

Faith

Christian School

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LIONS' ROAR

So much to
ROAR about!

In this edition:

Meet Board Member Geoff Harris
and Faculty Laurie Swann
& Rick Daugherty

Feature Story:

Students of the Word

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Parents of K-12 FCS Athletes:

Boosters Interest Meeting

Monday, Oct. 24

FCHS Room 1 @ 7pm

Join the FCS Booster Club to help develop and grow the athletic department you want for your student! Boosters will help to promote and support all athletic programs by hosting banquets, providing awards, serving at games, and fundraising.



"Putting your children in a new school is a leap of faith. It definitely has been for us. At Faith Christian the staff and children took our worries away with ease. We felt welcome from the moment we entered the school and are blessed to be part of the Faith Christian family. We are home!!"
- Marco, New FCS Dad

Meet Board Member

Geoff Harris

Geoff met his wife Leah while students at FCHS. He is a K-12 graduate and continuing the family tradition with his daughters at FCS Elementary.



"FCS is an amazing conduit through which we fulfill Jesus's great commission to make disciples of all nations—A community of Christ-Followers who are working together to help raise up the next generation to look to Jesus...that's FCS to me!"

[Read Geoff's full bio on our website...](#)

One of the many benefits of a Christian education is the ability to incorporate **Christian character development** in all aspects of the program. Studies show the character development that takes place in Christian schools is highly effective and prepares our students for a **life of happiness and success**. Every parent wants that for their child!

At Faith Christian, one of the ways we teach and reinforce Christian character is by giving our students an opportunity to be **students of the Word** as they read, study and learn about the Bible in a variety of ways through the **curriculum**, during **chapel** or while on **retreats**.

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Christian Character Development

Takes Priority at Faith Christian



Get to know the Faith Christian Faculty...



Laurie Swann

"The best part about following Jesus is being able to share Jesus with children. I love that we worship and praise God together."

Laurie is our First Grade Teacher. Her love for children and fun, energetic teaching style helps our students blossom from emerging to proficient readers. She shares her music talents in leading chapel worship and recently assisted in coaching Jr. High Volleyball.

[Read more on our website...](#)



Rick Daugherty, MDiv

[See full profile...](#)

Rick is a Bible and Arts Instructor on the secondary campus. He is also our HS Chaplain, Student Activities Director and Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

"Being a teacher at Faith Christian means that I have the opportunity and privilege of having input into the lives of tomorrows leaders. However, even more important, I have the opportunity to be used by God to influence the spiritual lives of young men and women, because at Faith we teach not only the things that other schools teach, but we teach the things that matter for eternity."

STUDENTS OF THE WORD

The **curriculum** used at FCS is all based upon the Bible. Studying the earth and its elements? At FCS you'll learn how God created it all. Learning about the history of our country? Our students study how **faith and beliefs** have shaped our nation.

When discussing current events, students are encouraged to identify scripture that applies to every day life circumstances. You see, the **Bible** is in everything we do and our students learn to develop a **Christian world view**.

Students also **study the Bible** itself and **memorize scripture**, hiding it in their hearts and allowing it to filter through their minds, will and emotions.

All students, grades k-12, memorize a scripture every week. "Bible" is a class period for all secondary students and part of the daily **curriculum** for all elementary students.



Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory...But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds. Psalm 73:23-24, 28.



Whether studying a specific book of the Bible, character or topic, the influence is not only on learning **God's Word** but also on **applying Biblical principles** in our lives – living out our faith.

No aspect of the school day escapes the influence of the **Word**, including the training process in correcting behavior or attitudes.

If there is an area of weakness, students are asked to memorize scripture that specifically addresses a need to **strengthen** them in that area.

WHETHER IT HAPPENS IN THE CLASSROOM, ON THE PLAYGROUND OR IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE AND NO MATTER THE TOPIC, OUR STUDENTS ARE **PUPILS OF THE WORD**.



STUDENTS OF THE WORD

Weekly chapel services are opportunities for students to worship, pray and hear the Word together. Speakers from area churches bring a **message** to our students.

Elementary chapels usually include object lessons, games, skits or even a snack to help teach **Bible truths** – ask students about the "V8 Vegetables of the Spirit" that Pastor Anderson is sharing each month! Our local pastors are so caring and creative when they share **God's Word**.



Junior high and high school students were recently challenged by a local pastor to be Old Testament Daniels who will **stand up** against the culture and **profess boldly** their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Worship music on the secondary campus is led by Lydia Crist, FCS Student Chaplain, and the chapel band consisting of other high school students who take turns sharing their musical talents.

Once a month, chapel services on the junior high and high school campus are dedicated to unity groups for small group **Bible study** led by a teacher or parent volunteer. Coming up in the month of October, students will have an opportunity to share their own testimonies with their peers during chapel time.

Singing together, praying together and listening to leaders speak the **Bible** to them, Faith Christian students are **students of the Word!**



STUDENTS OF THE WORD

Retreats

Special things happen when students and teachers get together outdoors to enjoy God's creation. Throw in some paintball, ziplining, games, skits, worship, prayer and teaching of the Word and once in a lifetime experiences happen.

Beginning in grade 7, students attend a retreat with their classmates where they get to experience all of these things as they **draw closer** to the Lord and one another. Junior High students go to Wolf Mountain camp for one night while high schoolers attend Sky Mountain for two nights (seniors get an extra night of bonding time). These experiences strengthen the faith of each individual student, but they also unite the student body.

As one student stated, "Sky Mountain is one of the greatest experiences during one's high school years. Everyone got to make memories and really get to know others well. Everyone came back more connected and **united as a family.**" Retreats are just one more opportunity for Faith Christian students to be **students of the Word!**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT** AT FAITH CHRISTIAN ARE PLENTIFUL. THE **WORD OF GOD** IS EMBEDDED IN ALL THAT WE DO, FROM **CURRICULUM** TO DISCIPLINE AND IN OPPORTUNITIES FOR **WORSHIP** AND TO HEAR THE WORD THROUGH **CHAPEL** AND **RETREATS**.

ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS THAT SETS FAITH CHRISTIAN APART FROM OTHER SCHOOLS IS ALL OF THE MANY WAYS OUR PUPILS ARE **STUDENTS OF THE WORD!**



Click to see the website news blog post on Sky Mountain.