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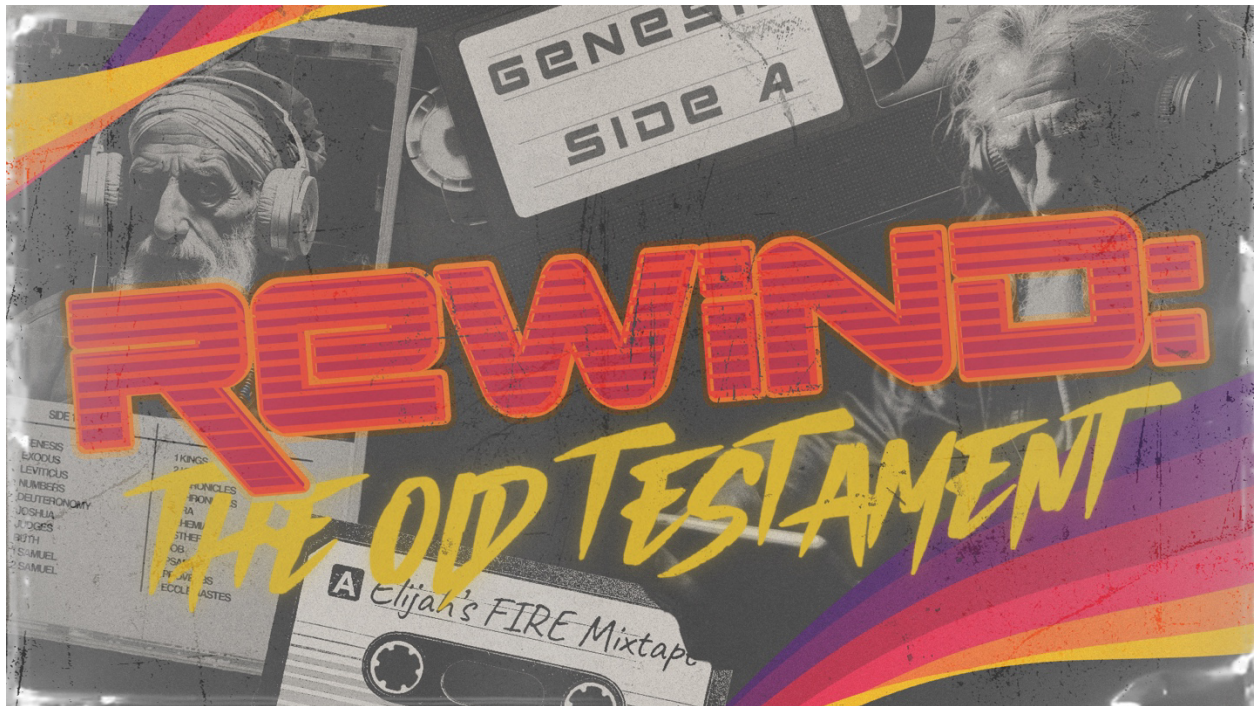
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## Rewind: The Old Testament

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During the month of September, our chapel services included several popular Old Testament stories like David and Goliath, Jonah and the Big Fish, Moses and the Red Sea, and my personal favorite, Daniel and the Lions' Den in our series, *Rewind: The Old Testament*.

Throughout this series, we learned several things. Even if your adversary seems terrifying, with God, nothing is impossible;

you can't run from God, no matter how far you go, or where you run; God has shown His love for you over and over. He will not fail, nor will He falter. He loves you, and He protects those He loves.

David was just a little shepherd boy, and yet God used him to lead the Israelite army to victory over the Philistines. How cool is that? Even after everyone told him not to, he

returned Goliath's challenge. God protected him and led him to victory against the giant.

There are several key things to remember from this story. Remember all the times God has come through on your behalf. It doesn't have to be a life-changing thing. David not only put his life on the line, he *ran towards* Goliath's challenge. Don't be afraid of something that's in God's hands. The same God who was then is now and will be forever. We don't have to be good enough, strong enough, or know enough, because God is for us. Always stand up for what is right, even if you stand alone. Being alone isn't always a bad thing. Trust in God *before* facing our giants. Know that He will carry you. Invite God into your story. Make changes intentionally. Do it for Him. The God that we serve, He will *never* leave us.

Jonah was a prophet. He was supposed to obey the commands given to him by God, even if it meant traveling somewhere that was evil in God's eyes. (If you can't guess where this is going, maybe go read Jonah, or watch the Veggie Tales episode about it.)

Jonah rejected God. He tried to run, and it failed. God knew where he was going. God knew his plan. When Jonah finally had his change of heart (some quality time with a big fish) he went to Ninevah, an Assyrian city filled with evil people. He told them they were doomed if they kept their ways, and they repented. Yay, happily ever after! *Nope*. Jonah didn't like that they repented their sins, so he threw a fit outside of the city walls, and that's how the book ends. But what does that teach us?

You can't run from God. He is always with you. He knows your fears and anxieties. Your anger and sorrows. He still loves you. Prayer is always the right choice.

Mrs. Walker, a high school teacher at ACS, has a sign in her classroom that says "Have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?" Definitely something to take into consideration. Always pray. It can even just be something as simple as "I need you" or "Help me". He cherishes every word you tell Him, and cares deeply about you. Nothing is too deep, too scary, too bad for Him. God loves and cares for His people. He doesn't leave you high and dry, He fulfills His promises. Even if they take hundreds of years.

Most people know the story of Moses parting the Red Sea. As Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt they are being chased by the Egyptians.

Have you ever gone through a hardship? Whether it's not doing great on a quiz/test or having someone close move away, we have all been through something that was difficult for us. Think about how God shows up in your trials. He loves you. I know this is something I've said a lot already, but it's true. You are loved by God, the strong, compassionate, merciful God of the universe. The God who sent His Son to die for you.

Daniel and the Lions' Den is my favorite Biblical story, because it shows me that I can stand out, and not be afraid of the persecution that will come my way, because God is on my side. Daniel was a captured Jew, who had earned the favor of the Babylonians who had captured them, because of his work ethic. Every time someone new took over, he had to start all over again, proving himself to this new guy in charge. Imagine how tiring that must have been. I bet it would be like writing an eight page essay, and accidentally deleting it before you can turn it in, so you have to painstakingly *rewrite every single word*. But

he does it. He overcame the odds over and over again, because God led him every step of the way.

Imagine if you were in Daniel's shoes. How frustrating would it have been, to have to continuously rework your way to the top, and then the king who actually likes you has to throw you in the lions' den. Imagine how betrayed he must have felt by God. I know I would have felt angry, but that's not what happened. He trusted God to take care of him. That kind of relationship is one I want to have: the unwavering faith, no second-guessing His plan.

So what does Daniel's faith teach us? Obedience didn't save Daniel, God did. Trust God to take care of you, even in adversity. People didn't rescue Daniel, God did. No one could have stood against the orders of the king, and no one would have dared, if it meant getting thrown in with Daniel. God protected him though. Only God could have rescued Daniel, and only God can rescue us. Read Romans 10:10 NIV

A special thank you to Wade Dundee, Greg Mast, and Lori Reed, for leading us during those chapels and worship times. You put in effort everyday to show us God's will for us and ACS, and we wouldn't be where we are without you.

## The Red Sea

### Annie Cash

The ACS Student Section, otherwise known as the Red Sea, is a group of student fans cheering for our teams at sporting events. At the beginning of the year, seniors Maleia Miller, Sierra Binion, and Zoe Ruhlig noticed the need for a more exciting lively student section. They wanted to incorporate themes and more consistency for our athletic events.



The ACS Student Section cheers on the volleyball team.

I reached out to Rylee Apke, a freshman at ACS, who is a frequent ACS student section attendee with a few questions.

**What do you enjoy about the student section?** *"I enjoy the fun of going to the games with themes."*

**Why do you think people should join the student section?** *"It creates a better atmosphere for ACS to win games."*

**Is there anything you would like added to the student section?** *"I would like to add more activities for students in between games, halftimes, etc. I would also want to add more chants and get the student section louder."*

Maleia Miller has said they have tons of fun themes planned for this coming basketball season. She hopes everyone likes them!

The ACS Student Section has an Instagram account! At [acs\\_studentsection](#). Here they post what the theme is, what to wear, and when to show up. They also post fun photos from each night!

I encourage our students at ACS to come join the student section for a game and see how fun it is. But always remember to show the love of Christ when cheering for our teams and not be disrespectful to our opponents.



*Rylee Apke and Cody Kuhns on Jersey Night!*

## Sharing the Road

### Kylie Gingerich



It's fall season! While we are all ready for sweater weather/pumpkin patch season, our farmers are working overtime. The crops they planted in the spring and carefully tended to are finally ready to be harvested. This means you're more likely to see tractors and other farm equipment on the road, and it's important to know how to properly share the road.

Farmers are working long hours to ensure your food gets to the grocery store. It's hard, exhausting work, and they are doing it for you. As a consumer, realizing what an important role

farmers have in the community will help you have grace when sharing the road. Tractors can only go so fast, with an average top speed of only 25 mph. They are big and take up a good portion of the road. When you are in a rush, or stuck behind a piece of equipment, remember they are doing their best, and are at work. Instead of getting frustrated, give them a wave and a smile as you drive past.

Farm equipment can be very dangerous because of its size, and it is important to know how to act/drive when there is equipment on the road. Here are some great safety warnings and points from wsps.ca (Workplace Safety and prevention services).

## 10 Tips on Sharing the Road with Farm Equipment

1. **Slow Down.** If you see a slow-moving vehicle (SMV) sign on a piece of equipment, this means it will be traveling below the posted speed. Slowing down and sharing the road is essential. Your life depends on it.
2. **Be Patient.** Most equipment will be out of your way shortly. If you do come upon slow moving equipment, take a deep breath and be patient. When the path is clear make sure that the driver of the equipment can see you before you pass. The same rules apply to driving at any time; do not cross on a double line, and do not cross on a hill or around a bend.
3. **Closure time.** Farm equipment continues to increase in size and speed. Recognize that a car traveling at 88 km/H has ONLY seven seconds to react to the tractor traveling at 24 km/H along the road. Not only are they large, but they also pull substantial weight along the road. If the wagons are full of crops there may be 20 or more tons in that wagon. It is important to give the equipment lots of room and not attempt to pass when the road conditions are unsafe.
4. **Stay alert.** Be on the lookout for farm machinery and be prepared to adjust your driving accordingly.



- Always stay off your phone while driving and avoid distractions.
5. **Farm equipment operators can't see you.** When you are following directly behind farm equipment, it is essential to stay a safe distance behind the machinery. They will not be able to see you behind them. And you will not be able to see ahead or adjust your speed to avoid a collision.
  6. **Do not expect equipment to pull over to the side of the road.** This can be extremely dangerous for the operator. If the agricultural equipment pulls over too far onto the edge of the road it can cause the shoulder of the road to collapse resulting in the equipment going into the ditch or rolling over.
  7. **Driving near horse-drawn vehicles.** If you see a horse-drawn buggy, cart, or vehicle, slow down and be extremely cautious. Follow them at a safe distance and only pass when it is safe to do so. When passing, give as

much distance as you can. Passing too closely or too quickly could scare or startle the horse, causing it to panic which puts both you and the buggy occupants in danger. Loud noises such as horns, loose tarps, or revving engines can also cause unpredictable behaviors from horses.



8. **Watch for turn signals.** Modern farm equipment often comes equipped with turning signals, four-way flashers and flashing beacons. However, some older machines might not have these

9. features. Pay attention to turn signals and any hand signals from the operator. Always wait until the equipment has completed its direction of travel before attempting to pass. Farm equipment may be larger than it appears. Make sure the driver can see you before you pass. Then follow the regular rules of the road: never pass on curves or hills, when nearing intersections or at railroad crossings, bridges, or tunnels.

10. **Tractors with wagons, self-propelled implements, and transport trucks require more room to turn.** If they are making a right-hand turn into a field or laneway, they may be required to crowd on the Centre line to ensure they can access the field safely. Do not try to pass as this is never good for either party involved.

11. **Plan your rural trip.** Check that your vehicle is prepared for travel. Ensure you have enough fluids, and your loads are secured. Before you leave, review your route. Check for weather conditions and construction areas.

## Teacher Spotlight, Chelsey Siudyla Charlotte Cash

For our Teacher Spotlight, we'd like to celebrate Mrs. Chelsey Siudyla! Mrs. Siudyla is in her third year teaching fourth grade teacher at ACS. She is a huge fan of gardening, baking, and reading. She enjoys teaching fourth grade and showing her students that it's okay to make mistakes. She encourages her students to be comfortable with each other and wants them to feel like a family. Shining God's light in her classroom is a huge blessing to her.

Some of her favorite mottos to live by are "Do your best, and let God do the rest," as well as "Making mistakes shows that you are learning." She loves the community here at ACS, saying it

“creates a positive atmosphere for the students and families to grow closer together and to the Lord.”

She loves getting to walk down the hallway and see her kids learning and growing in their relationship with God. She is grateful for the positive influence ACS has had on her family as well as the relationships they have formed since they began attending.

Mrs. Siudyla has also impacted the families at ACS. She is a great teacher and a great friend to her colleagues.

Mrs. Siudyla has become an integral part of ACS. So the next time you see her, tell her thanks for taking her time, love, and effort into making her students better kids every day. ACS is blessed to have teachers like Mrs. Siudyla.



## Senior Spotlight

### Kylie Gingerich

This year the newspaper will be highlighting our 2024-2025 seniors. We asked them all some questions about their favorite memories and their history at ACS. This is a good way to get to know this year's seniors, and know who our most influential leaders are. As these students are figuring out what the next chapters of their lives look like, and stressing about how to achieve those things, we ask that you keep them in your prayers.



#### Brody Strong

**How long have you been attending ACS?** *“Since 8th grade.”*

**Have you participated in any clubs or sports in your high school career?** *“FFA and 145 worship.”*

**What is your favorite memory from your years at ACS?**

*“Someone placed a sticky note in Brock's pants and Kedrick, believing it to be a pocket, reached into Brocks pants and pulled it out without a care in the world.”*

**What do you plan to do after graduation?** *“Go to college for business and run the family business.”*



**Maria Mast**

**How long have you been attending ACS?** *“Since 11th grade.”*  
**Have you participated in any sports or clubs in your high school career?** *“I was in Youth Alive at my old school (Mattoon High School).”*

**What has been your favorite memory from your years at ACS?** *“Towards the end of my Junior year, we didn't have much classwork in chemistry. We were often just hanging out, listening to songs about the periodic table, or doing fun experiments. One day, some students were going on a tour and opened the door to the chemistry room at the worst time. “Dumb Ways to Die” was playing on the TV (one of the students on tour was a kindergartener), one student was laying on the floor with a sleeping mask on, and one student had all of her ChapSticks spread out on her desk and was telling the class about them.”*

**What do you plan to do after graduation?** *“I plan to go to school to become a counselor or something of the sort.”*



**Brock Helmuth**

**How long have you been attending ACS?** *“Since kindergarten.”*

**Have you participated in any clubs or sports in your highschool career?** *“Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Student Council, FFA, and 145 Worship.”*

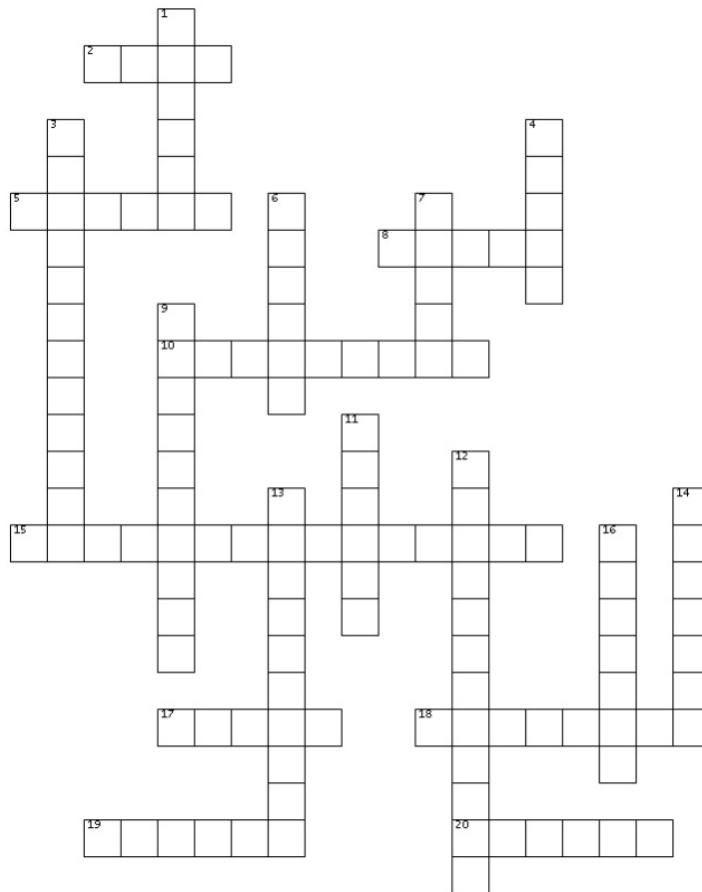
**What is your favorite memory from your years at ACS?** *“Being dumb with my friends, and wasting time in Greg’s office.”*

**What do you plan to do after graduation?** *“Work.”*



# ACS Crossword

## Mac Clarkson



### ACROSS

2. known for breaking basketball hoops by dunking
5. the piano is a \_\_\_\_\_ instrument
8. your fingers are \_\_\_\_\_ joints
10. the most famous track star
15. creator of the scizzors
17. what's known to be the most indestructible phone ever made
18. the best cafe in the world
19. the part of the sink that shoots out the water
20. Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ teaches biology

### DOWN

1. the highest rank in a prison
3. the most famous transformer
4. how many dwarves were in snow white
6. shadrak \_\_\_\_\_, and abendigo were thrown into the furnace
7. screens are filled with tiny \_\_\_\_\_ to form an image
9. the type of plants that need the least amount of water
11. what tanks have instead of wheels
12. the first ever video game
13. the father the son and the \_\_\_\_\_
14. pj's are an abbreviation for the word \_\_\_\_\_
16. a piece of paper meant to clean your sinuses

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