



**HARFORD
CHRISTIAN
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*A Ministry of
Reformation Bible Church*

**VISION 21
TOGETHER**

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**The law of the LORD is perfect,
converting the soul.**

PSALM 19:7

The mission of Harford Christian School is to serve families by offering academic excellence within a Christian worldview, all to the glory of God. The faithful preaching and teaching of the Word of God is vital to this mission, and lies at the heart of all we do. This is because Scripture alone possesses the capacity to change people from the inside out.

It is the promise of PSALM 19:7 that compels us to faithfully expose all our students to the power of the Word of God. There, Scripture is called God's LAW. That word simply means that it instructs us in the way we should go. The root of the word actually refers to pointing in a certain direction.

Further, this instruction is PERFECT. That word carries with it two ideas. Throughout the Old Testament, the word is used to describe unblemished sacrifices. The Bible is without error. The passing of time does not alter the rightness of Scripture at all. Another nuance of the word is found when it frequently describes people. When used in that context, the word means complete or whole. God's

Law is without error, and it is complete. It covers all the necessities of life. Everything I need for an acceptable relationship to God is there. Scripture is inerrant and complete— it is Jehovah's perfect law.

But the unique contribution of PSALM 19:7 is its insistence that Scripture will CONVERT THE SOUL. The word convert just means to turn. This is the first necessity of every soul. Because "we have turned everyone to his own way" (Is. 53:6), Jesus said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (MATT. 18:3).

Our souls need continual turning. We have misguided and fallen appetites and are constantly in motion according to those desires. We drift, and we have to be recalibrated. We need to be restored, we need to be revived, we need something to correct us. What does that? The Bible! The Scripture turns the soul!

This is why we are completely preoccupied with God's Word at Harford Christian School. We believe what God says in PSALM 19:7, so we faithfully sow and water, praying that God will give the increase (I COR. 3:7).

Pastor Adam Eshleman
Reformation Bible Church

VISION 21 TOGETHER NEWS

Baldwin's Run

In the early 1970s HCS students chose the bald eagle as their mascot. Generations later, they named their eagle Baldwin. Baldwin has cheered HCS on the athletic front for five decades. But now he's entering the greatest contest he's ever run: The Vision 21 Together Marathon.

This marathon includes 8 major hurdles that Baldwin must overcome. Between each of these three smaller hurdles challenge his stride. It's a daunting run. The hurdles are high. Baldwin must be energized for each hurdle. Perseverance is crucial. Enthusiastic spectators must fuel his energy. As they do, he will win—his name is Bald-WIN.

Let's do it
together!



Here's the good news. Baldwin is on the cusp of overtaking the first major hurdle. He's already aced three smaller hurdles, and is almost at the point of clearing a big one. Each major hurdle represents \$1,000,000 toward our Vision 21 Together building fund marathon. Estimated building cost is \$8 million. Each smaller hurdle represents \$250,000. Baldwin has crossed the first three minors and is approaching the first major hurdle.

Here's what we all can do to energize his run. Pray that God will provide for Vision 21 Together. Give as generously as you can. And find others to help us. It's not rocket science, but a simple formula of prayer, giving and introducing others to this worthy cause.

Anticipating Baldwin's triumph at the first major hurdle, you're all invited to **Baldwin's Bullriding Bash**, a celebration of this first major success. The date is October 13 at 5:30 PM. Mark your calendar. Plan to be there and invite others to come with you. And, stay tuned for email updates that will provide full information. **Go Baldwin!**

Hurdle #1
\$1,000,000



In Support of **Vision 21** **TOGETHER**

Meet Kirk and Eunice Lamb. Eunice is a graduate of the Class of 1984 and an enthusiastic participant in the HCS story. So are her children. She is the mother of four graduates: Nancee Strong (2004), Benjamin Lamb (2009), and Haiden Lamb (2023). Kenlee, her youngest, is in the class of 2027. Has any other family spanned 34 consecutive years of HCS enrollment?



Kirk and Eunice Lamb
Eunice (Hughes) Lamb '84

Why choose Harford Christian School? As a graduate and now a mother of three who have graduated (with one more to go) I'd like to share my reasons and experiences with you.

Most important for me was the fact I had received a top-notch education based on God's Word taught by loving faculty and caring administrators, and I very much wanted my children to have that. Second to the education, we have special memories participating in extra-curricular

activities such as band, choir, school plays, fine arts competition, field trips, sports teams, and summer camps. Put together, these things are just a few that truly make for an outstanding and well-rounded educational experience.

HCS sits on a beautiful, well-maintained campus with updated facilities, including buildings for Kindergarten, Elementary, High School, and athletic fields. But the need is great for a new Elementary building to house grades 1-6 which currently receive classroom instruction in the church building.

Plans have been drawn up and prayers are needed. Would you consider being a part of this new journey and joining us in our Vision 21 efforts? You can help HCS by either pledging to become a Dollar-a-Day donor, giving a one-time gift, or asking like-minded family, friends, co-workers, or neighbors to help us in this endeavor. You truly won't find a better investment!

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

II Corinthians 9:7

BY THE NUMBERS

Total Amount Raised	\$917,848
Number of Donors	344
Average Gift Size	\$506
Largest Gift	\$100,000

MAKE A GIFT OF SUPPORT TODAY!

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www.reformationbiblechurch.org/support-rbc and select Vision 21 in the dropdown menu.

To go directly to the support page, scan the code and select Vision 21 in the dropdown menu.



For more information about other ways to make a gift of support, call 410-457-5103 or email:

vision21@harfordchristian.org



We're letting our light shine!

You have an open invitation to attend any of the Vision 21 Together Friends Reception events to be held throughout the year.

Let us show you what we are doing for our youth and our nation, and why our mission is so vital. Watch our students. Hear our teachers. Experience an educational institution where learning takes place with a biblical worldview.

We'll begin the day in chapel, then visit classes, take a tour of the campus and end the morning with a delightful lunch and discussion, without cost or obligation. Space is limited, so reservations are a must.

To reserve your place and date, call **410-457-5103** or register on our website at **www.harfordchristian.org**.



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