



# BEACON BUGLE

Beacon Christian School

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## Gratefulness

For me, *gratefulness* takes on a whole new meaning after our wonderful 100-year celebration. Students, teachers, parents, and community members all came together to create a fantastic anniversary program! We are so grateful to God for all of you. I'm going to let our 9<sup>th</sup> graders report on the celebration. Enjoy!

*David Gage*



## Beacon Celebrates One Hundred Years

By Kendra Beardsley

On Saturday, April 21, Beacon Christian School celebrated one hundred years of Christian education. All the churches in the area held a church service in the school's gym with former teachers, board members, and alumni, like Lyndon Dieter, Becki Parks, Jack Larrabee, and Alden Thompson, leading out. There was music by the Beacon Band, a praise team, and the Lewiston Brass. A slideshow showing the progression of Beacon's ministry was also presented. Younger children and teens were offered Children's Church and Sabbath School in the classrooms and on the school grounds.

The service focused on how God has used Beacon to work in and through people's lives and how He will continue to use it. The history of the school was highlighted as well. City records show that the first school was built and occupied in 1919, but school likely started at the church or in somebody's home until church members were able to build at the original 8th Avenue location. In 1972, Beacon Christian School once again moved to the building it now occupies.

## Hot Lunch Schedule

- May 9 Taco Time
- May 23 Subway (Track & Field Day) - free
- May 24 Hot dogs with the baseball team - free
- May 30 Nachos



## Upcoming Events

(Please mark your calendars.)

- May 8 Food Bank – Gr. 6-9
- May 10 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Idaho History Rendezvous
- May 18 Beacon goes to Royal Plaza to share music – (drivers needed ☺)
- May 22 School board meeting
- May 23 **Track & Field Day – minimum day**
- May 24 Baseball players come to Beacon
- May 25 Grades 3-9 go to a baseball game
- May 28 **No School – Memorial Day**
- May 30 100-mile club goes swimming (12:30-2:30)
- May 31 Spring Concert/Kindergarten Graduation 6:00 p.m.
- June 5 **Minimum Day**
- June 6 Last day of school – **Minimum Day** 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation 7:00 p.m.

## Editorial

By Claire James

Beacon Christian School has made it to its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! That is a huge accomplishment, compared to most other small, religious schools. I first began attending Beacon in second grade, after I had been homeschooled. As a shy and

impressionable child, I was lucky enough to make friends quickly.

Throughout my eight years of being at Beacon, I have come to learn what sets it apart from other schools. Though small, Beacon provides a family community among the parents, teachers, and students. It is not unusual to see parents and friends donating their time to help out at the school.

The relationships between teachers and students are more intimate as well. Again, thanks to our small numbers, we are able to communicate about and plan assignments more easily, since it is more “one-on-one.”

Having religion as a class has also been beneficial to the students. Everyone from Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade will tell you that learning about God has helped them solve and overcome problems in life. Even though no school is perfect, I would say that there is less drama and bullying here compared to public schools. It is how we deal with and learn from our mistakes that makes Beacon my favorite private school.

I cannot imagine spending a majority of my school years anywhere other than Beacon Christian School. It has helped me become who I am and gain lifelong friendships. The teachers are open-minded, the students are welcoming, and the school is, overall, a wonderful community to be a part of.



## Anniversary Interview

By Halli Knox

After the celebration of Beacon Christian School’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, I asked many different people about it. I interviewed both children and adults. This eventful day was enjoyed by everyone. The children loved Sabbath school, playing games, making crafts, and singing songs. The adults enjoyed coming together with their friends and family. I asked everyone two questions:

1. Did you enjoy the celebration?
2. What was your favorite part?

### Adults:

**Heather Bergamo-** “The one-hundred-year anniversary was a little crazy behind the scenes, but I think it all went well. I enjoyed the kids’ church outside in the old Pathfinder tent; it brought back many fun childhood memories... We also released 100 balloons with the kids.... It looked like a lot less than 100 balloons floating up in the sky.”

**David Gage-** “Yes, I enjoyed the whole thing. My favorite part was watching all the kids on stage performing and helping out with everything.”

**Ruthie Gage-** “I really appreciated everyone’s help and loved seeing people enjoy themselves talking about old memories with their friends.”

**Melissa Haugsted-** “Yes, I enjoyed the celebration! My favorite part was watching previous students look at all of the old pictures and figuring out who was in the pictures!”

**Allison Hays-** “I am impressed with the hundreds of people that came back and were eager to see each other. Also, the potluck food was delicious and quickly set up and put away.”

**Tommy Poole-** “Yes, I enjoyed the celebration! I loved releasing the balloons and coming together with some of my old friends and classmates.”

### Children:

**Enzo Bergamo (2<sup>nd</sup>) -** “Yeah, I had a lot of fun! I liked it when we let the balloons go because I waited to the last minute to let mine go!”

**Oscar Meeks (4<sup>th</sup>) -** “Yes I had a lot of fun, especially when we got to release the balloons!”

**Kendra Beardsley (9<sup>th</sup>) -** “Yes, I did enjoy the celebration. My favorite part was Children’s Church and being able to volunteer and help out.”

**Claire James (9<sup>th</sup>) -** “The celebration was well set up! My favorite part would have to have been when we helped out with the children’s games and playing in band.”