



THOUGHTS ON *FAITH*

A Message From Head of School

September 2, 2016

Dear Faith Family,

Something special happened this week...the wonderful faculty and staff of Faith Christian School came together for the first time as the team that God has put together for the 2016-17 school year! And on the last day of our In-service, we welcomed dozens of students and families into the building for our annual Meet & Greet! Would you commit to pray as we partner with you to accomplish the mission of Faith Christian School?

For the next several weeks, I intend to write about our mission statement. I hope to convey the “what it means” and “why it matters.” I am praying that God knits our hearts together even more tightly with threads of the Gospel and of truths from His Word. I want to encourage you to share your “takeaways” from these writings with those already connected with our Faith family and with those who may want to become a part of the partnership between Christ-centered parents and Christ-centered educators. In doing so, I pray we are able to share the mission and vision of Christ-centered education at Faith Christian School.

The mission of Faith Christian School is to provide a comprehensive education that equips students to discover truth through the lens of Scripture, develop their potential for further educational pursuits, and conform to the image of Christ.

Here is a general outline of where we are headed:

- **The Mission**
 - What's the difference between mission and vision?
- **of Faith Christian School**
 - Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where are we going?
- **is**
 - A post-modern understanding of the word “is”? Jesus' version: “Was. Is. Is to come.”
- **to provide**
 - The word “provide” comes from the Latin *providere* ‘foresee, attend to,’ from *pro-* ‘before’ + *videre* ‘to see.’
This implies a purposeful vision.
- **a comprehensive education**
 - We will define “comprehensive”.
- **that equips**
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV) 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, **equipped** for every good work.
- **students**
 - 4yr. Olds all the way up to 18...how do we reach them all at once?
- **to discover truth**
 - “What is truth?” -Pilate (at the trial of Jesus in John 18:38)
- **through the lens of Scripture,**
 - Scripture and the person and work of Jesus are preeminent. How else does God allow us to see?
- **develop their potential for further educational pursuits,**
 - What does Scripture say about potential and what are these worthy educational pursuits?
- **and conform to the image of Christ.**
 - Being conformed to Christ's image is the ultimate goal; this will serve as a perfect transition into thoughts about the vision of Faith Christian School.

And now, more reasons to celebrate and praise the Lord!

New Accounting Manager

- After faithfully serving at Faith in a part-time teaching role last school year, Keri Schmidt has accepted the position of Accounting Manager! Keri brings valuable experience in accounting practices in the corporate world and a degree in accounting. She is an active discipler of young people in her home and in her church. Please welcome Keri to her new position!

IT/Facilities Manager

- With Kevin Swedberg's transition from IT/Math/Science teacher to the Student Life Director position, a need for both an IT Manager/Teacher and a Facilities Manager emerged. God has provided Faith with just the right person for this position in Dave Grever. Dave is an active member of the US Army Reserve and brings valuable experience in instruction and technology. In addition, Dave has managed a multi-site property in the area and is well-equipped to help us steward the wonderful facilities God has given us. Please welcome Dave to the Faith family!

New Advancement Assistant

- Faith is excited to welcome Jeni Swedberg back to our staff in a vital support role! Jeni will work with Erika Czarnecki in our advancement office as we seek to advance the mission and vision of Faith Christian School! Jeni brings a deep passion for Christ-centered education and valuable experience helping to build organizations in both the corporate world and the Gospel ministry. Please welcome Jeni!

New 5th-8th Grade Soccer Coach

- Kelly Lofy grew up in the Lake Geneva area and graduated from Badger High School where he competed in Soccer, Ski Racing, and Track. Kelly attended UW-Whitewater and completed a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in coaching. Two years ago, Kelly married his beautiful wife Allie and started working full time at his home church, Calvary Community Church as the Jr. High Youth Director. Besides loving the outdoors and living an active lifestyle, Kelly is passionate about seeing teens grow and develop into people who bring honor and glory to God. Please welcome Kelly to the Faith family!

Thank you for the work days

- Finally, a big thank you to all who pitched in over the last few weeks to prepare the building and grounds for the 2016-17 school year!

Respectfully in Christ,

Jim McCormick, M.Ed.
Blessed to be Head of School



*Would you
commit to pray as
we partner with
you to
accomplish the
mission of Faith
Christian School?*



"...for the LORD your GOD will be with you..." -Joshua 1:9

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