

# BATTLE CREEK ACADEMY



ALUMNI WEEKEND  
2026



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# OUR VISION



Cultivating hearts and minds for now and eternity

# OUR MISSION



To grow students for Christ:  
Spiritually  
Academically  
Physically  
Socially



# WELCOME HOME



**We welcome you to the 2026 Alumni Weekend at  
Battle Creek Academy.**

**We are glad you have come home, even if just for a visit!  
We have missed you!**

**Enjoy the weekend! Enjoy "old" friends! Make new friends!**

**Let us look forward to that great reunion in heaven!**

# VESPERS

7:00 P.M.  
FRIDAY,  
APRIL 24, 2026  
BCA CHAPEL

ARRANGED BY:  
THE CURRENT STUDENTS OF BCA

General Welcome	Daniel Grentz ('84)
Lifting Him Up in Praise (Pioneer Hymns)	<i>"Lift Up the Trumpet"</i> History by Sawm Sang Lian ('27)
Prayer	Mary Jane High ('69)
School Hymn for 2025-2026	"Father, Lead Me Day by Day" Alumni Band
Welcome	Tiffany Maanya ('27) Anna Cook ('30)
BCA School Song	"Loyal to BCA" Alumni Band
James White, an unusual pioneer	Olivia High ('28)
Musical Selection	Alumni Band
Alumni Weekend; COMING OF AGE	Introduced by Martha Jones ('30)
<b><u>Mini Sermonettes:</u></b> Foundation and Legacy ROOTED IN FAITH	Eliab Gonzalez ('34) James Henry Engle ('35) Rebekah Lian Deih San ('34)
Identity and Continuity STILL CALLED STILL CHOSEN	Joseph HauMuan Lian ('30) Kevon Thomson ('30)
Mission and Sending RISING IN PURPOSE	Thang Vaan ('26) Sofia Keller ('26)
Closing Remarks	Rick Barrett ('76)
Closing Hymn	<i>"O Brother, be Faithful"</i> History by Sawm Sang Lian ('27)
Benediction	Shawna Cook

# SABBATH SCHOOL

9:30 A.M.  
SATURDAY  
APRIL 25, 2026  
BC TABERNACLE

ARRANGED BY:  
THE CLASS OF 2001

Piano Prelude	Karen Penrod ('87)
Welcome/Invocation	Matthew Segar ('01)
Song Service	Rachel Koeffler ('01)
Opening Song	272
<i>"Give Me the Bible"</i>	
Lesson Study Panel	Pastor Christopher Holland Steve Walker ('89) Brian Metcalf ('88) Travis Maloney
Interlude	Karen Penrod ('87)

# DIVINE SERVICE

ARRANGED BY:  
THE CLASS OF 1976

Announcements	Elder Jeff Kellogg
Praise Him through Music	Becky Ward ('76) Mary Anne Valenti ('76)
Welcome and Reflection	Robert Douglas ('76)
Roll Call	Daniel Grentz ('84)
Hymn of Praise	523
<i>"My Faith has Found a Resting Place"</i>	
Call for Offering/ Prayer for Offering	Lynn Kaufman ('76)
Offertory	Mary Anne Valenti ('76)

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

Children's Story Greg Vanderwaal ('76)

Congregational Prayer Becky Ward ('76)

Scripture Reading Nancy Ostrem ('76)

Titus 3:3-7

Special Music Mary Anne Valenti ('76)

*"Safe Within Your Arms"*

Sermon John Rorabeck ('76)

*"From Courtroom Mystery to Mission"*

Closing Hymn 65

*"God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"*

Benediction John Rorabeck ('76)

Postlude Naghielly Walker ('87)

# MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

My faith has found a resting place,  
Not in a manmade creed;  
I trust the ever living One,  
That He for me shall plead.

## Refrain

I need no other evidence,  
I need no other plea;  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And rose again for me.

## 2

Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul, I come to Him,  
He will not cast me out.

## 3

My soul is resting on the Word,  
The living Word of God,  
Salvation in my Savior's name,  
Salvation through His blood.

## 4

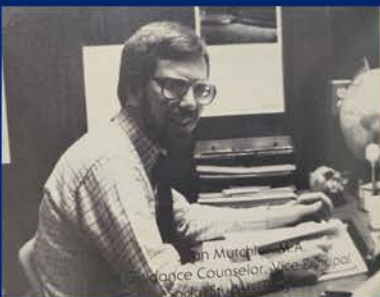
My great Physician heals the sick,  
The lost He came to save;  
For me His precious blood He shed,  
For me His life He gave.

# Living Appreciation



*Sabbath during the luncheon  
1:00 P.M. ~ BCA Gym*

## *Ihan "JD" Mutchler*



HONOR

YEARS

## **CLASS OF 1976 50 YEARS**

Principal - Mr. Ralph A. Darrough  
Sponsor - Ms. Ann Burke  
Sponsor - Mr. Hal Finnell  
Nancy (Ostrem) Anderson  
Rosemary (Morgan) Austin  
Rick Barrett  
Scott Burgess  
Beth Ann (Shaffer) Cliett  
Duane Curtis  
Julie Davis  
Robert Douglas  
Dina (Spencer) Evans  
Sandra (Curtis) Gilbert  
Cindy (Hile) Gulka  
Mark Haineault  
Eileen (Weidemann) Harris  
Jon Holm  
Lynn (Street) Kaufman  
Albert Laughman  
Penny (Aldrich) Mixon  
Mark Nelson  
Karen (Kidder) Offen  
Cindy (Wilber) Patt  
Joyce (Brueggeman) Pierce  
Donna Jean Rorabeck  
John Rorabeck  
Nathaniel Salziger  
Timothy Sherwin  
Mary Anne (Conkell) Valenti  
Greg Vanderwaal  
Robert Velting  
Rebecca (Flynn) Ward  
Debbie (Hart) Whetmore

## **CLASS OF 2001 25 YEARS**

Principal - Mr. Kevin Kossick  
Sponsor - Mr. Clifton Bluhm  
Sponsor - Mr. Alan Newhart  
John Davis  
Venssa (Perkins) Haugen  
Jacquelin Hayes  
Caren (Hook) Onks  
Stephanie Lallemand  
Evan Lutz  
Brandon Miller  
Valerie Parker  
David Ritzenthaler  
Rachel Sauer  
Matthew Segar  
James Spencer

## **CLASS OF 2016 10 YEARS**

Principal - Mr. James Davis II  
Sponsor - Mr. Don Aldrich  
Sponsor - Mr. Alan Meis  
Thomas Andersen  
Michael Castanon  
Devin Gillett  
Bryan Headley  
Jordan Jones  
Joshua LaTour  
Jasmin Lee



# Loyal to B.C.A.

2021 Version

Written by Class of 1946

Music by Freda (Dunlap) Swensen

Lyric Modifications by Dan Grentz August 2021

## Verse 1:

We are loyal to you, BCA  
To your emblem we'll ever be true  
In our hearts you will stay  
As we praise you always  
When we think of the white and the blue

## Chorus:

Lead us on to our goal  
For your cause is right  
We will serve in all lands  
Guided by your light  
With our hearts we pledge to hold your standard high  
Faithful to our BCA

## Verse 2:

Praise to this school of ours, with our all  
For the friendships we've made day by day  
In your time honored halls  
We have heard duty's call  
And we give of our best as we say

## Chorus

## Verse 3:

In our memories you stand as the best  
School of service to God and to man  
As we meet every test  
We will be truly blessed  
Being led by His mighty hand

## Chorus

# Contact Information Update

If you would like to update your contact information in our alumni database, please use this QR Code to do so. We would love to be able to communicate with all of our alumni on a regular basis.

If you know of an alumnus, former student, or former staff member that has recently moved or changed contact information, please ask them to update their contact information as well.

If you would prefer not to use the QR Code to update your information, you can either call the main office at (269)965-1278 or email [development@battlecreekacademy.com](mailto:development@battlecreekacademy.com) with your updated contact information



# ALUMNI WEEKEND 2025







# HVAC Capital Campaign



The replacement of this boiler system represents a significant but necessary investment—one that will preserve and strengthen the mission of Battle Creek Academy for years to come. Based on historical data and the increased efficiency of the new boilers, we will be saving about \$440 per month on our fuel bill. That's a savings of over \$5000 dollars a year. Your support, whether through a one-time gift or a pledged contribution, will directly enable us to provide a stable and nurturing environment where students can thrive academically and spiritually.

Donations can be made in the following ways:

- In person at the BCA office
- In the mail at:  
Battle Creek Academy  
Attn: HVAC  
480 Parkway Dr.  
Battle Creek, MI 49037
- On our website at: <https://www.battlecreekacademy.com/hvac/>
- Scan the QR code



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**Save the Date**  
**Alumni 2027**  
**April 23-25, 2027**

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# THANK YOU

Golf Outing:  
Thank you to  
Mindy Segar, Tom Andersen,  
and the Medalist Golf Club

Living Appreciation:  
Thank you to Dan  
Grentz and Phyllis  
Essex

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the current students  
of BCA.

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Sabbath School:  
Thank you to  
the Class of 2001

Sabbath Lunch:  
Thank you to Clara  
Engle, Elizabeth  
Thomson, and crew.

Divine Service:  
Thank you to  
the Class of 1976

Thank you to  
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## Organizers:

Thank you to the Development and Marketing committee for  
organizing the weekend:

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for organizing the weekend.