

The Verity Good Report

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National Day of Prayer

May 1, 2008 began as a very special day for Verity. Because it was the National Day of Prayer, we wanted to join with Christians all over the nation in praying for our country. Dr. McCray opened our morning chapel service admonishing us to first of all silence our own hearts by having a time of personal prayer bowing before the Lord. Then we all moved outside to the front lawn where we gathered together for the unveiling of the new sign that says Verity Institute & Testing Center.

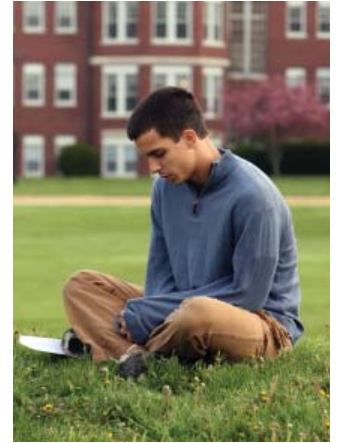


Mr. Whitten and Kristina Zaloum have been working very hard for several weeks on this project, and we were



very pleased with the finished product! While we were gathered at the sign, Dr. Castelino shared a Scripture passage from John Chapter 1. After singing a song we broke up into small groups to pray, the emphasis being Verity – the staff, current students, incoming students, and what God wants to do through us in the upcoming year.

Following this prayer time, we all moved over to meet around the flagpole. Here we sang the National Anthem, and Dr. McCray shared with us the importance of the authorities God has placed over us and how crucial it is for us to uphold them in prayer. So, once again, we divided into small groups, this time praying for the national and local leaders of our country.



It was a very uplifting morning to come together as the entire student body with one voice to seek God's face and make our requests known. We have been given a great blessing to be able to live in America, and it was a humbling reminder for us of where those blessings come from and how needful we are of a Savior.

– Molly Dietrich, Assistant Women's Coordinator



Lessons from Dr. Guthrie's Visit

"It's not about you...but it's not about me either."

As Dr. Guthrie continued to expound on the love of God—teaching us that it is our focus shifting from ourselves, to our sin, and how much God must love us to overlook those sins and offer us eternal life—you could have heard a pin drop. Glancing around the auditorium, I noticed that every eye was watching and every ear was listening attentively to what was being said. Upon his arrival, Dr. Guthrie was warmly welcomed back as our guest grandfather. I know that the staff loves his visits because he gives us new perspectives on things and encourages us to continue working diligently and work in unity with each other. On Wednesday morning he appeared in our chapel with a protesting goat around his neck and explained the analogies within the 23rd Psalm. At the end of that chapel he had informed us that before leaving he would host a question and answer time. So on Wednesday night, the student/staff body gathered, with our questions ready.



"How can we disciple new Christians?" "How do we know God's will for us?" "As leaders in our society, what difficulties might we face?" "How can I perceive the true heart of my authorities?"

I suppose it was the leading of the Holy Spirit that prompted him to ask if there was one more question: "Sometimes we feel like loving God and sometimes we feel further away from Him. How do we love God?" Joshua Cook ventured his question delicately. Dr. Guthrie fearlessly jumped in. "We don't love God, if we could conjure up a love for God all on our own we would not need the cross, HE loves US, He draws us to himself."

When Dr. Guthrie finished, we all had had a paradigm shift in our views of authority, discipleship, and love. We are sad to see him leave, he is such a blessing in our lives, but he leaves us with words of truth from God's scripture that will continue to encourage us through the next few steps of our lives.

— Chéri Anderson, Assistant to the Director

