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 NCA's New PE Teacher

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FORGETTING WHAT IS BEHIND & PRESS ON

Philippians 3:13-14 says, "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: ***Forgetting what is behind*** and straining toward what is ahead, I ***press on toward the goal*** to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Italics and bold mine)

This passage reminds us to stop dwelling on the past. Now, Apostle Paul had a real "history," didn't he? Earlier in his life, Saul was a prideful, arrogant, and ruthless religious leader who persecuted the church. Sure, he was sincere in his zealous hunt down of heretics known as "Christians," but he was sincerely wrong.

After he encountered Jesus on the

road to Damascus, Paul had to move on by forgetting his past. Putting the ignominious past behind was possible for Paul because he accepted and embraced God's forgiveness. Put it differently, Paul needed a fresh start, and God made that possible through forgiveness.

If we are honest with ourselves, past is full of failures. And, we'd rather not reveal that part of our past to others. Yet, we cannot hide the past from *ourselves*. In fact, our mind has a way of re-playing past failures over and over again. What can we do to stop this? We must give our failures to God and receive His forgiveness. God places us on the path of healing, and we can learn to stop beating ourselves with guilt and remorse. After all, if the Lord of the Universe forgives us, why should we not forgive ourselves?

Once we learn to forgive ourselves, we can forgive others. Let's recap Paul's experience. Paul was responsible for stoning, beating, and killing Christians, but Christ forgave him. In his ministry years, Paul received the same treatment--he, too, was beaten, stoned, and left for dead. We can decipher from the Scripture that Paul had learned to forgive those who persecuted him, and



that's enabled him to continue on with his ministry--we, too, can forgive others because we've been forgiven.

In addition, we must not dwell on past successes either. If you have had success in life, give God the glory and just move on. When all is said and done, it is God who deserves all the glory and credit for our successes. (See Deuteronomy 8, especially vs. 17 & 18)

Thus, whether good or bad, we have to forget the past and press on forward.

As you pursue your God-given goals and prizes in 2017, I pray for His blessings and presence in you life, home, and work/ministry. Strive to see what lies ahead rather than constantly looking back. May you journey forward and press on in the new year.



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 HOUSE

January 26,
 2017
 Thursday
 @ 7 PM

18TH CHRISTMAS SERVICE & CELEBRATION



After the administration of final exams, NCA held a Christmas Service as the final event before heading into Christmas Break. With Christmas and New Years ahead, we spent this time to reflect on the past semester, remember the birth of Christ, and have new hopes and dreams for the next year. We had our little children perform a Christmas skit, the handbell choir blessed everyone with a beautiful song, and the "teacher choir" performed in front of everyone. It was a blessed NCA event filled with joy, laughter, and gratitude.

Calendar

Items

January 2017



- Spring Semester Begins (1/9)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/16)
- Open House / PTA meeting (1/26)
- Boys Basketball
 - Alice M. Baxter @ NCA (1/10)
 - @ Waverly (1/12)
 - @ St. Monica Academy (1/17)
 - Accaciawood @ NCA (1/19)
 - @ Alice M. Baxter (1/24)
 - St. Monica Academy @ NCA (1/31)
 - @ Aveson (2/7)
 - @ Accaciawood (2/9)



MR. KEVIN EAGLESTON



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Hello! I am Kevin Eagleston , and I am the new PE /Health teacher. I grew up in South East Asia till I was 10 years old. My father was a very strong military father who was lieutenant in the army and served in the Vietnam War. My father received two purple hearts and a badge of honor. He is a VERY strong and active Christian. He plays music in the ministry and travels to churches all over Texas. We grew up in a Christian household with pure Christian values.

My mother is also an active Christian who is one of the most caring and loving people I know! She has been a Christian foster mom for over 20 years, helping many dysfunctional and challenged children gain wisdom, confidence and self-esteem. With the help of Jesus Christ my mother has helped empower

these lost souls to become active members of society. I am very lucky to have such an amazing woman in my life.

Growing up overseas, soccer was the most popular sport and always my favorite. I had to make new friends and playing sports helped me so much. I love to play volleyball, Basketball, Yoga, Baseball, snowboard but soccer was always my true love. I have played soccer since I was 5 years old. I played on a full ride scholarship at Hawaii Pacific U., and I played 10 years of professional soccer with the Hawaii Tsunami, San Francisco Seals, and FC Avignon in France. I have coached and taught in the LA area for the last 15 years. I have a 10 year old son named Taj who plays for the LA Galaxy Academy. I look forward to getting to know the NCA community.