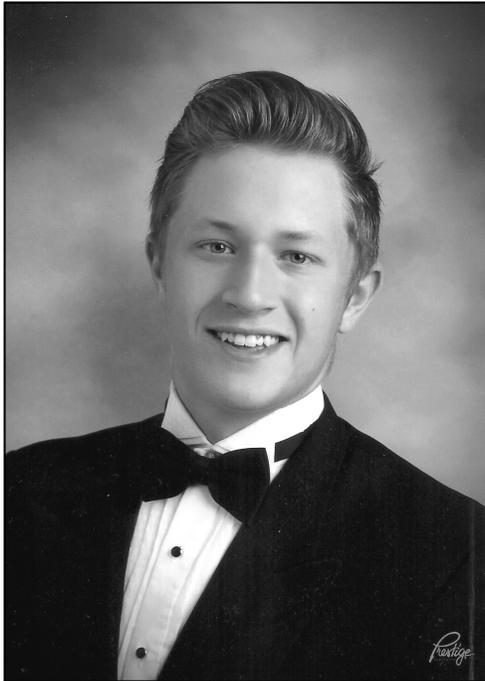


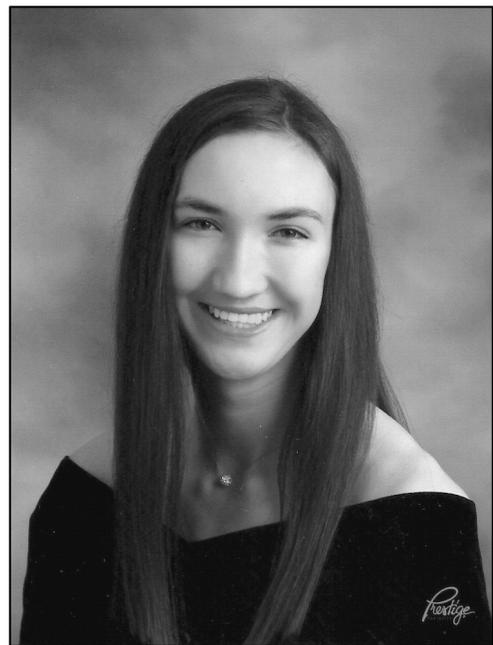
# The Caller

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## CONGRATULATIONS 2018 GRADUATES!



**MORGANGATTIS**  
Elizabethtown High School



**REAGAN WHITE**  
Central Hardin High School

## Advice to Graduates

Hopefully someone has taught you life is a matter of making choices. Wherever you find yourself in life (whether it is in a good situation or a bad situation) it is because of the choices you have made. Please don't blame anyone else. There is personal responsibility for the choices we make. Remember this important thought as you read the rest of this article.

Josh, Reagan, Morgan, what do you want to do in life? Having hopes and dreams and goals is vitally important. I've heard many people say, and I think it is so true, that there is an unspoken rule we don't always realize. What is that rule you ask? Here it is, and it's pretty simple...you are either growing or you're dying! I challenge you to think of one area to which this rule does not apply.

In many different graduation speeches that I have heard, I have heard people say you need four things in your life. Everyone needs someone or something to believe in. Everyone needs someone to love. Everyone needs something to do. In addition to these three things, you need something to hope for.

All of the things written above are Scriptural concepts. God has given mankind the freedom of choice. God has given mankind clear instruction on how to live to be found pleasing to Him. Depending upon the choices you make in reference to the instructions God has provided, you will find yourself in good or bad situations. If you choose to ignore God's instructions for living, you will be miserable...if not in this life, in eternity. If you choose to follow God's instructions for living, that living may not always be perfect or filled with happy times, but you will have the ability to deal with whatever you face in life, and you will receive an eternal home with God in heaven! We will all be personally responsible when we stand before our Jesus Christ on the last day.

Reagan, Morgan, and Josh, please also have hopes, dreams, and goals. All of these will drive you to be successful in life. All of these will help you in your spiritual journey. Your hopes can include a "realized expectation" of heaven that you can have now and enjoy eternally. As you dream spiritually, dream of a wonderful Christian spouse who will help you on your journey to heaven and help you to raise faithful children who will love God and eventually be able to live with you in heaven where you will remain together forever! Set spiritual goals as well. If you do not work on your relationship with God, you will not be the type of person who will help someone go to heaven nor lead your children to a relationship with the Godhead! Study God's Word and grow in your faith (Romans 10:17). Pray to God often; praise Him; thank Him; and cast your cares upon Him (1 Peter 5:7). Be determined to make the congregation where you work together to bring glory to God, to be the best congregation it can be.

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