

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Honoring God through Academic Excellence

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What is a Christian Worldview?

Upcoming Dates

- Parent/Student Orientation, August 22 at 6:00 p.m.
- First day of school August 27.

Yes, it happened again. Another parent with another concern about what her child had been told at another school wanted to find a new school for her child. This time, it was a private school kindergarten teacher who told her five-year-old twice that there was no God. Sometimes, like this one, it is easy to see a worldview that is contrary to the Christian faith; however, these differing worldviews are not always so obvious to spot.

Frequently, Christian schools refer to teaching through a Christian worldview, but what does that really mean? Our worldview is the belief system through which we filter information, observations, and experiences to form our opinions and values. There is no such thing as neutrality because every person uses a worldview “lens” to interpret all that they experience. For example, a Christian

worldview would include foundational beliefs such as the following:

- God exists. God is the center of all things.
- God created the world and all that is in it. One cannot fully understand the created without some understanding of the Creator.
- God created mankind in His image. Every person has intrinsic value and a divine purpose in life.
- All morality comes from the nature of God and is revealed to us in the Bible. The Bible is

the absolute standard of right and wrong.

- God loves every person and cares deeply for humanity.
- Man is responsible and will be held accountable for himself and his stewardship of all God’s creation.
- God has given every person a never-dying soul that will one day stand before God.

Foundational beliefs such as those described above that form a Christian worldview are the “lens” through which we at Community Christian Academy interpret everything we teach—whether it is academics, peer relationships, discipline, service, etc.

However, most schools do not espouse a Christian worldview. In an attempt to

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“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

- Proverbs 9:10

“Work for Tuition” Program—Another Affordable Option

The leadership of Community Christian Academy is always looking for ways to break the tuition barrier that keeps families from choosing a Christian education for their children. In our on-going effort to pro-

vide affordability, Community Christian Academy has adopted a “Work for Tuition” program whereby families can provide needed services to the school to earn money for tuition. Positions vary from help-

ing in the classroom and office to cleaning and maintenance. Any family with a child enrolled in the school may apply to participate in the program regardless of their family income and

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What is a Christian Worldview?—cont.

“The reason that Christianity is the best friend of Government is because Christianity is the only religion that changes the heart.”

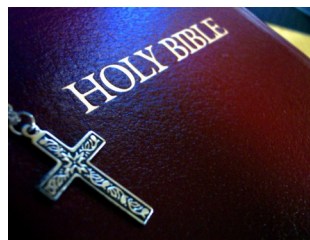
- Thomas Jefferson

separate church and state, most schools claim neutrality, but when a Christian worldview is not the filter used, another set of beliefs is substituted. In most schools, secular humanism is the promoted worldview. Contrary to a Christian worldview, secular humanism is founded on the following concepts:

- God does not exist or is irrelevant. Man is the center of all things.
- The universe and life came into existence through random

chance. There is no designer.

- There is no ultimate purpose for man’s existence. We create our own destiny.
- Morality is relative and changes according to man’s needs and desires. There is no abso-



lute standard of right and wrong.

- Human beings are on their own. Life is sustained by survival of the fittest. The strong live. The weak die.
- Man will not be held accountable by a higher power at the end of life.
- Death is simply the end of existence.

Do you know what worldview your children are using in school as they learn?

“Work for Tuition” Program—Another Affordable Option—cont.

scholarship eligibility.

And speaking of scholarships, were you aware that all families earning less than \$85,000 adjusted gross income are eligible for a partial scholarship if they enroll one child and are eligible for a partial scholarship if they earn less than \$100,000 if they

enroll two children? Community Christian Academy is committed to making it possible for families of all economic backgrounds to send their children to a Christian school. Between the generous scholarship program and the “Work for Tuition” program, almost every family can send their

children to Community Christian Academy provided that there are available spaces. Currently, applications are still being accepted for kindergarten through third grades.

What is Renewanation?

Renewanation is an organization birthed in 2007 in Roanoke, Virginia by individuals who understand the importance of providing an education with a Christian worldview to every family in America who wants it. They encourage schools like Community Christian Academy to work to break the tuition barrier that keeps many families from

choosing a Christian school. In the summer of 2011, Kimberly Moore, Executive Director of CCA, had the opportunity to meet Jeff Keaton (Founder of Renewanation) and Melvin Adams (President) to discuss and pray with them about start-



ing this school. Their prayers and encouragement are much appreciated, and at times, we will share information from their website such as the information in this month’s article on Christian worldview. To find out more about this topic, visit www.renewanation.org.

Meet our Board Secretary—Sherri Allen

I am thrilled that God has called Community Christian Academy into being. I believe it will be a blessing to many in the Charlottesville area. I homeschooled our oldest children through 8th grade, but then we decided to look at other options. We were disappointed to find that Christian school was financially out of reach. I would have loved to put my children in an environment where their faith would be nurtured daily, and they would be academically challenged. When the opportunity arose to join the

board of Community Christian Academy, I saw a way where I could help other parents have more options than I did. I love that Community Christian Academy



has multiple avenues of assistance for parents— including generous scholarships and the Work for Tuition program. I'm excited to be part of making a way for more children to benefit from a Christian education. For me, it's personal, whether or not my own family benefits.

- Sherri has been involved in education for over 20 years.. After teaching elementary grades for four years, she left her classroom position to raise a family. She lives with her husband and three children in Waynesboro..

Why is Psalm 85:10 So Important to Kimberly Moore, Executive Director of CCA?

In our hallway, there is a bulletin board with Psalm 85:10 written from the New American Standard Bible version. It reads, "Lovingkindness and truth have met together," and it serves as a reminder of the potential risks and the ultimate goal of Christian education.

Having worked with multiple Christian institutions in the past, I believe that Christian schools have the best intentions for providing an excellent education with a Christian worldview. However, over time there is a risk of losing the balance between academics (truth) and lovingkindness

(attitude). Sometimes, the school focuses too much on truth to the near exclusion of attitude. In these environments, children can become very strong in academic and biblical knowledge, but they lack the love that Christ had for others. They can become judgmental and rigid rule

Why is Psalm 85:10 So Important—cont.

followers as adults (just like the Pharisees of Jesus' day). On the other hand, schools may be concerned about being perceived as judgmental, and they may give in to compromising biblical truth in an attempt to create an atmosphere free of conflict. It is tempting to avoid controversy at any cost so that everyone gets along, but Jesus dealt

with some controversial things in His day and stirred up some dissent because He told people the truth that they didn't always want to hear.

At Community Christian Academy, we want to be like Jesus—always teaching the truth while we love God and love others. As we teach our children to be

more like Christ in all their pursuits, we help prepare them to be godly leaders for our future.



"Lovingkindness and truth have met together."

- Psalm 85:10

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“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

- Matthew 19:4

**Thank You To Our Sponsors Who Joined Us In July!
Become One of 100—We Need You!**

In order to provide significant scholarships to most of our families who cannot afford the full cost of tuition, Community Christian Academy depends on the generosity of others who value providing a child with a Christian education. We have started a campaign to find 100 monthly supporters who will give \$100 per month for one year so that children from all economic backgrounds can attend school.

The picture above is the bulletin board in our hallway that acknowledges our sponsors and shows our progress in meeting our scholarship needs. As funds for a child come in, we place a “sponsored”

tag on one of the hearts. Donors can choose what grade they want to sponsor and will get periodic correspondence from the children in the grade they are helping. Currently, we still need over 90 sponsors to meet all of our financial needs for the year. Would you consider becoming one of 100 who are providing opportunities to families in our community? If a \$100 per month sponsorship is too much, any financial help would be a step in the direction of helping a child. We also keep a list of our needs on our website for people who may want to give an in-kind donation. Thank you to all who have helped us!

Community Christian Academy would like to especially thank our new sponsors who joined as a monthly sponsor in the month of July:

- Steven and Darlene Groome.
- Larry and Bebe Moore
- Walter and Cheryl Owen (Owners of Chick-fil-a by Lowes)
- William and Tricia Van Ryn

Thank you for making a way for a child!