



The Falcon
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CHRIST – FOCUSED LEARNING
FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE

FOX'S FINDINGS

I have been teaching 6th grade students about parables. Jesus told stories about the Kingdom of God. These stories are called parables. A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. The challenge that Christian people always have is to make the stories of Christ come alive for people today. Here is a Thanksgiving parable which I hope will make us all think about Jesus.

The leaves fall from the trees every year just before Thanksgiving. George always kept ahead of them and kept the lawn clean. But, last year George had surgery on his back, slipped disc repair. It never seemed to get better, the leaves piled up, and George was not able to go back to work. Bridgett, his wife, had to take on extra work to make ends meet for the family. She did not have time to work on the leaves—the leaves piled up. You get the picture—a yard covered with oak and maple leaves about 6 inches thick.

Then one day their neighbor Suzi, who happens to love raking leaves, made quick work of raking all the leaves when George and Bridgett were gone. Bridgett came home from work late that night and saw the bare yard. She wept tears of joy. She checked with the neighbors and asked who had raked her leaves. She stopped by Suzi's home the next day, wrapped her arms around her, and thanked her. She wept tears of thanks.

Let's remember at this time of Thanksgiving that in the midst of our busyness, in the midst of our pain, in the midst of our everyday lives, there is SOMEONE who is raking the "leaves." There is SOMEONE who cares for us. Take the time to thank HIM, to weep tears of gratitude and joy, to say thanks to those around us who make a difference in our lives.

***Be joyful always; pray continually;
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)***

FALCON COURSES

We are just entering our second round of FALCON (Fun And Learning Combined Over Nine-weeks) courses in the middle school. Every nine weeks we offer exploratory times for 6th – 8th grade students. First quarter the students were involved in Threads & Dyes and Intramurals. This quarter they are taking Mosaics, Music & Motion, Woodworking, and Reading. These courses seek to bring together learning and fun in non-traditional class settings. They are often led by parents or others in our community who have a special interest that would interest middle school students. If you would like to volunteer as a FALCON leader for next nine-weeks (January 25 – March 24) please contact Mr. Fox (924-2740; ifox@fremontchristian.org). The class runs just two days a week, Monday and Wednesday, for about 45 minutes after lunch (12:40 – 1:23). If you have an idea or a skill that you would like to share with students, please give us a call and volunteer. You can make a difference in the lives of some young people at FCS!



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