

Our School; God's Gift!

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An opening statement: *As we begin the 2023-2024 school term tomorrow, the faculty is looking to another year of learning. Our prayer is that God will bless and prosper the students throughout this school year. The students need on-going support from both the home and the school—due to an increased level of instruction by the teacher and learning by the student.*

Our own private school—with no connection *with* or obligation *to* the public school system—is God's gift to every family in our church. The spiritual value of educating children with teachers who love God with all their heart, and the children having that same love in *their* heart, is something to praise God for every day!

Having our own church-operated school gives the opportunity for everyone to show a Christlike attitude to all with whom they interact. As the students are taught and learn godly ways in the home, they now are given the opportunity to put Christian conduct into practice at school as they interact with students, teachers, and assistants.

The entire school staff loves their students, and with God's help, they want to make classes *interesting* and *exciting* for them; they want to instill a *love for learning* in them; and they want to help them *understand* the lessons each class day.

Our children's education by Christian *believers* who live God's Truth themselves, is critical today—with so many serious problems in public and non-public schools; curriculum that opposes Scripture, hostile attitudes, and many other worldly characteristics of the average school.

Having teachers who not only *explain* lessons, but who also *advise* students how to *meet* things right, and the need to trust God for the ability to learn, is a very important aspect of our school. Proverbs 22:6 "*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*"

It is a responsibility and a privilege for the teachers to explain scriptural responses to the children concerning situations that arise. Advising the students to *not* strike back but rather *forgive* each other; to *share* their lunch with a student; and to always *treat* others as *they* want to be treated, would generally *not be heard* in a public school.

Studies and books within the parameters of God's Word, is a major concern—as readers and subjects that are opposed to Bible teaching are common today. Many subjects are unnecessary, unscriptural, and would *not* have God's approval. Public schools approve of alternative lifestyles, the theory of evolution & striking back when offended.

Another very important concern, and one that is generally lacking in the public school system, is trusting God for His divine protection of students on their commute to school, all during classes, and in phys-ed activities.

Our school is God's gift to our families who teach spiritual values to their children at *home*, and who want to have teachers give the same scriptural advice to their child at *school*. Students are in class over five hours a day—giving many opportunities for *teaching* them and *advising* them how to meet each other in a scriptural way.

Another issue to consider—most who purchase textbooks for public schools do not trust God in their own personal lives—so selecting textbooks that would *not* include alternative lifestyles or unscriptural material is not even considered when making purchases.

School readers today include abnormal lifestyles that are portrayed as *normal*—but God says they are *not normal*—rather are an *abomination*.

Romans 1:26-27 "*For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections*"—both men and women, the Bible says, "*Did change the natural use into that which is against nature.*"

Public schools accept all types of unscriptural things—thinking it is *normal*—which is a result of God's Word being *banned* from public schools. Today, strange *lifestyles* or *perversions* are called *normal* when they are *not* normal—but rather are *detestable* and *unacceptable* in the sight of God. Isaiah 5:20 "*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness*"—Romans 1:25 "*Who changed the truth of God into a lie.*"

Since the *truth* of Creation is *rejected* and the *lie* of evolution is *accepted*, public schools have become the breeding ground of every type of wicked lifestyle, corrupt thinking, and unscriptural way of responding. By rejecting *God* and His *Truth*, they *forfeit* their *soul* to the devil.

Jesus said Luke 10:16 "*He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.*" Reading the Bible to the class in a public school is not allowed, so it is not surprising that the world is in the horrible condition it is today. The schools have removed the Bible so Satan took its place.

There is no excuse for the evil, the wickedness, and the blatant unbelief in the world today, as the existence of God as the Creator of everything, is evident to anyone willing to consider the *evidence*. Psalm 19:1 "*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard*"—except in homes of public school children.

The lie of evolution destroys faith in God. Romans 1:18 "*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

19 *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.* 20 *“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”*

Children in public schools do not *hear* the Bible read, and they may never be *told* of the Savior who sacrificed His life for them—that is the reason we operate our *own* school. What a *blessing* and what a *gift* God has given! It is a *privilege* for the children to *hear* God’s Word and *pray* before class.

Many issues are involved in educating children, but hearing the *Bible* read and saying the *Lord’s Prayer* before classes tops the list. Public school students pledge allegiance to the flag of a government that uses the worst form of human efforts for revenge and control. John the Baptist told the soldiers Luke 3:14 *“Do violence to no man.”*

Most American families choose to educate their children in a non-religious atmosphere—whether homeschool or public school—where most are void of Christian training and godly advice. *Our* families have made the *willful* choice to educate *their* children in a religious atmosphere that *emphasizes* Christlike attitudes and gives *scriptural* advice.

Being in class with the students for many hours a day makes it essential that teachers be *as committed* to doing God’s will in *their* life, as the parents are *committed* to doing God’s will in *their* life. The *home*, the *church*, and the *school* form a *vital* partnership.

Teaching children how to behave and conduct themselves in a godly way at *home* and all through their *school* is a priority issue. In this way, when they graduate, they take Christlike attitudes with them to be applied to the *next chapter* of their life. Deuteronomy 6:7 *“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit*

in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

Christian teachers who give Christ-centered advice form the *foundation* of Christ-centered schools. Classroom instructors have the privilege of explaining Christlike responses to the children as they educate them in other studies. With geography, history, science, math, or economics for instance, the teacher has the opportunity to include God’s plan of trusting Him for health and finances—pointing out to the students how differently the *world* thinks about such issues.

Teaching in a Christ-centered school is a *high-calling* from God and is a *duty* that only He can enable each teacher to live up to by His Holy Spirit within. Each instructor should realize how important their position is, and how much their day-to-day attitude influences their students, as they interact with them many hours a day.

God will enable the teachers to be successful in their duties, and He will give the students success in their studies, as they humbly seek His guidance every day. 1 Peter 4:11 *“If any one renders a service to others, let it be in the strength which God supplies; so that in everything glory may be given to God in the name of Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the might [for ever & ever]. Amen.”*

We all enter God’s kingdom by His *grace*, through a believing *faith* in the Blood of Christ; and since *faith comes from hearing* a message of truth Romans 10:17, it is necessary that the children *hear* the Truth from the *Bible* and to *say* the Lord’s Prayer at the start of the day.

It is vitally important for parents to *encourage* their children to have a right attitude toward their schooling and to be *interested* in learning; to always *arrive* on time; and to always have *respect* for authority—in and outside the classroom. Being respectful to crossing guards, police officers, etc.

Every day, before their child leaves for school, parents should pray with their child and *remind*

them to *include* one another in their games and conversations. No child should *ever* be excluded from *anything* as it makes them feel unwanted and left out. This is mentioned in the *Parent Handbook*—which should be read thoroughly as it contains very important information.

Another necessary part of training and preparing the student for that day of classes, is to remind them emphatically—*not to compare* themselves, or their *grades*, or their *ability* with other students—seeing who is better at something—leading to a *proud* heart. We all stand *equal* before God and we can only be *worthy* of Heaven by His mercy and grace.

There should be *no comparing* at any time—about *anything!* When playing sports; with graded papers; a student’s style of clothes, etc.—there should be *no comparing* and *no negative* comments ever! It is the *only* Christlike attitude to have! 2 Corinthians 10:12 *“We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.”*

Children receive spiritual training from three places—The *Home*; The *Church*; and The *School!* A good basic education and valuable spiritual knowledge are learned most effectively when *all three* point in the *same direction* to the *same God*.

Therefore, we *thank* and *praise* God every day for the Gift He has given—the opportunity to operate our own *school* for the benefit of the families who support His *church*—Psalm 78:6 *“So the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—that they in turn might teach their children.”*



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