

For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope & a future. Jer 29:11

CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION -- WHY IT MATTERS

How often do we hear Christians in our community & in our churches lament the cultural decay of society? Isn't it curious how apt we are as humans to pinpoint a problem while simultaneously ignoring the remedy?

Secular education builds secular societies, and that is where we find ourselves. Our secular culture is the direct result of a country that has abandoned Christian education and replaced it with secular religion. Many Christians have become increasingly aware of the negative ramifications of secular education on our populous, and yet many continue to send their own children to government schools.

One reason Christian families continue to send children into the public school system is the idea that their children are called to be a missionary to other children. This is a nice idea in theory, but it requires us to ignore reality; forty hours per week of secular education counteracted with an hour of Sunday school instruction is a gamble that often yields tragic results for Christian parents. Eighty percent of children from Christian families who are educated in the public school system will not retain their parent's faith upon reaching adulthood. (classicaldifference.com/good-soil).

We continue down the same path and expect our children to beat the odds. Pastor Voddie Baucham Jr. once famously stated "we cannot continue to send our children to Caesar for their education and be surprised when they come home as Romans."

Thankfully, we need not continue to send our children to Caesar. We must seek to create something fundamentally different than the progressive model of education students now receive. This is an awakening that many families have before turning to Classical Christian education. The goal of Classical Christian education is to equip the saints for all aspects of Godly living. Douglas Wilson accurately states, "education is inseparable from culture building and if you want a Christian culture, we must have Christian education."

Ephesians 6:4 tells fathers, "and you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." The Greek word for "training and admonition" is 'Paideia' which is a word that has no direct English translation and is at times translated into one or two of seven different English words, none of which truly capture its full meaning.

As parents of Christian children, it is imperative that we choose a school solution that reinforces a Paideia of the Lord rather than a Paideia of the world.

This is the remedy we have found and why we choose Classical Christian education for our children.

"Paideia is at one level, the transfer of a way of viewing the world from the teacher to the student. At another level it shapes and forms the child in terms of his or her desires, passions, and loves. It is essentially the part of upbringing and education that forms the soul of a human being. All schooling reinforces some type of paideia. The difference is that in classical Christian schools we intentionally design our programs to form a Christian paideia with about 2000 years of experience."



<https://classicalchristian.org/what-is-paideia/>

FEED THE NEED UPDATE



LCA packed meals leaving the warehouse for South Africa

We are looking ahead to our spring Feed the Need fundraiser, but have an exciting update regarding last year's campaign. Last year we packed over 10,000 meals for needy children. Because of unrest in Haiti (relief aid/food is being held hostage at the border as the government is demanding bribes to release it), our meals were rerouted to Durban, South Africa, where there are ministry partners helping feed and share the Gospel with kids & families. Feed The Hunger remains committed to serving the people of Haiti, but want to ensure the meals' safe arrival. This coming season, meals will be packed and sent to the largest refugee camps in Bangladesh.

We consider it a tremendous blessing to raise funds for our growing school while simultaneously teaching our students to remember the physical & spiritual needs of so many.

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL INCOME FOR ALBANY COUNTY:	\$24,512
COST PER STUDENT OF CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT LCA	\$7,500
LCA TUITION	\$4,295
AVERAGE LCA TUITION AFTER LCA SCHOLARSHIPS	\$3,902
AVG LCA TUITION AFTER LCA SCHOLARSHIPS + ACE SCHOLARSHIPS	\$3,677

2023-2024 NUMBERS + GOALS

2023-2024 BUDGET	\$300,000
2023-2024 FUNDRAISING GOAL:	\$167,000
2023-2024 RAISED TO DATE:	\$45,103

To Date Goal
\$167,000



Raised
\$45,103

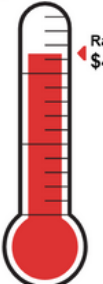
Christmas Bazaar

\$11,500

Thank you for your generosity!

Praise our Lord for His provisions!

To Date Goal
\$55,666



Raised
\$45,103

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the 2023 Christmas Bazaar a huge success! We collectively raised \$11,500 for our school!

We are a 501(c)3 and are currently at \$45,103.23 of this year's fundraising campaign; almost one third of the way there!! Our year-to-date goal is just \$10,526.77 short of meeting our benchmark. All year end gifts postmarked by December 31, 2023 will receive credit for the 2023 tax year.

Thank you to all for every gift small and large. Every cent adds up and makes a difference. The impact you make will last for a lifetime.

ONGOING WAYS TO GIVE

- Monetary donations of any amount
- Re-occurring monthly donations
- Year-end donations
- Specific item donations -- see our amazon wish list. (always accepted: paper, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.)
- Sponsor a Student -- scholarship in your name or name of your choosing.
- Christmas Bazaar (fall fundraiser)
- Feed the Need (spring fundraiser)
- Endowment gift



HOW YOUR GENEROSITY IMPACTS LCA FAMILIES

"I can not thank our donors enough. We are simply unable to afford tuition. Every year we rely on God for a miracle for our kids to attend. Scholarships made it possible this year for our family. Thank you to all who contribute to make it possible for our kids to receive classical Christian education." -- LCA parent

