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FATHER OF THE BIRDE

CAST

Collin Holbrook Mr. Banks
 Rachel Crum Mrs. Banks
 Caitlin Nilsen Kay Banks
 Eli Woltz Ben Banks
 Isaac Reif Tommy Banks
 Andrick Neal. Buckley
 Bethany Thompson Delilah
 Emma Reese Miss Bellamy
 Cassie Thompson Massoula
 Claire Hoover. Peggy
 Ben Gerken Joe
 Rachel Yount Rita
 Michael King Buzz
 Ethan Poole Red
 Olivia Martin Patricia
 Aubrey Speakman Kim’s Assistant
 Caitriona Coyan Miss Pulitzerki
 Emma Harris Florist’s Assistant
 Megan Thompson Wedding Decorator
 Maddi Rowles. Wedding Decorator
 Lily Alexander Wedding Decorator

Production Team

Rachel Brinley Director, Set & Costume Designer
 Heather Coyan Fine Arts Director
 Kris Brake Props Master
 Natasha Coleman Stage Manager
 Caitriona Coyan Assistant Stage Manager
 Dale Harris Lighting Designer
 Joe Morris Sound Director
 Ben McDowell Sound Technician
 Jeff Brinley Set Construction
 Jerene Speakman Playbill
 Stacey Rauch. Graphic Design
 Tracy King Props Assistant

Stage Crew

Jessica Weaver
 Alyse Copeland
 Grace Smeltzer

Hair & Make-up

Meleah Graham
 Hannah Hampton

Light Operator

Alex Wilkinson
 Jordan Thompson

*A special thanks to all of our volunteers who helped
 make this production possible.*

A Note from the Director

I am sure you have heard the cliché, “Nothing is certain but death and taxes.” Well, if I may be so bold, I will add another certainty we all experience in life...letting go. No one understands more than parents how hard it is to let go and we have to do it multiple times throughout our lives with our most precious gift: our children. We remember the first time we felt comfortable enough to let go of their hand to walk in a parking lot or to cross the street, their first day of school as we fought tears when we kissed them goodbye to let them go into the classroom, the first time we let them drive by themselves, the first time we allowed them to go on a date, the day they graduated high school, and then the day we moved them into their dorm rooms knowing it would be weeks or months until we got to see or hug them again. Then, the day comes when they find THE ONE and we have let them go in, perhaps, the most significant way. From the beginning of time, when God created man and woman, He says in Genesis 2:24, “...A man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.” From that moment on, we parents, based on God’s command and intention for marriage, are relegated to the sidelines in the lives of our children. We will be there when they need us, of course, for counsel and advice, (and to babysit the grandkids), but from the moment they say, “I do,” our role in their lives changes forever.

Now, for those dads out there who have a daughter (or daughters), the day you have to give her away to someone who could NEVER be good enough for her because no man on Earth is, is the day a huge piece of your heart breaks forever. You loved her first, held her first, prayed for her without ceasing, provided your shoulder for her tears, protected her with a fierceness only other dads could understand, and lost countless hours of sleep over her. You helped raise her into the woman who stands before you on her wedding day, and, now, you have to...let her go.

Father of the Bride

This play takes place in the home of the Banks family
in the late 1940's

Act I

Scene 1: "Kay's Big News/Meet the Parents"

Scene 2: "Wedding Planning Anxiety"

Act II

"The Guest List and Wedding Insanity"

INTERMISSION - 15 Minutes

Act III

Scene 1: "Pops to the Rescue"

Scene 2: "The Big Day"



Take a piece of the set home with you.. We are auctioning off the china set used tonight, with the proceeds going to our Drama Department. Please place your bids at the ticket table in the foyer.

Audience Etiquette

We are so happy that you are here to enjoy tonight's performance! As our students have worked hard to prepare a wonderful show for you, we would ask that you refrain from distractions of any kind, such as **texting, flash photography, talking/whispering, and leaving before intermission.** While these distractions may seem trivial in nature, they can be a great disturbance to our performers who are trying to remember lines and move around on stage. Any consideration you can give them is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you.

Please turn off all cellular phones and devices as the signals interfere with our wireless microphones.

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ETIQUETTE



Rachel G. Brinley (*Director, Set Designer, Costume Designer*) is thrilled and blessed to have such a tremendous opportunity to be involved in directing and designing the production for her third year after her FCA directorial debut in 2017 with *Cheaper by the Dozen* and co-directing *The Music Man* with Mrs. Coyan last year. She graduated with a BA in theatre from Vanderbilt University in 2003. Before her senior year at Vanderbilt she spent a midsummer in Oxford, England at the British American Drama Academy

where she studied under acting greats such as Fiona Shaw, Julian Glover, and Lynn Farliegh. When she graduated, she went on to pursue a semi-professional acting career in Columbus. She performed with Actor's Theatre of Columbus portraying the roles of Elmire in *Tartuffe*, the Princ(ess) in *Romeo and Juliet*, and the Courtesan in *The Comedy of Errors*. She also worked with Columbus Children's Theatre where she portrayed Jadis in *The Magician's Nephew*, the White Witch in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and Kissing Kate Barlow and other various roles in *Holes*. She gives all glory to God for allowing her to explore her talents and theatrical passions again in a Christian environment. ***"Each of you should use whatever gift you have to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*** - *1 Peter 4:10* It is her prayer that she has indeed served this school, these students, and their parents and teachers to the best of her abilities. Cheers and God bless!



Heather Coyan (*Fine Arts Director*) teaches 3rd - 12th grade music, choir, and band. Heather graduated summa cum laude with a BA in Music Education from Ohio Christian University in 2013. Prior to joining FCA, she taught K-4 general music and 5th and 6th grade band and choir at Madison Christian School. Her four daughters Alica, Caitriona, Seveyah, and Delia all attend FCA. Mrs. Coyan was the musical director for *The Music Man*, *Annie Jr.*, has directed four musicals for

Turnpoint Kids and nine elementary musicals from 2013 to present. One of her favorite verses is ***Jeremiah 29:11***— ***"For I know the plans I have for you 'declares the Lord,' plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."***



Kris Brake (*Staff, Props Master*) is the wife of Randy Brake and the mother of Katelyn, Jesse, Jordan, and Kolin. She is an FCA teacher who has been involved in the Fine Arts Department for 13 years. From *Diary of Anne Frank* and *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* to *The Sound of Music* and *Meet Me in St. Louis*, she has enjoyed working with the students. Her favorite verse is *Psalms 19:14* - *“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, oh Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”*



Natasha Coleman (*Stage Manager, Senior*) is the daughter of Dean-Andrew and Danell Coleman. She is a senior and has attended FCA for 11 years. This is her first theater experience. Natasha enjoys playing softball in her free time.

Exodus 3:12 - So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”



Caitriona Coyan (*Assistant Stage Manager & Miss Pulitski, Freshman*) Caitriona, daughter to Brian and Heather Coyan, has been in *Willy Wonka* and *The Chocolate Factory* and *Annie Jr.* and was in the musical *The Music Man* at FCA last year. She is on the track team, in Choir, Knight Singers, Marching Band and is a member of the Music Honors Society. Caitriona is also involved at her church and sings on the praise team.

Proverbs 4:26 - “Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.”

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Lily Alexander (*Wedding Decorator, Freshman*) Lily has previously been in *The Music Man* as a townspeople as well as other small church programs. Lily also participates in archery at FCA.

Mark 5:34 "He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."



Rachel Crum (*Mrs. Banks, Junior*) Rachel has previously performed in *The Music Man*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *The Journey*, and various other dramas and musicals. Rachel is a member of the National Honor Society, English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. She is also in Knight Singers and the Rough Riders 4-H club.

Psalms 91:4 "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."



Benjamin Gerken (*Joe, Freshman*) This is Ben's second production with FCA, he was previously a part of *The Music Man* last year. Ben is a member of the archery team, the Cross Country team, and ministers with the FCC youth band.

Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe."



Emma Harris (*Wedding Decorator, 8th Grade*) Emma has been involved in many school productions such as *Seussical Jr.*, *The Music Man*, and *The Variety Show*. Emma has also been a part of church plays like *Scrooge*, *Let all the Thirsty Come*, and *You are Special*. Emma is involved in the music honor society, Jr. High Choir, volleyball, basketball, track, and dance.

Exodus 37:4 "Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!'"



Collin Holbrook (*Stanley Banks, Sophomore*) Collin was in the last two FCA musicals: *Seussical Jr.* and *The Music Man*. Collin is in choir, Knight Singers, and Marching Band. He leads worship for his youth group and plays guitar Sunday mornings at his church.

Revelation 21:4 "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."



Claire Hoover (*Peggy, Junior*) In the past, Claire has appeared in BalletMet's *The Nutcracker* as the lead role of Young Clara, BalletMet's *Peter Pan*, and various Millersport Community Theater productions. Offstage, Claire has been involved with cheerleading, track, chapel band, quiz team, and student council.

Proverbs 8:11 "For wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her."



Michael King (*Buzz, 6th Grade*) This is Michael's theatrical debut. He is in the FCA marching band.
Proverbs 10:28 "The prospect of the righteous is joy, the hopes of the wicked come to nothing."



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Andrick Neal (*Buckley Dunstan, Senior*) The first part Andrick ever played was in FCA's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* as a village boy. His most recent roles were in FCA's production of *Seussical Jr.* which he played the Cat in the Hat and Frank Gilbreth in *Cheaper by the Dozen*. His most recent role was the spell binding con artist Harold Hill in *The Music Man*. Andrick is in Knight Singers, Worship band, is on the Archery team, and on the football team.

Matthew 5:3-6 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."



Caitlin Nilsen (*Kay Banks, Senior*) Caitlin has been involved in numerous plays and musicals including: *A Knight of Laughs*, *A Musical Variety Show*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Cheaper By The Dozen*, and *The Music Man*. She has played varsity softball since her freshman year, she has danced ballet for nine years, she is secretary for National Honors Society, and she is involved in National English Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society). She has been secretary on student council since her freshman year.

Isaiah 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."



Ethan Poole (*Red, Sophomore*) is a Sophomore at FCA, and he has played the train conductor in *The Music Man*. He has also been in *Seussical, Jr.* as "The Grinch" and the "First Annual Knight Platinum Awards" as several characters. He is also a member of Knight Singers and The Quiz Team at FCA. He wants to thank his parents Harry and Kristin Poole for always being there for him. He also wants to thank Mrs. Coyan and Mrs. Brinley for all the work they did for the production.

Jeremiah 29: 11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



Emma Reese (*Miss Bellamy, Junior*) Emma has been involved in various theatrical productions such as FCA's *Variety Show*, *Seussical, Jr.* and *The Music Man*. Emma is involved in academic honor societies such as the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. She is involved in musical groups such as High School Choir, Knight Singers, FCA's chapel band, and the praise band at her church. She works in the children's ministry at her church as well.

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."



Isaac Reif (*Tommy Banks, Freshman*) Isaac was involved in *The Wizard of Oz* at OUL, *The Secret of Snowflake County* and a *Mystery Dinner Theatre* at Victory Hill Church. He plays golf for Lancaster High School and is in the FCA Choir, Knight Singers, and the Marching Band. Isaac, plays the drums and sings in the youth band at Victory Hill Church and The River.

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."



Madisyn Rowles (*Wedding Decorator, 8th Grade*) Madisyn has made an appearance in many productions such as *Wizard of Oz* (OUL), *Peter Pan*, *Seussical Jr.*, *Mary Poppins*, and is thrilled to be involved in *Father of the Bride*. Madisyn is involved in multiple school activities such as, Honor Society, Art Honor Society, Student Council, and the ecology club.

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

CAST



Aubrey Speakman (*Kim's Assistant, Freshman*)

Aubrey has been in *Meet Me In St. Louis* and *Seussical Jr.*. She is a member of the Ecology Club, National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, the Volleyball team, and the Softball team.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."



Olivia Martin (*Patricia, 8th Grade*)

In sixth grade, Olivia participated *Seussical Jr.* She was also in her church's performance of *Scrooge*. Olivia plays for her school's volleyball team is in Choir, and is a member of the Music Honor Society.

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."



Bethany Thompson (*Delilah, Junior*)

Bethany is a junior and she really enjoys participating in fine arts. She has acted in *Seussical Jr.*, *The Music Man* and has operated lights for several productions. Bethany would like to thank her parents, Jeff and Tracy Thompson, for always supporting her.

Matthew 6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."





Cassie Thompson (*Massoula, Senior*) In the past, Cassie has appeared in *"The Platinum Awards"*. Offstage, she has been involved in Cross-Country, Basketball, Track, Student Council, Chapel Band, and her church's media team. She is also the National Honor Society chaplain, National English Honor Society president, and Mu Alpha Theta president.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for your life in Christ Jesus".



Megan Thompson (*Wedding Decorator, Freshman*) Megan was in *The Music Man* as the role of a townspeople and had a dance ensemble number. Megan is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and National Music Honor Society. She is also a member of the choir and Knight Singers.
Romans 8:18 "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."



Elijah Woltz (*Ben Banks, Senior*) This is Elijah's theatrical debut. Offstage Elijah is involved in living his life. He is on the school's media team.
Luke 3:11 "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."



Rachel Yount (*Rita, Freshman*) Rachel appeared in the FCA production of *The Music Man*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Seussical Jr.*, and the *Musical Variety Show*. Rachel is on the Archery team, Student Council, and her Youth Group's Praise Band. She is member of the High School Choir and Knight Singers.
Psalms 56:3 "When I am afraid, I put my trust in You."

Father of the Bride

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Only with the assistance and cooperation of the students, parents, teachers, and administrators here at FCA, could this production have been possible. To all those who assisted in any way, thank you so very much!

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CALEB McCARTHY

Professional decorator Caleb McCarthy's handiwork can be seen all around Lancaster and the region. We would like to thank him for helping design, create and borrow many of his items for this year's FCA Drama, especially the wedding reception scene.

This Logan resident has taken his talents to a bigger stage—the White House. McCarthy was selected as a volunteer to decorate the president's residence for Christmas during the week of Thanksgiving.

According to McCarthy, the White House was looking for 150 volunteers. They had two groups of decorators—one before Thanksgiving and one after. McCarthy was invited to both sessions. He will also be volunteering at the White House for Easter this year.

McCarthy also decorated the Zangmeister Cancer Center, in Columbus, for the fourth year and River Valley Mall, for the third year and the Polaris Mall.

Last Christmas, McCarthy started his own company, Captivate Designs. Eventually, he would love to decorate full time. He has been decorating professionally for four years and is all self-taught. He hopes to be opening a store in the near future in the Lancaster area.

Caleb is a commercial and residential space designer for events and holidays.

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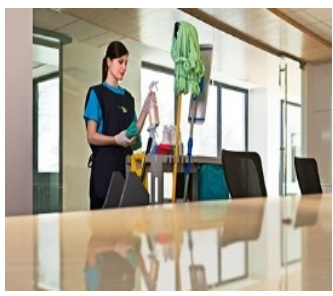
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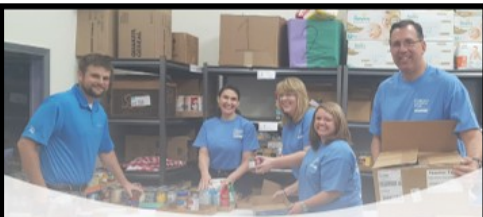
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