

# Veritas Classical Academy

## News - February/March 2007

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### Tell Your Friends

Information Sessions are an excellent way for interested families and potential teachers to learn more about the school and how the university model works. Encourage interested friends to attend an upcoming **Information Session on March 15, April 19 or May 22.**

Veritas will accept new student applications beginning March 26 through June 15. Families are encouraged to apply early as many of our current classes are at or close to capacity. Admission information and new student applications can be found on the website.

Veritas will offer grades K-9 next year and currently plans to meet at Trinity Baptist Church in Norman. Grammar students will meet Tues/Thurs 8:15 am to 3:15 pm. Students grades 6-9 will meet Tues/Thurs (same times as above) and Fri mornings 8:15 am to 12:25 pm. The Board's goal is to have enrollment increase to at least 100 students for the fall.

### Staff Openings

As VCA continues to add grades to the Upper School and looks toward eventually going up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the Board is looking for a qualified person to serve as **Upper School Principal**. The ideal candidate would have experience teaching middle or high school students, be familiar with classical Christian pedagogy, and be gifted administratively.

The Board also seeks qualified applicants for **teacher positions** for the 2007-8 school year. Some openings are expected at the grammar level; however, openings for some grades will depend upon sufficient enrollment to open second sections for those grades. Upper school teaching positions are expected as well. Applicants are encouraged to express interest and apply early in the process and indicate in a cover letter general grade or subject preferences.

Job descriptions and application information may be found on the school website under the "Contact" page. Specific job openings will be posted when they are available.

### Prayer Requests

- Pray that God would provide enough new enrollment to reach the Board's goal of at least 100 students for the fall.
- Praise God for the \$32,000 that has been raised thus far toward the school's start-up deficit. Pray God would provide the remaining funds necessary to hire an Upper School Principal for next year.
- Pray God would provide a qualified candidate to serve as Upper School Principal for next year.

### Sitting at the Master's Feet

--by Donna Lewis

*Beginning in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, students are introduced to the progymnasmata as the backbone of the writing curricula. The progymnasmata teaches students various models of writing to be used in different circumstances. The chreia is the second model taught and highlights the usefulness of a quote. Donna Lewis, mother of three Veritas students, recently decided to write a chreia alongside her 6<sup>th</sup> grade son so that she could better understand the model. VCA asked for permission to reprint her efforts as an encouragement to others.*

"I am trying to sit at His feet, but who's going to cook dinner?" -- Cathy Lechner

Cathy Lechner has a passionate love for the Lord, but family obligations prevent her from sitting at Jesus' feet. She is an author, speaker, ministry leader and mother of five children. Her predicament is quite a conundrum. How does one choose between two good and right things?

As wonderful as spending time with the Lord is, our practical needs must be taken care of. As all home schooling mothers know, papers must be corrected, new concepts taught (not Veritas mothers – Hallelujah!), diapers changed and dinner cooked. Often mothers try to sit at the Lord’s feet, but instead, lie supine, fast asleep under His chair instead!

From that vantage point, many mothers look at the feet of Jesus. They are so exhausted from running from basketball to gymnastics to Chinese class to “horticulture culture” class, that time alone with God turns into only that – time alone. Then who fixes dinner so she can sit at the feet of Jesus and love Him? Is it the nanny who prepares a succulent four-course meal, or the seven-year-old who grills cheese sandwiches and hot dogs? Time with God, needless to say, becomes less of a priority.

While dining on grilled cheese and burnt hot dogs, some moms lavish love upon their Savior. Having set their priorities and left sticky floors, grainy counters and paper strewn dining tables for someone else to clean, they bask in the glow of the light of their Savior. They emerge from His presence, fully dressed in the whole armor of God, totally oblivious to the fact that she needs it to protect herself from the onslaught of germs growing in the kitchen sink!

So consider this. A mom of eight blissfully and quietly awakens at 3 am to feed her newborn baby. She muses, “I’ll have my quiet time now while the house is asleep.” She feeds the baby, changes the baby and feeds her again. Wow! What a concept. She fixed dinner **and** sat His feet. But that same mom, mysteriously missing her quiet time at 3 am, is supine under the chair at her 4 pm quiet time after dealing with all eight children all day.

An example of this dichotomy in motherhood is the actions of Mary and Martha in the book of Luke. To be sure, Jesus was hungry. He stopped by Martha’s because He had been there before and knew that she could cook! (That was a joke, okay?) But Mary, Martha’s sister, chose to sit at Jesus’ feet. Both were right and good actions. Instead, Martha complained to Jesus. (If I had been

Martha, I would have sat down right then...and promptly gone supine, sleeping under His chair!)

Donna, Donna... Oh, I mean, “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:41-42). Chreias, pre-algebra, book reports, science experiments (uh-oh, I forgot one, Mrs. Hansel!), social activities, church activities, family, and “date night” can all be taken away. Moms must choose the needful and most efficient thing, not the things.

Lives are filled with so many things. So much so, that we forget the Power behind the things, the One who made the things possible. Some of those things are necessary to live – shelter, clothing, family, friends, dinner. But Christ calls to us and asks us to forget for a moment those things that slow us down, even hinder us at times. Sit down. Rest. Even go supine. He’ll fuel us for the journey.

### *Upcoming Dates*

<b>Tues., March 6</b>	<b>Re-enrollment Deadline</b> for returning VCA families.
<b>Thurs., March 15</b>	<b>Information Session at 7pm in the Music Room at Trinity Baptist Church, 801 N. Peters. Childcare is provided for \$5 a child. Please RSVP to Rebecca at 850-5309.</b>
<b>March 19-23</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>Thurs., March 29</b>	<b>Open Board Meeting at 7pm in the Music Room at Trinity Baptist. Childcare available upon request for \$5 per child.</b>
<b>Sat., March 31</b>	<b>Admission Testing for grades 1-9. Call Rebecca at 850-5309 to reserve a spot. Cost is \$50.</b>

**Thurs., April 5**

**Make-up snow day**  
*(previously scheduled as  
Parent/Teacher  
Conference). Regular  
classes will be held for all  
grades.*

**Fri., April 6**

**Good Friday- No Friday  
Classes.**