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 "Attitude is Everything (Part II)"



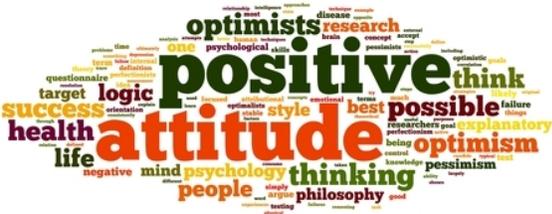
What's New at NCA for 2015-16  
 More Chromebooks, Smartboards,  
 Lunch Tables, Benches, etc.



Ms. Wendy Rodgers  
 Middle School Science Teacher &  
 Lupus "Thrivor"

# New Covenant NEWS

## ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING! (PART II)



Life is full of problems. Each person faces many battles every day. We all face storms of life. If so, what makes one stay afloat while another sinks to the bottom? It's the attitude!

Having a positive attitude inside causes you to withstand the storms of life--you will not allow the "outside storm to become an inside storm" (Cordeiro, pg. 37). Here is Pastor Wayne Cordeiro's story:

"A few years ago, I took up fishing as a hobby. Friends and I would fish

on the eastern shore of the Big Island of Hawaii. We would throw our lines into the ocean, and if we were fishing at the right time and had the right bait, we would catch some good-sized fish. Nearby was a barbecue grill where we would place our trophies. We would take our day's catch, clean each one and then place each trophy on the grill. Even though these fish had spent all their lives in the salty ocean, guess what? I had to sprinkle salt on our catch as we were cooking them... You would think that [that] would be about the most unnecessary thing to do, considering that the fish had been marinating in saltwater for at least a year or two. Yet even though these fish had lived in the ocean, none of the salt got inside."

What's the point? Even though we

live in a world filled with tragedies, violence, and all kinds of problems, we can still thrive as vibrant and strong followers of Jesus Christ, not ruined by all the negatives. And, this can be achieved through having faith in God and having the right attitude.

You see, having a positive attitude does not mean avoiding life's issues or wishing they'd disappear. No, a sound attitude is knowing Who is in control and, thus, never allowing the outside storms to become inside storms.

So, how is your attitude? Do you realize that problems are temporary? Do you believe that God is bigger than your problems? Keep your eyes fixed on God and develop a positive attitude rooted in who He is. God will surely protect and sustain you each day.



## 9/10, THURSDAY @ 7 PM

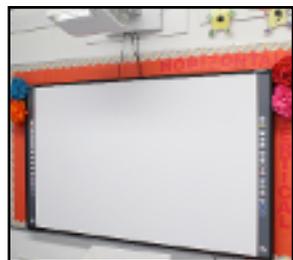
Please mark this date on your calendar. We encourage all parents and students to come to this event to meet teachers, visit classrooms, browse through curriculum, and get to know the rest of the school community. As usual, the PTA is providing delicious food and snack. Many teachers give extra credit to students who bring their parents to the event, so don't miss out! Prospective families are welcome to attend this event!

**NEW  
& improved**

# NEW STUFF @ NCA!

Every year, NCA acquires new hardware and equipment to "upgrade" student learning experiences at school. This year, NCA has invested more than \$20,000 to purchase 16 new Chrome Books, 3 Star Boards (smart boards), 4 lunch tables, 3 benches, 4 laptops for teachers, 2 HDMI projectors, and 8 science tables. Now, NCA's K through Grade 3 classrooms are outfitted with interactive smartboards. The Middle School science room

now features lab tables, and the new lunch tables and benches will provide comfort and convenience for years to come. You can check out all the new "goodies" at NCA on Back-to-School Night!



## Calendar

### Items

Sept. - October  
2015



- 9/7 Labor Day: School is closed
- 9/10 Back-to-School Night
- 9/25 Mock SAT (11-12th only)
- 10/3 SAT Administration
- 10/9 Mock SAT (9-11th only)
- 10/12 Columbus Day: School is closed
- 10/14 PSAT Administration

Introducing.....



## MS. WENDY RODGERS

My name is Wendy Rodgers, and I am entering my second year of teaching Middle School Science at New Covenant Academy. I am a native Texan who holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Biology from the U. of Houston and a Masters in Education with specialization in Multicultural Teaching from National University.

I chose the teaching profession because I have a passion for helping others and gained a love for the career while growing up observing my mother's work as a teacher

and principal. I was even fortunate to have my mother as my English and Spanish teacher as well as high school principal!

In my opinion, education is one of the most rewarding careers because I am able to watch so many students grow into amazing leaders.

Prior to teaching at NCA, I served as an educator, advocate, and public speaker through the Lupus Foundation of America, the Renal Support Network, and Donate Life organizations. I was motivated to give

encouragement, model hope to others, and advocate in Congress for better health policy and medical treatments in these areas because, by God's grace, I was able to overcome one of my greatest challenges--a life-threatening lupus flare which caused me to endure nine years of dialysis before receiving a successful kidney transplant.

Despite my obstacles, I have been blessed and honored to educate others through the 1st National Lupus Awareness Campaign created by the U.S. Office of Women's Health and the "Know Lupus" Campaign by the Lupus Foundation of

America. My educational background and personal experience have also allowed me the opportunity to testify before the FDA for the approval of the first drug categorized specifically for lupus; and I was also selected as one of the forty-five experts to begin the development of the first National Public Health Agenda for Lupus in Washington, DC.

Most importantly, I am humbled to support your children in their spiritual and academic journey, and I am looking forward to a year full of exploration as new scientific innovators of the future develop!