapters. Bob Jones University Press will be our luncheon host and we will be discussing legal and legislative issues facing Christian Schools and "Leading Schools in an Economic Recession."

Please mark your calendars for March 19, 2009 and more information (agenda, lodging, speakers, etc) will be forthcoming in early 2009. If you have a topic or subject that you would like addressed, e-mail Pastor Paul Miklich ([pmiklich@christchapel.org](mailto:pmiklich@christchapel.org)).

May the blessings of our Lord Jesus be with you,

Pastor Paul Miklich  
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# ACTS Endorsed Conferences

## **CALVARY CHAPEL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES**

Calvary Chapel - Downey  
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## **ACTS REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

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# Prayer Corner

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of Him" (1 John 5:14-15).

## Please pray for:

- Sue has cancer.
- Susan has cancer.



"God does nothing except in response to believing prayer." John Wesley

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# Mark Your Calendar!

## January

- New Year's Day ..... January 1
- ACTS Offices Reopen ..... January 5
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day ..... January 19

## February

- Groundhog Day ..... February 2
- Valentine's Day ..... February 14
- President's Day ..... February 16

## March

- Daylight Savings Time Begin ..... March 8
- St. Patrick's Day ..... March 17
- First Day of Spring ..... March 20

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