

ANNUAL FUND

When Christian School parents were asked what they valued most about their Christian school, they spoke loud and clear...

- We value a safe and caring environment for our children.
- We value godly teachers with up-to-date training and knowledge.
- We value the ability for teachers to share the love of Jesus with our children on a daily basis.
- We value an excellent education using Bible-based curriculum.
- We value the opportunity for our children to experience a well-rounded educational experience that will meet their individual needs.

We know you, also, place these values at the top of your priority list for CCS. We, at Cypress Christian School, are pleased to partner with you through the Annual Fund to accomplish these goals.

Your contribution to the Annual Fund **will help us to continue to provide** this type of education for your child. Proceeds from the Annual Fund will be used to 1) Purchase cameras, fencing and lighting to provide an extra measure of campus security; 2) Fund an area of your choice – Technology, Fine Arts, Athletic Equipment or Permanent Endowment; 3) Provide Professional Development for Faculty; and 4) Direct a small portion of the funds to the Tuition Assistance program for families in crisis.

We are thankful for each and every gift. Every dollar makes a difference! **We have received gifts ranging from \$1 to \$2,500 totaling over \$20,000.**

Our goal for this year's Annual Fund is \$95,000! We know that if each family contributes, we will reach our goal. All gifts are kept confidential and are tax-deductible.

No matter the size of your gift, it is **very important!** Please forward your contribution **of any amount** to the school today or make an online donation via the school web site at www.cypresschristian.org. Click on Support CCS and then choose Online Giving.



CCS, a Distinctly Christian School

When reviewing the history of Cypress Christian School, it is evident the founders of our school were motivated by a high calling. In the board minutes, the constitution, the by-laws and the policies, it is obvious the men and women who started Cypress Christian operated out of conviction, not convenience, and viewed private Christian education as a commitment, not a commodity. They knew it would take a great investment of time and resources for the school to accomplish its mission. They understood the biblical mandate making parents responsible for the education of their children. They also understood that the investment would be returned many times over to them in children with a distinctly biblical worldview.

It is not an easy road to enter into a long term relationship in private Christian education. It takes courage, perseverance and faith. The world measures success according to power, prestige and accumulated property. In his book, **The Abolition of Man**, C.S Lewis warns us about these worldly measures.

You can hardly open a periodical without coming across the statement that what our civilization needs is more 'drive', or dynamism, or self-sacrifice, or 'creativity'. In a sort of ghastly simplicity we remove the organ and demand the function. We make men without chests and expect of them virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honor and are shocked to find traitors in our midst. We castrate and bid the geldings be fruitful. (p.26)

The higher calling of Cypress Christian School is to measure success according to God's standards of humility and service. It is difficult at times to hold fast to the promise of Matthew 6:33, which reads "seek first His kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Yet, Christian parents at CCS over the years have sacrificed financially to have their children in a Christian learning environment where they can come to know and accept the heart of God and to see the world through His eyes.

Cypress Christian School will continue to develop students from Christian families who are **"academically prepared with a biblical worldview to take their place in the world as servants of Jesus Christ."** Like our predecessors, it will take focused perseverance with sacrifice for the task to be accomplished by families, faculty, administration, the board and the students. God has accomplished much at CCS in spite of our human stumbling and bumbling. I anticipate He will continue to do great things here in the future under the same circumstances. Our calling is to live out Matthew 6:33 with pure hearts and motives, trusting and obeying, repenting and seeking forgiveness when needed, and He will give us the desires of our heart and accomplish the mission.

God bless the men and women who had the vision to start Cypress Christian. God bless those who fought the battles over years. God bless those who continue to carry the flame of hope for a true, distinctly Christian school at CCS.

