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WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

April was a busy month with spring break and Easter. Anthony and I led worship along with several other musicians and vocalists, including our daughter, Andrea at our annual ministry conference the last week of the month. Natalea and Ryan spent a night with us at the hotel, and Evie and Will spent a night as well. Fun times.

We also got our second covid vaccine, so we're both now "fully

vaccinated."

Hadlee turned 10 April 11. Our dog, Bailey turned 5 on April 25.

May 3 marks our 41st wedding anniversary. I can honestly say that I'd do it all again with my sweet, kind husband. He's such a blessing to me and our family.

Ryan turns 4 on May 26.



Will, Natalea and Megan finding Easter eggs

Ryan likes the "hardwork" store

Landree decked out for Easter



Hadlee turned 10



Evie (middle) plays volleyball with 2 of her cousins, Riley and Ellie

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COMMUNITY

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

LILIA OTTLEY
SHANE OTTLEY

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING RECITAL
MAY 17

NO LESSONS
MAY 17—JUNE 6

SUMMER LESSONS
JUNE 7 WEEK
JUNE 14 WEEK
JULY 12 WEEK
JULY 19 WEEK

SUMMER GROUP CLASSES
JUNE 9, 16, JULY 14

ONLINE REVIEWS



Here's a recent review from a happy parent:

Dana has taught both of my daughters piano for multiple years. She is great at encouraging them to practice and they look forward to their lessons. She is very professional and great at communicating with parents. —Paige B.

If you would like to leave a detailed review, please visit g.page/danamartinstudio/review. Thank you!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: TANNER BLACK



Tanner

Meet Tanner Ethan Black. He lives with his parents, Doug and Shawna, brother Tyler, sister Truett and Tess the cat. He homeschooled this year, but he will be attending 5th grade at

Stamping Ground Elementary this fall. Tanner loves science and reading. His favorite books are the chapter book series *Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo. He has read them many times.

Tanner loves spending time with his friends and playing football on the playground at recess. Tanner also enjoys playing basketball. He has played the last couple of years through Upward.

Tanner loves music. He always has his radio on and singing along. He's also a big country music fan. He has a guitar that he plays along with the radio and sings.

Tanner's favorite movie is *Ferdinand*. He also loves to play board games and cards. One of his favorite games is Pop the Pig.

Tanner loves to cook and enjoys helping out in the kitchen. His favorite food to cook is mac and cheese.

Tanner has recently become interested in deer hunting. He's looking forward to going crossbow hunting this year. Tanner loves to go on vacation and is excited about our trip to Texas this summer. With us homeschooling this year, we thought taking piano lessons would be a fun way to incorporate music into our curriculum. He has done really well and is looking forward to the recital.

Tanner is full of life and happy all the time. He likes to laugh and make others laugh. He is kind-hearted and loves to lend a helping hand to anyone that needs it.

As a student, Tanner is a joy to teach! We love composing our own music together and laughing. A lot.

Please join us for an evening of beautiful music!

Monday, May 17
7:00 p.m.

True Life Church
407 Kingston Road

Dana Martin Studio
DanaMartinStudio.com

WHY RECITALS ARE IMPORTANT

Recitals are essential. I strongly believe that recitals are an essential part of music education. You'd never allow your athlete to only attend soccer practice but never actually play in a game.

I encourage my students to go above and beyond the classroom lesson by getting them involved in recitals, events and other performances that help build character and enforce life skills. The life skills gained from these public performances are invaluable to students and will benefit them for years to come as they translate into school and later their careers.

Preparing for recitals instills discipline. A recital is a deadline, which requires diligent practice as well as extra time and effort to memorize and master

the pieces to perform them with excellence. With pride, students know they've met the challenge of discipline, hard work and accomplishment, which translates into a student's work ethic as he grows to take on other life challenges.

Recitals are a great way to build courage and confidence in students. Performing is no walk in the park. It takes a lot of courage to get up and perform at a recital and often leads to extreme nerves and anxiety. You've no doubt heard that public speaking is more feared by adults than death. When a student begins performing at a young age, the more comfortable she will become at it and the less nervous she will feel. Translate the performance skills acquired from recitals into public speaking and other public performances students will face later on.

Recitals teach students to focus on their achievements rather than their mistakes. Mistakes are a part of life and everybody makes them. The more a student practices and plays at recitals,

the easier he will be able to move past a mistake and pick himself right back up again. I tell my students that no one remembers your mistakes; they only remember their own. Students come to realize that mistakes are not what matter most, but that getting up on stage and doing your best is most important.

Recitals motivate students to work hard for their achievements. Students want to do well in front of their friends, family and peers. That motivation they feel before a performance will continue when they watch their peers perform. Seeing younger or less experienced students perform encourages a student to feel accomplished at how far he has come. Likewise, watching older or more experienced students perform encourages him to set goals for what he has yet to accomplish.

Recitals teach students how to prepare and be prepared for other life skills and challenges. Take pride in your hard work, diligence and accomplishments because they pay off in life. 🎵



PRACTICE COMPETITION IS WINDING DOWN

We're in the last week of the Practice Competition and every day counts DOUBLE. I'm so proud of ALL my students who have worked hard to earn prizes and qualify for the pizza party! **Students will receive recognition at the Spring Recital.**

I'm thrilled to see students reap the rewards of the extra practice during the competition. An obvious one being the awesome results they see each week during lessons with

skill improvements, more memorized pieces and general confidence in their musical abilities.

Each year many students are motivated to continue the increased practice time even after the competition is over, and they continue to progress and see their musical goals realized much faster because of their diligence and hard work. Maybe this year, it will be YOU!

30-PIECE Challenge UPDATE

1st Round

2nd Round

3rd Round

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UNDER THE SEA SUMMER GROUP CLASSES

Summer Group Classes prep is underway.

This year's theme, *Under the Sea* promises a fun time of making instruments, music games that enhance our learning, as well as snacks that complement our theme, and much more!

Students may choose to attend 2 in-person group classes in lieu of their 4 remaining lessons in June and July.



Or 1 group class and 2 regular lessons.

Sign ups begin this week.

Talk to your student about this exciting and valuable opportunity. Class size will be limited to six students. 🎵