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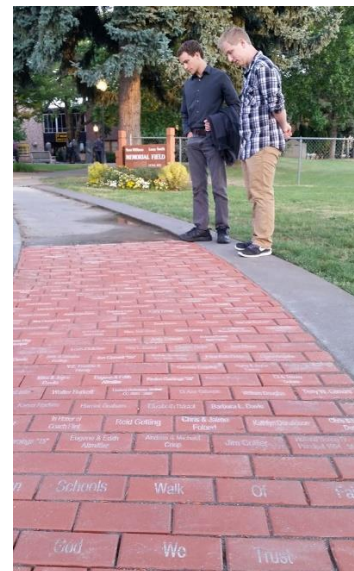


CCS Class of 2016!

The 2015-2016 school year graduation took place at the Eastside church auditorium on June 10, 2016. We graduated 22 seniors, 15 of whom are enrolling in a College or University this fall. 4 are enrolling in a trade school and the remaining 3 are still determining their plans. The **Valedictorian** was **Betiel Yohannes** and the **Salutatorian** was **Lilly Funk**. Along with these academic awards, **Mr. and Miss Columbia Christian Schools**, a recognition given to a male and female student who demonstrate exemplary faith, character and academics, were awarded to **Evan Bonazzola** and **Lydia Wagner**. The **Spiritual Leadership Award**, honoring students who are Christian leaders, were awarded to **Madison Spencer** and **Alex Ray**. **Spencer Laughlin** was the recipient of the **Timothy Award**, which recognizes a student who has demonstrated an exemplary attitude in the face of great challenges.

The Walk of Faith Path Begins!

Columbia Christian Schools purchased the Columbia Christian College/Cascade College campus in the summer of 2012. The Walk of Faith campaign helped secure the funds for this purchase, and it continues to support the legacy of Christian education on this campus. The Walk of Faith path is currently under construction, located on the north end of campus between the Outlaw Center and the Johnson Center.



Debby Thomas Retires



After 25 years serving as Columbia Christian's 1st grade teacher, and a total of 44 years in the classroom, Debby Thomas has retired. Debby came to Columbia Christian in 1990 after teaching in Hood River, Oregon and Tulsa, Oklahoma. "Since coming to Columbia in 1990, I have experienced joy I didn't know was possible in 'work'" reflects Debby. "I have always loved teaching. Being with children is the best part of any day! The best part of teaching here has been the opportunity to engage God in every part of our day. It is such a blessing to have Him sit with us as we learn about His stories, as we talk about His order in math and science, as we focus on the importance of reading so we can read His words and function in this world. Learning how to get along, treating one another kindly and the discipline of focusing on what is most important, is a privilege we experience each day. There is nothing better! I have learned so much from God's sweet children in 44 years, lessons that will last a lifetime. I am prayerful that each of these little ones grows up to be a whole-hearted follower of God (at 6 or 46). I want to see them in heaven. Oh, and one of the big blessings.....I had 8 of my grandchildren in my class! It has been a privilege to be a part of this ministry here at Columbia."

Wounded Warrior Service Project

The 1st and 2nd grade classes hosted a yummy fundraiser this spring for the Wounded Warrior Project. This agency assists battle-weary veterans returning home with injuries. The children and some volunteer parents served ice cream sundaes with all the fixings to help support the Wounded Warriors. The 1st and 2nd graders served toppings, passed out stickers and picked up used dishes. We are very proud of their work. They are very proud to send \$502 to the Wounded Warrior Project.



The mission of Columbia Christian is to provide a Christ-centered education focused on excellence in faith, character and academics.

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