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Ever since our school opened in 1962 as Elkton Christian School, we have been the Crusaders. In today's world, people often connect our mascot to a very specific group of knights from the Medieval Era of history. While there is a wide range of research and opinion on the Medieval crusaders, we need to remember the more general definition of the title *Crusader*. If you google search "crusader," you will find that it means "a person who campaigns vigorously for political, social, or religious change." All crusaders are in a fight. This fight is one that is fought with every ounce of energy the warrior can muster. This fight has great consequence.

It is easy to think that we are in a fight against the world around us. After all, in 1 John 2:15 we read, "Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you." We indeed have been set apart from the world. We are commanded not to follow this world. We are called to resist the patterns of Elkton, of Cecil County, of the world.

The thing is, though, we are not in a fight against Elkton. We are in a fight *for* Elkton. We are not in a fight against Cecil County. We are in a fight *for* Cecil County. We are not in a fight against this world. We are in a fight *for* this world.

In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus reminds us, "**You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.**"

We are called by the Lord our God, our Savior King Jesus, to be a light to this dark world, shining His goodness and glorifying Him. This is our mission at Tri-State. We have an amazing opportunity to reach Elkton and the rest of our surrounding areas in so many ways. In the classroom, our students will work hard to honor the gift of thought that God has given them, that they can have unlimited opportunities after graduating, where they can take His message to the ends of the Earth. On the athletic fields, our players and coaches will have the highest level of sportsmanship, showing grace in winning and losing. In community service, we will serve joyfully, as Jesus did, knowing that it is a gift to be able to serve others. The potential is unlimited for how we can reach the world around us. So, encourage your students, and feel encouraged yourselves, to be as involved as possible in this fight for Elkton, Cecil County, and the world.

Soli Deo gloria,
Mr. Jones



"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."
I Corinthians 10:31