

ARE WE FAMOUS?

The Allens Back Again!

THE ALLENS

On August 30th, 2026 the Allens made their second appearance at Maranatha Baptist Church. There, they performed a small concert and sang their latest release "Shout" which was a fan favorite.



After that, they told us about their ministry, Hope's Cry, in Uganda. They told us about the trafficking that's going on in Uganda. They explained to us a device called the Proclaimer that is impacting the people of Uganda. It has the Gospel recorded on it in their language so they can listen to it at any time. Their goal is to bring the Proclaimer into 100 tribes in 10 years.



On Monday, they came over and visited MCA. While at MCA, they performed some songs for us in our Junior High and High School Bible classes. When they got done singing, they ended their visit by doing a Q&A.

BY KAITLYN KLINE
MCA SEVENTH GRADE

MCA MOMENTS

NEVER FORGET

In the morning of September 11, 2001, a terrorist group named Al Qaeda attacked the United States hijacking four airline planes. The crew flew into the north and south towers of the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and one failed attempt landed in a field outside of Somerset, Pennsylvania. Nearly 3,000 people passed away from these attacks, leaving a scar on America.



In commemoration of this tragic event, the 4th-5th grade class set a handful of American flags in the front flowerbed at MCA. The students are learning about the agony so many other Americans went through, showing them how important their freedom really is. The moment we forget the cost of freedom is the moment we lose it.

BY GRAYSON SCHROCK
MCA JUNIOR

ALDI RUN!

The Finance class with Mrs. Schrock went on a field trip on September 3rd! Where to? The Mattoon Aldi! Each student brought \$10 to create a lunch for the day, testing their abilities to budget properly. This exercise helped the class realize what real-life prices look like, giving them a better idea of how to budget for the future.



The entire class decided to team together, combining all of the cash. They bought everything needed to make some very delicious sandwiches and even had enough to buy some extra snacks. After it was all said and done, the class stayed under budget and had plenty of food. They even had enough for some of the other students!

BY GRAYSON SCHROCK
MCA JUNIOR

PRINT SHOP

September 8th, Mr. Dave Earp invited all of the newspaper and yearbook staff to the Harvest Print & Media Print Shop inside the Coles County Mall. He explained the difference between digital and ink printing and that they are a digital company. We were shown all the various machines they use and how they work. Mr. Earp told us they have a one of a kind machine that can print ten feet billboards in a matter of seconds! We were so thankful to have had the opportunity to visit the print shop!



BY KAITLYN KLINE
MCA SEVENTH GRADER

LET IT GROW!

On September 7th, a group of squirrely High School girls decided to conquer their boredom on their lunch break in a unique way. Seeing a fallen tree branch withering away, they decided to try to give it a new life by planting it. When asked why they did it, the girls simply replied, "Just because we could." Due to their brave and bold actions the tree lim still stands today! #letitgrow

BY LILY THERIAULT
MCA EIGHTH GRADER



SPORTS AND CLUBS

FIRST DAY OF TASK

One of the clubs starting back up is the T.A.S.K. (Teens Actively Serving the Kingdom) program. T.A.S.K. has built a strong reputation on their service in the Mattoon community. This summer alone, the T.A.S.K.



Cadets served in several different events. They parked people at the Coles County Memorial Airport for the fourth of July firework show, helped Fit-2-Serve at the food pantry, and picked up trash at Bagelfest. Those are just a few ways the Cadets are putting their motto, "Service before self," into practice.

After serving in the summer, the T.A.S.K. Cadets are excited to be back in the classroom. On Wednesdays, they meet and discuss topics like chaplaincy, helping people with anxiety, and military structure. This year, T.A.S.K. is introducing a new Marksmanship Team focused on military tactics, emphasizing the importance of communication, teamwork, and growth after failure. They are excited for more opportunities to learn in the classroom and serve their community.

BY GRAYSON SCHROCK
MCA JUNIOR

CROSS COUNTRY

MCA's first cross country meet of the year was a huge success! The meet started off with the high school girls running first. After that, the boys started their run. As a runner myself, I had to stay focused to keep going and finish strong, because if I stopped, I would risk falling behind. I was determined to finish without stopping. In the end, I finished the race at twenty-five and a half minutes, placing 125 of 140. Then it was the middle schoolers' turn to run their race, starting with the girls' race, and finishing with the boys'.

Overall, all of our runners had an amazing race. Coach Hudson is proud of all of them for how determined they are to finish strong and improve their times.

BY CALEB WALTERS
MCA JUNIOR



WAIT...WHAT DID THEY JUST SAY!?

FAVORITE FOR THE RECORD QUOTES

"I've read about you in 3 different languages."
(hair tuck, wiggle, wiggle) -KM

"_____, you remind me of a twinkie!" -CC

"Dave Ramsey is my celebrity crush!" -EL

"It's ok to be high-maintenanced as a man!" -
JY

STUDENT IMPACT

WORDS FROM A SENIOR

WHAT I HAVE LEARNED

Maranatha has moved me in many ways. This school has given me a foundation to believe in, and stand on which is Jesus. One of the things Maranatha has taught me is that Jesus is our ultimate provider. If you have Jesus you have everything you need as said in Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." In any time of need Jesus will always show up and show through. God will keep you steady in the midst of a storm if you keep your focus and faith on Him.

Always keep God your number one. Jesus gave His all for you therefore, we should give all we have to Him. It's better to lay your burdens on God than it is to leave the heavy weight on your shoulders. Jesus being your one and center of your life will lead your life as said in Proverbs 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." If you let God's will pursue you in your life, your life will be the best because His will is best. God knows where you need to be at all the right times.

Trust in God no matter what. You might not understand God's plan, but we don't always need to understand. All we need to understand is that we are held in his arms through all of it. The Bible actually tells us not to lean on our own understanding. Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not onto thine own understanding." sometimes we can feel like God's not there, but we shouldn't rely on how we feel because our feelings can be deceitful. Always rely on God's Truth which says, "Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." God will never leave you, stay strong, be courageous, serve God give everything to Jesus, and be an image bearer of God inside and out.



ISAAC NATION
MCA SENIOR

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLASS COLOR WARS

Wednesday, Sept. 16th

Represent your class by wearing your class color! The group with the highest percentage of participation will win a drink from the Husky Perk! Colors are listed below!

Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd = Yellow

3rd, 4th, & 5th = Green

Junior High = Red

Highschool = Blue

Teachers = Black & Maroon

WIG DAY

Wednesday, Oct. 7th

Things are about to get a little WIGGY around here! Whether you want to look like a rock star, a grandparent, a movie character, or just completely ridiculous, wig day is your chance to have some fun! Come ready to make your friends do a double take!



Want to stay up to date with everything happening at MCA?

Make sure you're connected and in the know! Follow our Facebook page, @mcamattoon, for the latest announcements, events, reminders, and updates.

Planning ahead? Keep track of all our upcoming events and important dates by checking the MCA Google Calendar on our website.

www.mcamattoon.com

STORY BY KAITLYN KLINE

Friday morning in History class, Rocky was having a hard time keeping his eyes open. He had gone to bed late the night before—and to make matters worse, he had forgotten to make his morning cup of coffee!



That morning, the class was learning about different jobs and careers. Their assignment was to write a paper about what they wanted to be when they grew up.

What do I want to be when I grow up?



Before long, his tired eyes grew heavier and heavier.



Suddenly, Rocky was no longer sitting in History class. He was dreaming that he worked at Husky Perk, the school coffee shop!



Rocky was dressed and ready to serve coffee—but things quickly went wrong. Orders were getting mixed up, customers were waiting, and Rocky was doing his best to keep up.

Can I get a pumpkin spice latte?

Got it!



Rocky grabbed the cup, turned around—and WHOOPS! The pumpkin spice latte went flying... right onto his boss!



Before his boss could react, Rocky felt a hand on his shoulder.

Rocky! Rocky!



He jumped out of his desk! Rocky looked around, completely confused. He wasn't at Husky Perk anymore. He was back in History class—and his teacher was standing beside his desk!

You fell asleep, Rocky.



After that day, Rocky learned an important lesson: you can't chase your dreams if you're too tired to stay awake!

6-8 HOURS

From then on, Rocky always made sure to get a good 6-8 hours of sleep before school. And, of course, he never forgot his morning coffee!



Good Sleep = Big Dreams!





FOR THE PACK

HAVE YOU READ YOUR BIBLE YET?

Have you ever read the Bible? The Bible is actually a collection of sixty-six different ancient writings written by 40 different authors. It is a data dump of human experience and societal interaction spanning about 4,000 years. It is divided into two sections: The Old Testament is the first section, which was originally written in Hebrew and maintained for 1000s of years by Jewish scribes. The New Testament is the second section, which was written in Greek and begins with the life of Jesus and ends with the Revelation of John the apostle.

Because it is considered a religious book, it is often dismissed as a must-read in our culture. However, society as a whole has held it in such regard that versions and translations of it span the globe. In English, there are easily 20-50 different translations that are easily accessible to all, with an estimated 900 different English translations since 1526. Worldwide, at least some portion of the Bible has been translated into over 4,000 different languages. More than 5 billion Bibles have been printed and distributed since Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press.

Historically, there are roughly 5,800 to 6,000 handwritten Greek manuscripts (The original language that the New Testament was written in). These range from tiny papyrus fragments to full Bibles.

There are more than 18,000 copies in other ancient languages, including Latin (around 10,000), Syriac, Coptic, Arabic, and Armenian. Earliest Dates: The earliest known fragment (the John Rylands Papyrus) dates back to around AD 130, just a few decades after the original writings. When you compare this to other historical documents, there is absolutely no comparison. We have only 7 of Plato's, "Republic." There are 10 of Julius Caesar's "Gallic Wars." There are only 49 early copies of all of Aristotle's works.

You might have heard of the Dead Sea Scrolls. They were found in 1947, these include roughly 220 biblical scrolls and fragments dating from about 150 BCE to 70 CE. They pushed back the known manuscript history of the Hebrew Bible by a full millennium.

If so many people hold the Bible in such high regard, and it is so easily accessible, why wouldn't you read it?



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THE MARANATHA MAP

Mission

We exist to **glorify God** by faithfully proclaiming the **truth**, cultivating **personal responsibility**, and preparing students for **achievement beyond the classroom**.

Vision

We desire to see generations of families **rooted in Christ**, prepared to live out their faith with **wisdom, purpose**, and **impact** for the **glory of God**.

