

HONORING LOVED ONES & HELPING CADETS

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Cadet Jordan Tipton
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Elliott

Some Parting Scenes from 2007... and a great start for 2008



Are You Knocking On My Door?

By Cadet L. Braddock (KS)

Are you knocking on my door
friend I once knew?
I heard that you had gone away
to a far and distant land.

Are you knocking on my door
my old fishing friend?
I heard you had gone away
to where the fish are bigger.

Are you knocking on my door
my old hunting friend?
I hear you have gone to Africa
to hunt the lions.

Are you knocking on my door,
or are you on another trip?
I always wonder where you are
each time I hear a knock on my door.

Are you knocking on my door
to tell me you are back at last?
I ask around, everywhere,
but no one knows where you are.

Are you knocking on my door?
Yes, it is you!
You have returned at last.
Come in and stay a while.

MAJ Keith Fraley teaches junior and senior English. Of this poem, MAJ Fraley says, "Sometimes I ask my Cadets to write poems in class. I'll give them twenty minutes or so to come up with a piece that is suitable for reading to whomever I catch walking by my classroom during 6th period. Mr. Braddock crafted 'Are You Knocking on My Door' in no time at all. It was one of the best poems of the day."

Cadre Catechism Confession

by MAJ Alan McClelland

I have memorized the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* every year since the third grade. At the time, I did not appreciate the forced compulsion, but now I am ever thankful for the discipline and drudgery of the Catechism. At first I did not understand most of the words; indeed, understanding required growth and maturity, like a good pair of trousers given by an ambitious Father for his son to grow into them. One day a son realizes that he can wear the trousers to a party or job interview. That Catechism was so for me.

Two questions a week recited every Friday, and I finished its breadth every year. As the years unfolded and a spirituality emerged, I came to the point of assent. Simply knowing its language was not enough, and I could not have faith in it like the Bible, but I could bow to its clarity and precision. I could transfer my faculties from recitation to confession. It became harder to distinguish my own language from the language of the Catechism. Over time the ability to articulate my own faith in my own words faded, and I found a fresher and fuller meaning in the Catechism. The Divines described my being better than I could, my thoughts better than I could, and my language better than I could. I realized that it was not my own faith but faith graciously bestowed upon the being of my desperate and dire nature. In a strange but Christian way, it felt liberating to be utterly helpless and lost.

The Catechism took root. Like an acorn germinating in the soul, the growth and maturity spread through my person. The foundation steadily forged, provided immense support for my spirituality. I lived and breathed in the language of the Catechism. I sought its depths as a fish fathoms the sea. I rested on its altar and sacrificed to its will. Did I find it cold and unrelenting like a heathen god? Indeed not. Rather, I found it compassionate and caring, but only after the sweat of intense memorization, passionate arguments, and thoughtful journeys. I confronted the force of my rebellion, but as one force met the other, the greater force beat the lesser, and I can boldly say, "Catechism!"

For three years now, Chamberlain-Hunt has employed the time-honored (but unfashionable) method of laying a groundwork for thoughtful analysis of life's big issues with memorization of the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* and scripture passages from with the Catechism derives its answers. MAJ McClelland gives some thoughts from his own experience on the benefits of Catechism memorization in the short article above. The Catechism can be found on the Web at, for example, www.shortercatechism.com.

From catching snowflakes to shooting December and January were full of activity. 1-3. Among the highlights of the Christmas season each year is the Cadet gingerbread house building competition. The battalion, divided into teams of four, is given gingerbread planks, icing and candy decorations. The first leg of the competition is building the best house. The top six teams then compete to see who can eat their house the fastest. 4. The board of trustees met in the White House in early December; a dozen boys got to meet with them and talk about their Chamberlain-Hunt experiences. Though they enjoyed the conversation, the real treat for Crusader Whittemore (FL) and Cadet White (LA) was enjoying snacks on the porch. 5. After first semester exams were finished, Cadet musicians gave a recital for the battalion in the auditorium, performing various instruments they trained on during the semester. 6. In January, 21 new Cadets from 9 States joined the battalion. 7-8. For the first time in six years, snow fell in Port Gibson in January. 9. Cadet N. Looney (TN) was one of 8 Cadets who went on the January Quail & Clay shoot in Tunica, MS with COL Blanton. 10. Cadet B. Duhe (LA) contemplates his image on the back of a spoon as he prepares to draw a self-portrait. This exercise helps the artist draw what he sees, rather than what he *thinks* he sees. 11. LTC West took several Cadets from advanced art to Mississippi College to learn about bronze casting. By Alumni Day, they hope to unveil a new sculpture on the campus. 12. Getting back in the academic swing after the long Christmas break, MAJ Stone goes over a Latin II translation with Cadet M. Collins (FL). 13. LTC Granville rallies the basketball team to another win. 14. Cadet J. Walker (AL) saves another one as the soccer team's goalie.



Two Years Late and Right on Time



Two years ago Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr., president of The Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY, was scheduled to preach in chapel. A death in his family prevented his coming then; however, he was “just in time” when he preached on 24 January 2008. His sermon was both encouraging and challenging. Using the theme of “maturing” from I Corinthians 13:8-13, Dr. Mohler challenged Cadets and cadre alike with 13 marks of a man and the obstacles boys face in manifesting each mark. You can listen to Dr. Mohler’s chapel sermon on our website by going to www.chamberlain-hunt.com/chapel.shtml and clicking on the appropriate link.

Following the sermon, Dr. Mohler talked with several interested Cadets around the enormous antique board table in the president’s office. The rest of the Cadet Corps met in the auditorium for a worthwhile discussion, led by LTC Jack West and MAJ Michael Herrin. The almost two-hour long discussion covered both the practical aspects of Dr. Mohler’s delivery and the thoughtful challenges of his ideas.

Later that afternoon, Dr. Mohler interviewed COL Blanton *live* from the White House for his national radio show, *The Albert Mohler Show*, during which the two discussed the cultural impediments to rearing boys to be godly men. You can listen to a recording of their conversation by going to www.albertmohler.com/radio_show.php?cdate=2008-01-24 on the Web.

At age 30, Dr. Mohler became the president of The Southern Baptist Seminary, one of the largest seminaries in the world. During his fourteen year tenure, he successfully led it from liberalism back to biblical Christianity. Dr. Mohler has been recognized by such influential publications as *Time* and *Christianity Today* as a leader among American evangelicals. In fact, *Time.com* called him the “reigning intellectual of the evangelical movement in the US.” Besides Chamberlain-Hunt, Dr. Mohler has presented lectures or addresses at institutions including Wheaton College, Samford University, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, the University of Richmond, Mercer University, Cedarville University, Beeson Divinity School, Reformed Theological Seminary, Geneva College, Covenant Theological Seminary, The Cumberland School of Law, The Regent University School of Law, Vanderbilt University and the historic Chautauqua Institution, among many others. His new book, *Culture Shift: Engaging in Current Issues with Timeless Truth*, is in bookstores now.



Alumnus Harrison Mercer, son of Rev. and Mrs. Brad Mercer, was inducted into the US Army in December. He began Basic Training at Ft. Benning, GA in January.

13 Marks of Manhood

by Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr.

1. Spiritual maturity sufficient to lead a wife and family
2. Personal maturity sufficient to be a responsible husband and father
3. Economic maturity sufficient to hold an adult job and handle money
4. Physical maturity sufficient to work and protect a family
5. Sexual maturity sufficient to marry and fulfill God’s purposes
6. Moral maturity sufficient to lead as an example of righteousness
7. Ethical maturity sufficient to make responsible decisions
8. Worldview maturity sufficient to understand what is really important
9. Relational maturity sufficient to understand and respect others
10. Social maturity sufficient to make a contribution to society
11. Verbal maturity sufficient to communicate and articulate as a man
12. Character maturity sufficient to demonstrate courage under fire
13. Biblical maturity sufficient to lead at some level in the church

To read Dr. Mohler’s explanation of each mark, read the commentaries on his website. *Part I* (1-6) can be found at http://www.albertmohler.com/commentary_read.php?cdate=2005-04-21. And, *Part II* (7-13) can be found at http://www.albertmohler.com/commentary_read.php?cdate=2005-04-22.



Published by the University of Mississippi Press, *Must See Mississippi: 50 Favorite Places* hit the books stores in December 2007. This colorful book highlights several spots well-known to Cadets—the First Presbyterian Church of Port Gibson, Oakland Chapel and the campus of Chamberlain-Hunt, as well as other Claiborne County sites.

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Cadet LIFE



Dec 2007/Jan 2008

Mark Your Calendar!
Alumni Day is scheduled for
Saturday, 05 April 2008.

- 10:00 Registration at the White House, coffee & doughnuts
- 11:00 Assembly in McComb Auditorium
- 12:00 Battalion formation and dorm inspection
- 12:30 BBQ lunch at the Pavilion
- 1:30 Wilderness demonstrations
- 2:30 Door prizes & refreshments at the White House

Please let us know you are coming! Contact the Alumni Office - call 601.437.8855 or e-mail alumni@chamberlain-hunt.com.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 8 ACT Preparation
- February 9 ACT Testing
- February 10 Phone Calls
- February 14 - 22 England Trip
- February 15 - 25 Winter Break
- February 29 - March 8 France Trip
- March 3 - 8 Crusader Challenge
- March 16 Phone Calls
- March 18 - 20 Nine Weeks Exams
- March 21 - 31 Easter Break
- March 28 - April 6 Israel Trip
- March 31 - April 4 Stanford Testing
- April 5 Alumni Day
- April 17 - 19 Crusader March
- April 18 - 20 Privilege Weekend
- April 20 Phone Calls
- May 1 - 3 CALFEX
- May 11 Baccalaureate and Sports Banquet
- May 12 - 15 Senior Comps
- May 16 Senior Banquet
- May 18 Phone Calls
- May 20-22 Final Exams
- May 22 Senior Speeches and Awards Night
- May 23 Final Pass in Review
- June 1-31 Summer School

From the President’s Desk

It seems like a long time since the Cadets built gingerbread houses (and ate them). In a boy’s life a couple of days and, certainly, a couple of months might as well be ancient history. Too often men are just big boys; too often we fail to see the big picture or to appreciate the need for struggling through challenges over time. We live in the moment and we want everything *now*.

But that’s not the way God’s world works, is it? God did not have to stretch out the salvation of his people over thousands of years of struggle against sin and the consequences of the Fall. We men need his Word and his Spirit to direct us and strengthen us for the struggles at hand; we also need other men to help us along the way. Boys, especially, need godly men to help them suit up for the battles of adulthood.

Every day at Chamberlain-Hunt—the tough days and the light-hearted ones—is filled with opportunities for growth. Both for the Cadets, as we help them prepare for manhood, and for the cadre, as shoulder the great responsibilities God places before us. We do things institutionally, like talk about “worldview” and what it means to interpret the world through biblical lenses... like listen to Dr. Al Mohler lay out 13 marks of manhood and discussing them afterward... like morning scripture memorization and Catechism instruction... even like building gingerbread houses. We do things in smaller groups, too, like practice and play sports... like pour molten bronze... like shoot quail and sporting clays.

We seize every opportunity we can find to let Cadets “rub shoulders” with men from whom they can learn good things. Cadet leaders provided a panel discussion for our board of trustees’ meeting in early December. A handful of Cadets got to spend time with Dr. Sam Gore, who began the art department at Mississippi College over 50 years ago, and learn some thing about sculpture and bronze casting. In January, eight Cadets had a roundtable discussion with Dr. Mohler, during which they respectfully challenged some of his positions that they found difficult to accept. Still others got to meet my friend Greg Davis, the mayor of Southaven, MS since 1997, who is running for as a Republican for Congress in Mississippi’s first congressional district.

There’s a lot more where that came from, too. In addition to our regular spring activities—sports, Crusader Challenge, CALFEX, et al.—we have several outstanding speakers lined up: Henry Johnson, Joe Morecraft and Joe Novenson. We also have trips to England, France and Israel on the calendar. The seniors will face special challenges as the semester comes to a close: oral comps and senior speeches, to name but two. The time will go quickly and we want to seize every opportunity to help our Cadets prepare for manhood. Pray for them... pray for us!

Knowledge and wisdom!

A. Shale Blanton
COL, CHA
President



Viewing the World through New Eyes

All Chamberlain-Hunt Academy seniors are required to take a class entitled “Worldview.” This word is often unnecessarily misunderstood by many people, yet it simply describes how an individual sees the world around him, how he views his existence as arising either by chance or by the strategy of God the Creator. His understanding of life and society derive from one or the other. The Cadets are informed on Day One that all of us have only two choices: one, the only things that exist are eternal matter and energy, or two, a superintending intelligence made and sustains all that there is in the universe. One who chooses the first has a materialist worldview, while one who chooses the second has a theocentric view (God exists, and he both made and sustains life).



Major Sam Davis conceives this course as having four parts. The first quarter covers a ten-part film series and book by Francis A. Schaeffer entitled, *How Should We Then Live?* This book analyzes the rise and decline of Western thought and culture from the fall of Rome to the 1960’s. This work was chosen to introduce the concept of the connection between how we think and how we act. Secondly, Schaeffer’s analysis attempts to give an explanation for the current nature of Western Civilization.

The second quarter shifts to a study of effective reasoning, taken from *Argumentation: The Study of Effective Reasoning*, a DVD series taught by Professor David Zarefsky of Northwestern University. The author of this course asserts that citizens who do not know what they believe or why they believe it are unlikely to be able differentiate truth from falsehood in the public square. Hence, the need for a section on informal argumentation as this class is preparing to enter the post-high school world.

The third quarter is devoted to a survey of Western art across the ages, based on the idea that as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Therefore a clear reflection of the changes in man’s thought world can be gained by a study of art, sculpture and architecture, as well as how man views himself.

Fourth and finally, the last quarter of the year will encompass a study of James B. Jordan’s *Through New Eyes: Developing a Biblical View of the World*. While many wonderful books have been written on a Christian world view, this one specifically delimits the subject through the eyes of the Bible. He begins with “The Nature of the World” in part 1. The discussion continues in Part 2 with, “The Features of the World.” In Part 3, Jordan deals with “The Transformation of the World” and brings the book to a close appropriately with “The Movement of History.”

The goal of the fourth quarter is to show how the Bible informs one’s worldview, while at the same time teaching the Cadets to read history redemptively. MAJ Davis has the strong conviction the youth of contemporary culture have replaced their understanding of reality with images, whereas traditionally the written word held that position. By allowing Jordan to describe how the Bible opens the eyes to the world for the first time, perhaps the senior Cadets will see their world truly through new eyes. Should this goal be accomplished, then the worldview class will not have been wasted.

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