



The Buzz

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WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD

David Green Walks with God

"He who gives to the poor will lack nothing." -Proverbs 28:27

The name David Green may mean little to most people. It's a simple, common name. But if we mention Hobby Lobby, perhaps more might begin to make the connection. David Green is the extremely successful creator of the Hobby Lobby empire. His story is both fascinating and educational. Although a billionaire today (listed in the top 150 wealthiest Americans), he started his business in the living room of a humble Oklahoma City home with \$600 of borrowed money. He once wrote that his family lived in a small two-bedroom house. His parents got one bedroom, his three sisters the other, and his brother and he slept on roll-away beds in the kitchen. He remembered that in order to go to the bathroom at night, he would have to first walk through his mom's and dad's bedroom, where he often found them on their knees praying. Like many kids, David wanted to do something for the Lord, but he couldn't think of what to do. He couldn't be a preacher or teacher. He wasn't good in school either, having to repeat seventh grade.

Finally, in high school he was able to land a part-time job at a local five-and-dime store sweeping floors. One day he was asked to clean the toilets, which he did as quickly as possible. The store owner called him back and told David to get down on his hands and knees and scrub the toilets until they shone. Finally, David knew what his father meant when he said, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." By his high school senior year he was working 40 hours a week, which gave him more money to add to his mother's mission project box. He said, "I discovered what I could do for the Lord—work at the calling he had given me with all my might."

Today, with over 20,000 employees at more than 450 stores, Green has seen his faith grow, as well as his reliance on the Lord. His entire journey from humble beginnings to overwhelming wealth has always been viewed as his ministry for the Lord.

David Green has befriended many with his generous offerings to Christian colleges across the country. Today you can visit a museum he helped start called the Museum of the Bible, in Washington D.C. David has the largest private collection of rare Bibles in the world, numbering over 40,000. But he has also been a friend to his employees. The company pays its full-time workers nearly 50% over the federal minimum wage. He has also designed his store hours with employees in mind. Monday through Saturday his stores close at 8 P.M., and they remain closed all day on Sunday, which is claimed to be the best retail day of the week for most large box stores. Green also strives to meet the spiritual needs of his employees by staffing chaplains to minister to his workers. He has said that his legacy should not be about his success at Hobby Lobby. Rather, he wants to be remembered as a man who shared the gospel with others. "As long as there's someone on this earth that doesn't know Jesus Christ, we have a job to do."

In Christ, Mike Allard, Principal @ St. John's

Upcoming Events

Friday, Nov 3

No Public School.
Alternate Bus Routes.

Sunday, Nov 5

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:15 am
Bible Class 10:15 am

Mon-Thurs Nov 6-9

Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Monday, Nov 6

Dartball vs. Greenwood

Tuesday, Nov 7

Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov 8

Chapel 8:20 am

Thursday, Nov 9

Picture Retake Day

Friday, Nov 10

Veteran's Day Program
(Grades 2-8) 10:30 am

Saturday, Nov 11

Gala at Fannies 5:00 pm

Sunday, Nov 12

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:15 am
Bible Class 10:15 am

Monday, Nov 13

School Board 5:15 pm

Tuesday, Nov 14

Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov 15

Chapel 8:20 am
Pioneers 6:00 pm

Sunday, Nov 19

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:15 am
Bible Class 10:15 am

Parent-Teacher Conferences Next Week:

(Gr. 3K-3rd and Gr. 6th-8th): Parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday through Thursday, November 6th-9th. Parents, you will be notified of your conference day and time via text or email. Please watch for that.

Alternate Bus Routes-11/3: The public school has the day off tomorrow. We will have school as normal. Buses will be running our alternate routes, as they did last Friday. Any questions about bus times, please contact the school office.

End of 1st Quarter: First quarter report cards will be sent home tomorrow. Parents, please look for those.

Picture Retakes: Retake Picture Day is next Thursday, November 9th. If you're satisfied with your child's picture, no further action is required.

If you purchased and were unhappy with your Picture Package, please send your Picture Package to school with your student on Retake Day. Your Retake Picture Package will be produced and shipped to the school four weeks after Retake Day. *Please note, if your child is photographed on the original **and** Retake Picture Days, the Retake picture will replace the original picture in the yearbook.*

Students who were absent for Picture Day should come to school prepared to have their picture taken. If you have not preordered, please use the Retake Order Code 80240TF to place your order at <https://inter-state.com/Order>. To see your Order History, check your [Inter-State Account](#).

Veteran's Day Program: Grades 2-8 will be taking a bus to the Public School next Friday, November 10th, for a short Veteran's Day Program, which will begin at 10:30.

America's White Table: Students in 4th-8th grades will be listening to/participating in a presentation next week to give students a better understanding of struggles some families deal with when losing or missing a veteran.

Gala: Please make plans to send in your donations for the classroom baskets as soon as possible so we can start assembling them. Thank you to those who have already generously donated!

Apparel Order: Are you in need of St. John's apparel, either for yourself or as a gift? You can now order online at <https://stjohns23fa.itemorder.com/shop/home/> Check out all the styles, colors, and logos that are available.

New this time: "Hornet Music" logo.

The online store will be open for orders through **Wednesday, November 22nd**. You will receive your items before Christmas.

If your child is playing basketball, please make sure to order a pair of shorts that they can wear with their jersey.

Trunk or Treat: We would like to thank all who decorated their vehicles and handed out candy for Trunk or Treat, as well as those who provided food. We would also like to thank all who came and enjoyed the evening. Your support and participation are greatly appreciated!!

Upcoming School Schedule: There will be NO SCHOOL for 3K-8th Grade Wednesday through Friday (11/22-11/24). The ELC will be open for childcare on Wednesday (11/22), but WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (11/23-11/24) for Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Worship: We will be having a special Thanksgiving Day worship service on November 23rd at 9:00 a.m. All of you are invited to join us for this special

service as we give thanks to our gracious God for his continued grace and blessings to us.

12/17-K-8 Christmas Service & 12/19-3K/4K Christmas Service: All students are expected to participate in our children's Christmas services. We wanted to give parents a heads-up so that you can plan accordingly. This is part of our religion curriculum.

The service on Dec 17 will be at 9:00 a.m.

The service on Dec 19 will be at 6:00 p.m.

Winter Clothes: We will plan to go outside for recess most days during the winter, weather permitting. Please make sure to send along outdoor winter clothing with your children (snow pants, boots, hats, mittens/gloves, coats, etc.)

School Closings: As we are nearing the winter season, we thought the following would be a good reminder:

"On days of inclement weather, **St. John's will close when Neillsville Public School closes.** For this information, listen to announcements on WCCN radio in Neillsville, WEAU-TV (NBC local channel), WAXX 104.5 radio station out of Eau Claire, or on Cable Channel 977 in town. **If you hear that Neillsville Public Schools are canceled, then St. John's is also canceled.** If you haven't heard anything about the Public School, then we are having school. ***If there is a two-hour delay, there will be no 3K/4K but grades K-8 will still have school, two hours late.*** There will not be a separate announcement just for St. John's." (*Parent's Handbook, pg. 10*)

We will also be sending out text messages to the parents and posting on Facebook any

school closings or delays, so watch for that as well.

If school is canceled, the Early Learning Center will most likely be open as scheduled, except in cases of extensive snow at one time. Parents will be notified if the center opens late, closes early, or closes for the entire day.

2024 Calendars: Beautiful 2024 wall calendars with Scripture verses are available. Buy 1 for \$8.00 or two for \$15.00. Proceeds will go toward costs for teens to attend the International Youth Rally next year in Colorado. Inspire your year or give as gifts!

Call Received: “It is that time of the year again! On Sunday, October 15, I received a Divine Call from Salem Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI to serve as Principal of their 4K-8. This call is to be a full-time principal call with the sole focus being building relationships with families and students in the school and community along with leading their staff. It has been and continues to be a wonderful blessing for me to serve the Lord here at St. John’s as principal, athletic director, and upper grades teacher.

It is also humbling to once again be called by another school as Principal and see if my God-given talents and abilities will benefit them and their families. I ask that you keep Megan and I along with our family in your prayers and offer your input as we deliberate the two calls I now hold, to serve here at St. John’s in Neillsville and the call to serve at Salem.

The following passage still provides me confidence and serves as a good reminder for all of us to keep in mind during this

deliberation process. We know that our good Lord will work all things out in the best interest for both schools and congregations.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Call upon me and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”

-Jeremiah 29:11-12

Serving you in Christ,”

Mike Allard



Lena Schoen

The student of the week is Lena Schoen. Lena is in Kindergarten. She has been setting a good example for her classmates by being a hard worker, getting her work done on time, and being respectful and polite.



Congratulations Lena!

Families & Supporters of St. John's,

We are going to have our GALA event at Fannie's Supper Club on Saturday, November 11. This GALA gives families of our school and early learning center, along with members from our church and the community of Neillsville, a chance to come together and support a need in our school. This year, we are raising money to do a complete bathroom renovation in the elementary school side of our building.

We will be putting together baskets from the ELC and also 1 from each classroom at school. Please consider donating an item(s) to these baskets that fit the theme. If you would like to donate cash and have the teacher use that money to add things to the basket that will be fine too. Anything would be appreciated! Descriptions for the baskets are below.

Finally, along with helping us raise money for this project by donating items, we invite you to join us on Saturday, November 11 at Fannie's for a night of good food, good drinks, lots of fun, and lots of support for our school.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

ELC Basket #1- Taco Tuesday (Who doesn't love a fiesta. Donate supplies that would make the absolute best "taco Tuesday" night for a family. Shells, meat, cheese, chips, salsa, queso, decorations, etc. The list goes on and on for this one. Don't forget the adult beverages and the sodas for the kids.)

ELC Basket #2- Ice Cream Sundae Toppings (Can you help make the ultimate Ice Cream Sundae toppings basket? Anything that you could think of for putting on top of the most epic sundae is what we want in this basket. Cookies, Candy, Chocolate, Caramel, and much more...oh my!)

K-1 Basket- Movie Night (Who doesn't love curling up for a nice movie night? Blankets, slippers and bathrobes could make this even better. Combine your favorite candy, snacks, and beverages with a couple of movie options that will be sure to make everyone in the family excited to win this basket.)

2-3 Basket- Sports/Tailgating (We all love cheering for our favorite sports team, whether that is for the Hornets, Packers, Bucks or Brewers. Donate any type of memorabilia that any sports fan would love! Cash donations for this basket will go to buying 1-2 bleacher seats combined with everything else for you to bid on.)

4-5 Basket- Warm and Cozy (Oh the weather outside will soon turn frightful! But inside, you can be nice and warm and cozy, which I hear feels delightful! Donate anything you can that could be considered warm and cozy-special blankets, comfy clothes, candles, etc. The list is endless to help someone beat the winter cold!)

6-8 "Basket"- Fill the Fanny (Mr. Allard picked out the perfect Fanny Pack to be auctioned off at the GALA. However, this is no ordinary fanny! Families in school, church, and those attending the GALA will have the opportunity to stuff it whenever they can. What can you stuff it with?! Money, Gift cards, Gas cards, lottery tickets... you name it! Whatever can fit in the fanny will be accepted! Give your donations to Mr. Allard at any time.)

GALA AND AUCTION FUNDRAISER



St. John's Hands-in-Service group is planning another Gala and Auction Fundraiser for **Saturday, November 11th**. The event will be held at Fannie's Supper Club at 5:00pm. Proceeds will benefit St. John's school as we raise funds for fixing up the bathrooms near the gym.

HELP NEEDED:

Items for bid at the auction are needed by November 3rd and the HIS group is seeking your creativity! Do you have a God-given talent for crafting, woodworking, arranging gift baskets, putting together a vacation package, etc....? If you would like to create and/or donate any item for the auction, please bring items to the school by November 3rd so we can prepare them for auction. Thank you in advance!

For questions, please call the school office to be directed to any members of the HIS committee. 715-743-2501