

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Honoring God through Academic Excellence

September 1, 2012

And They're Off!

Upcoming Dates

- Labor Day—September 3, no school.
- Monday, October 8—Parent-teacher conferences from 1:00 to 7:30 p.m., no school.
- Friday, October 26—Teacher workday, noon dismissal.
- Tuesday, October 30—Report cards sent home.

It's Friday morning, August 31, 2012—the last day of the first week of school. I'm sitting in my office (Kimberly Moore, Executive Director) after greeting each child and family as they came in this morning. In my attempt to learn some Spanish with the children, I greeted them all by asking them in Spanish what their names are. (We learned how to say, "My name is ___" in Spanish class yesterday. Some remember and some need a reminder and all get a "high five" after a correct response.

As I start to write this article, I can hear the second and third graders saying the Pledge of Allegiance



followed by their singing "The Star Spangled Banner." I can also hear the kindergarteners and first graders having prayer in their classroom. I have a moment of nostalgia, and a grin spreads across my face as I enjoy the fact that here at Community Christian Academy, faith, citizenship, and academics easily blend together.

What a fantastic first week of school we are ending! Children have begun their studies of math, reading, grammar, writing, science, Bible, Spanish, music, art, history and a little sign-language. In addition, they have already established friendships, and being a

small school, no clicks have formed. I have had the pleasure of watching many in after-school, and I have been impressed with how "family-like" our school culture has become already. The second and third graders must read fifteen minutes each night for homework, so they choose to read aloud to the kindergarteners and first graders, who delight in their attention. While we have already experienced a few bumps, fears, and hurt feelings, I have observed more acts of compassion, leadership, hard-work, and joy. I especially love the smiles, which are in abundance. It is going to be a great year!



"Do you know where Jesus is? . .

He is here in my heart."

- One of our kindergarteners

Box Tops and Labels for Education

Please save your Box Tops for Education and your Labels for Education from specially marked products. As a small non-profit school devoted to providing affordable Christian education, we always need additional resources to fund our school. Simply cutting out

your specially marked box tops and labels and bringing them to school will help Community Christian Academy get needed re-

sources to provide important materials for school. A decorated box is already in the front entrance for you to deposit your box tops. Every little bit counts, so please join us in this collection effort!



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Introducing Board Member— Tony Monaghan

“For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.”

- 2 Chronicles 16:9

Pastor Tony Monaghan came from a family of highly educated people and values the opportunities that a strong education has afforded him. Realizing the educational advantages he had, he has a heart for children who fall through the cracks because they have not had the opportunities that other children have had.

Pastor Monaghan believes that in our technologically advanced world, a strong education is necessary for the clarity of thought and the needed skills to be

competitive for jobs and for all areas of life.

In addition to providing a strong academic education, Community Christian Academy focuses on teaching truth through a Christian worldview. According to Pastor Monaghan, “A



Christian worldview is the intellectual hat that provides the framework for how the world works.” When asked why he got involved with the Board of Community Christian Academy, Pastor Monaghan stated, “I want to be a part of this; some things are worth getting involved in.”

- Tony Monaghan is the Pastor of Providence Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He and his wife Dayna have four children, and in his spare time, he teaches chess to children in ACTS Home-school Co-op.

Where Is Kimberly between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.?

No, Kimberly is not passed out on the playground after playing Frisbee football with the students (that was in the afternoon). Actually, each morning between 8:30 and 9:00, you will likely have to leave a message for Kimberly because she is doing the most important thing she does all day—

interceding in prayer for



the students and their fami-

lies, the staff, and the leadership. She understands that the only way CCA will be led and blessed by the Lord is to stay focused on His will for the school. Her desire is that the spiritual foundation will always be the strong support that undergirds every area of the school.

Audacious Faith—Digging Ditches to Prepare for Rain

If you look carefully in the classrooms and the office, you will find a bucket and shovel in each one. The week before students arrived, the staff and leadership were challenged by this year’s theme—living a life of audacious faith—digging ditches to prepare for rain. The theme is taken from 2 Kings 3, where the prophet Elisha tells the

kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom to fill the land with ditches to prepare for the miraculous provision of water for troops who are dying of thirst.

It was an audacious act to start a school with no building, no staff, and no resources. However, God has already brought miraculous provision in order to

bring the opportunity for a Christian education to all local families who want one. Currently, we serve twelve students, the first drops of the rain God is sending. We will continue to live an audacious faith because we believe that Christian education should be available to all families, and we are willing to dig a lot of ditches to prepare.

Meet our Newest Board Member— Bishop Gordon Fields

Bishop Gordon Fields, Pastor of Living Water Christian Center Ministries, joined the board of Community Christian Academy in August 2012. A passionate supporter of education, Bishop Fields states, "One cannot move in life without an education. In addition, with God, you have everything you need and can go anywhere." When asked why he wanted to become involved with Community Christian Academy, he commented, "We need an affordable Christian school in the city that is Bible-based. Sometimes Chris-

tian schools don't stay focused on faith, but Community Christian Academy is special because its whole focus is on biblically-based teaching. Being a part of this school provides an opportunity for my church to be involved. After I visited the school, read the



vision, and saw the board in operation, I realized that I could be a part of the school from the ground up and help have an impact and help it to grow."

- In addition to being Founder and Pastor of Living Water Christian Center Ministries, Bishop Fields is a chaplain for Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Athletic Director for Tandem School. He and his wife Debra are blessed to have a son and daughter and recently became proud grandparents of their first granddaughter.

Did You Enjoy the Pictures In This Issue?

Except for the board member pictures, the pictures in this newsletter are actual pictures of our students

and faculty taken on the first day of school. To see more pictures, check out our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/CommunityChristianAcademy.



It's Not Too Late to Join Us!

While we are entering our second week of school, it is not too late for interested families to join the Community Christian Academy family. We still have spaces in kindergarten through third grades and are always happy to welcome new faces to our school. With a sliding scale tuition model and a Work for Tuition program, any family

who would like a Christian education for their children can have one. Perhaps you or someone you know has not been pleased with your initial experience with your child's current school. A quick call to Kimberly Moore, Executive Director, is all it takes to get started on a different track. Our families and students have had a great week with a

variety of activities, caring teachers, and a small, family-style environment. You can give us a call at 434-326-1145.



"What students would learn in American schools above all is the religion of Jesus Christ."

- George Washington



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Mission Statement:

Community Christian Academy exists to glorify God by preparing students, well-grounded in knowledge and faith, for successful lives. Seeking to reflect the diversity of the body of Christ, Community Christian Academy partners with families and other Christian organizations to promote transformation within our community. The school's goal is to develop critically-thinking students who will engage the culture by living lives that demonstrate scholarship, servant-leadership, and devotion to Christ and to mankind.

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

- Matthew 6:33

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

Because Community Christian Academy is committed to providing a Christian education to every family who wants one, the average family at CCA pays less than half of the cost to educate their child. This means that we need over \$100,000 per year in scholarship funding to meet the financial obligations of our budget. Often, I am asked if we have grant funds or large contributors that provide the needed funds for us to operate. So far, that answer is "No."

When the leadership and staff were directed by God to start a Christian school that would represent the full economic and racial spectrum of His kingdom,

He didn't tell us to do it if the funds were available ahead of time. Just as God has provided all of our facility and supply needs, we are trusting Him to provide payroll through the generous donations of His people. It was amazing to see staff so committed and led by God to start this school that they said that they would work whether or not the school had the funds to pay them. While we appreciate this great dedication, we believe that God can provide funds for payroll just as He has provided everything else. Our hope is that 100 individuals, churches, or businesses will give \$100 per month to fill the financial gap. So far,

we have ten donors who have become monthly sponsors or who have given more than \$1,000 to support our students. CCA would like to thank the following sponsors who joined us in August:

- Dr. Maurice and Deborah Carter
- Bishop Gordon and Debra Fields
- Pastor Anthony and Dayna Monaghan
- Mrs. Carol S. Sober
- TASSCO II
- Pastor Butch and Vanessa Wells