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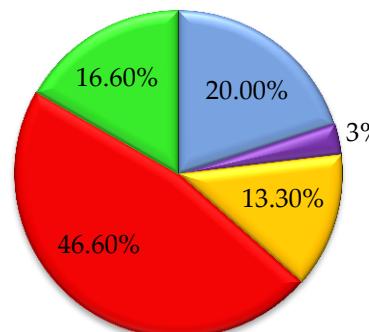
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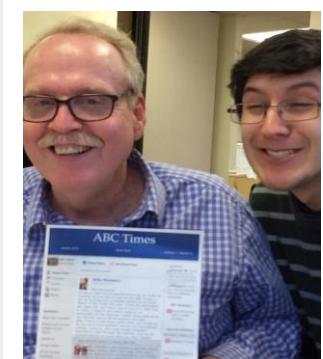
Many of you don't know too much about me as your fellow classmate and your friend. Allow me to give you a small glimpse into who I am! My parents met at Ambassador College, married and had 3 kids, of which I am the youngest. My brother and sister are 8 and 10 years older than me. We all grew up in the church, and grew up attending the Eagle Rock congregation in Los Angeles, California. Prior to ABC, I was a full-time student working on a degree in Developmental Psychology. I love the outdoors, running, baking, cooking, and being with my family and friends. After getting baptized last May, I began to see God's hand directly working and guiding me in almost every aspect of my life. Long story short, the California girl is here in Ohio, and I count it as a huge blessing and great opportunity that I get to know God better, and all of you!

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Favorite Breakfast Days



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Steve Myers

February 2015

Did you know that bamboo is the fastest-growing plant on Earth? Believe it or not, it's been documented that it can grow over four feet in a single day! Not only does it grow fast, it also grows tall. Depending on the species and the climate, it can average 25 to 65 feet tall with the tallest recorded bamboo at 164 feet! Another amazing fact about bamboo is that even in the strongest of winds, it has the ability to bounce back up and return to its upright position. The word that comes to mind is: resilient. Bamboo is resilient.

When it comes to people, a resilient person is someone who has the ability to recover from any challenging situation. Have you ever felt like you're about to snap? The challenging winds of stress, discouragement, loss, and trauma can blow through everyone's lives.

Has it ever seemed like you're at the breaking point? Those windy, trying, blustery days may have left you emotionally drained, mentally exhausted and even brought difficult physical symptoms as well.

Life can be a mixture of good times and difficult times, happy moments and downhearted moments. The next time you experience one of those tough times that take you close to the breaking point, remember the bamboo: bend but don't break. Go to God immediately in prayer, for He guarantees not to let the situation get the best of you (1 Corinthians 10:13). God promises to give us hope to guide us through whatever the ordeal may be. He gives help for today and a hope for a better tomorrow, a better situation, a better attitude, a stronger outlook.

Have you noticed the wonderful promise He gives us in Romans 14:4? "Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand."

Keep in mind that when you face daunting difficulties and you're at the breaking point: choose to be resilient. Like bamboo, it's possible that God has positioned you to have a tremendous spiritual growth spurt! So rely on God as He promises to strengthen you like the bamboo: so you bend, and will not break!

Like the old proverb says: Blessed are the flexible, for they will not be bent out of shape!



Lights! Camera! Action!



Jonathan Magee
December 2014

ABC students hope to win an Emmy for outstanding performance in Beyond Today reenactment! The ABC students had a chance to participate in making one of the most compelling scenes produced for the Beyond Today television show. The scene was to show the chaos and the reaction of the people around the world when the two witnesses written of in Revelation are killed. The students joined the home office staff, council members, and ABC faculty to portray the crowd, the news reporters, and policemen at the site where the two witness lie dead. Thanks to the commitment of the actors the scene had an intense chaotic mix of emotions: anger, joy, surprise, and celebration. The scene called for the biggest possible crowd so the shoot was planned during ABC's lunch hour. After a hurried lunch, the students got into costumes made to look like the people on the streets of Jerusalem. Some were dressed as college students, tourist, Hasidic Jews, Palestinians, Jordanians, police, and reporters. Once dressed in costumes, the actors braved the cold weather while taking directions from the director, Jamie Schreiber. Though the scene was intense, everyone seemed to really enjoy the excitement being a part of the movie making process. The scene will air soon as a part of Beyond Today episode: "Who are the Two Witnesses?"



A Midnight Summer's Dream



Crystal Aldrich
January 17th, 2015

A wonderful event to celebrate the theme, A Midnight Summer's Dream, was hosted by the ABC class of 2015. Guests from the surrounding Cincinnati area enjoyed the evening's activities. A lot of hard work and planning went into effect to make the evening enjoyable for all.

Attending a dance can be unnerving and exciting at the same time. Who will be there? What is everyone wearing? Will anyone dance with me? If they do, will I dance well?

Lining up at the door were exuberant United Church of God churchgoers, ages ranging from 18-30 in their casual and semi-formal evening wear. Greeted by the welcoming faces of [Laura Hodge](#) and [Susan Calhoun](#), that allayed the attendee's mild anticipatory thoughts, attendees popped into church appropriate dance-goers by receiving a glowing bracelet. Dancers were able to throw down a mere \$3 and permitted to enter through the silver tinsel lining at the event entrance. Once inside, people greeting each other, happily chatting over the delicious cream cheese chicken dip, veggies, hummus, and chocolate éclairs.

Once a dancer had mingled a bit and stored enough energy from snacks they made their way into the ethereal midnight dream landscape. Ferns crept up the wall illuminated by mini lights and decorative multi colored lanterns. Strobe lights were twinkling throughout the otherwise dimly lit room. Beats were pouring out the speakers.





Mr. and Mrs. Dean were angled around the room to assist with getting some event pictures. [Carson Whynaucht](#), social committee head, noted later how incredibly helpful they were in making this event happen. "They were just in the right place whenever I needed them", she later remarked.

[Brandon Slocum](#) was at the helm of the beat machine, assisted by [Brennan Hilgen](#), and [Brody Robinson](#). Hanging lanterns to add finishing touches on their station was just one of the things they did to create a chill vibe. The rest was all up to them to create the right mix of sound and light in the room. A computer's screen cast the songs ready to be heard and they hovered together to select just the right song to keep the night going.

After a dancer's heart got pounding, they were able to exit the dance area and treat themselves to a refreshing sherbet drink. Sugar was just the right touch to motivate a dancer to get back into the crowd of the ABC class and guests.

Dancing with no one but themselves and then maybe the acquaintance next to them, dancers spun their glowing bracelets in the air, got down low, brought it back up, and shook it to the right. They danced all night.

Meanwhile, [Jordan Abraham](#) held down the fort as the evening's bouncer. " Yeah, I keep the doors secure here.", Abraham nodded as he kept a watchful eye on both the set up crew and the dancers coming and going, diligently executing his job from a visible spot in the foyer's corridors.

Just being there was the best part of the night.



Kemper House Cleaning



Ray Emehiser

January 18th, 2015

The day was warm for January. It had rained the night before leaving the day rather gray. The nine of us (Michala, Brennan, Lisa, Brandon, Mark-Phillip, Allie, Anthony, Lauryn and I) met up at the Home Office to car pool to our first Service outing. We all piled into two cars to travel to our destination. We all made it to the Kemper House without any incident. The Kemper House is an old brick apartment type building that serves as a home for many.

We were there to help clean up the place before their January inspection. Once we arrived, we were met by a very nice lady who gave us a warm welcome and explained our duties. She stocked us up with cleaning supplies, water bottles and even granola bars to tide us over until lunch. The next three hours were spent scrubbing down some of the common areas of the house, dining room, stair wells, and basement to name a few. For lunch, the staff of the Kemper House was kind enough to order pizzas and salads for all of us. We finished up cleaning our areas and returned home safely. A good time was had by all.



Pebworth Pep-talk



Mark-Phillip Pebworth

February 2015



The Ambassador Bible College may need to be flagged by the CDC, as the profligate spread of illness has devastated class attendance, adding confusion to the electronic mayhem of Dr. Ward's class. While rumors of Ebola have been largely unfounded, the questionable appearance of flu, fever, stomach upset, and vomiting have created rather interesting situations for planning and communication. But I believe that with some work, the class can recover as we move towards the Charity Auction. When life seems out of hand or you can't figure out why you keep getting sick, please remember that ABC faculty are always available to help.

Super Sunday Football Party

**Brandon Slocum**February 1st, 2015

Everyone was chanting "SEAHAWKS!" throughout the game, but when the game came to a close, the outcome was a shocker to all. It may have been a shocker for everyone who knows football, but it was definitely a Super Bowl to remember. The game itself didn't have the best outcome, not for me anyway, but the party was great! All of the participation from everyone in the class helped set up and take down progress super smoothly. Without those who headed up the kitchen, I don't know what would have happened! Thanks to all who helped in the making of the Super Sunday party! Even though we did what no class has in the past by inviting the whole congregation, it didn't cost much more. I think it was good to be inclusive. I heard lots of feedback from people that we did an amazing job! So thanks for making everyone's super bowl a fun and enjoyable one to watch...even if the right team didn't win.



Super Bowl with the Greenes

**Nathaniel Greene**February 1st, 2015

This was the first year I wasn't home for the beginning of February. It would've been the first Super Bowl spent without my family. Not this year. The Patriots were playing, and I wasn't about to miss out on this game. Brady's getting old and who knows when they'll ever get back, if ever. I've suffered crushing defeats with my family with the Pats losing to the Giants in '08 and '12, so I was going to see this game with them, win or lose. Merkerler and I traveled home the Friday before and spent the weekend with my family. She was a real trooper, and I'm very thankful for her coming home with me

and allowing me to fulfill a childish desire to take in the big game with my family. She made the trip that much better. During the game, we were all taken on a crazy roller coaster of ups and downs. We thought the Pats had the game, and then we gave up hope when the Seahawks got to the 1 yard line. Then came the game winning interception. We went crazy and Merkerler most likely lost a little respect for me and my siblings. I can't blame her. All of a sudden the two losses in the past became distant memories. We were on Cloud 9 and far happier than anyone should ever be about a sporting event, but it felt so right. One moment of ecstasy and the high that followed (as well as sharing it with a beautiful girl) made the 11 hour trip well worth it. It was the best Super Bowl ever, primarily because I got to spend it with the most important people to me on

Mismatch Monday



Touchdown Tuesday



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Twin Thursday



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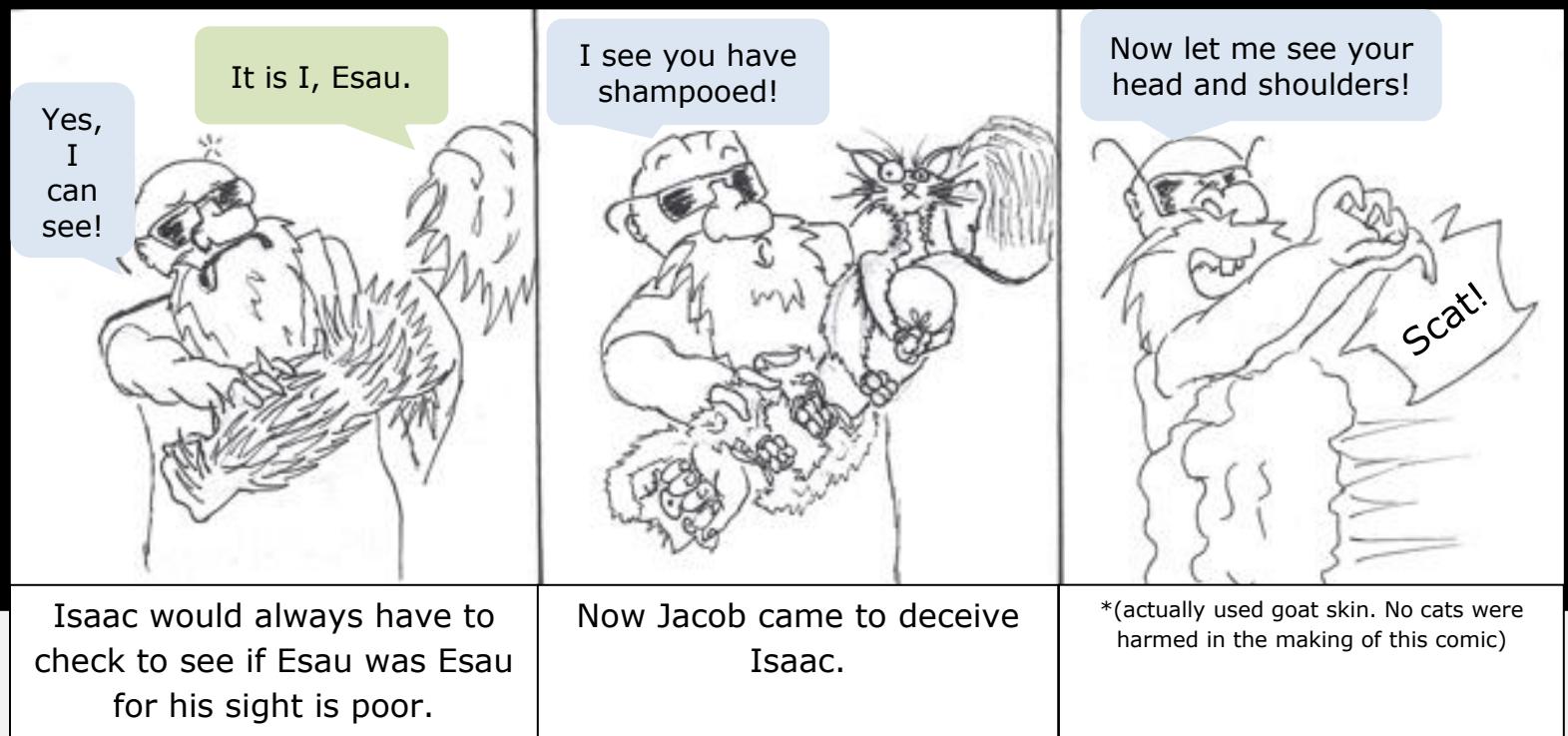
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The class of 2015 decided to have a Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Super Spirit week to lead up to the Super Sunday Party! We thought it would add unity and enthusiasm to the class as a whole. On Monday we mismatched our outfits and Tuesday we supported our favorite Touchdown heroes. Wednesday we had a Onesie or Pajama Day. Twins and Triplets added extra spunk to the class on Thursday. Friday we finished it off with flannels and jeans!

Flannel Friday



Comic Strip brought to you by: Eric Gens



Faculty Spotlight



Darris McNeely

Likes: Reading, Movies, Spending time with his grandkids

Dislikes: Dumb

Favorite Movie: Lonesome Dove

Favorite Meal: Steak

Favorite Sport: Baseball

Favorite Scripture: Jeremiah 12:5 – "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, *in which* you trusted, *they wearied* you, then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?"

Current City: Batavia, Ohio
Other Places Lived: Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, Missouri



February & March

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Super Sunday			Bible Study 7pm			Volleyball 6:30pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Anthony Lopez's Birthday						Choir Portsmouth
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Presidents Day No School		Bible Study 7pm			ABC Sabbath
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Bible Study 7pm			Volleyball 6:30pm
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Brody Robinson's Birthday		Bible Study 7pm		Cincinnati Family Dance Weekend
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Daylight Savings						Choir Cincinnati AM

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