

# *RCA IN THE NEWS*

## **RCA STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 10th ANNUAL SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS DAY**

Riverside Christian Academy's students and faculty took the day off from class last Wednesday to spend time learning more about God and his word, praying, singing praises, and serving others. It was the school's tenth annual Spiritual Emphasis Day; this year's theme for the day was "Not Ashamed." The theme was taken from Romans 1:16, which says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."

The keynote speakers for the day were Gavin and Lauren Pinkston. The Pinkstons are missionaries in Southeast Asia. Gavin is a medical doctor; he practices in hospitals in Asia and teaches English to the other doctors and nurses. Lauren works for a business called Interwoven that creates jobs for women who have been rescued from the sex-trafficking industry.

"I was very excited to have Gavin and Lauren Pinkston speak to our students. Their experience in the mission field in a communist country is the kind of perspective we were seeking for our 'Not Ashamed' theme this year. They are both young and were very dynamic and engaging with our students. I believe the students learned lessons that will be with them for a lifetime," said RCA's President, James Bryant.

The entire student body spent the first and last hour of the day singing praises in the school's gymnasium. The upper school boys and girls split up for part of the afternoon to hear messages from God's word that were targeted for their specific age/gender groups, and Amie O'Neal, the Children's Minister at First Baptist Fayetteville, led a breakout session for the elementary students. The students also spent time during the day praying individually or in small groups, serving others by making cards for the flood victims in Baton Rouge and putting together gift boxes for children in Honduras, and enjoying a free cookout lunch.

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