



*Building the*  
**NOBLE**  
*DREAM*

*A Capital Campaign for Whitesburg Christian Academy*

December 2011

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## **LETTER FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIR**

We are beginning the next chapter in the story of Whitesburg Christian Academy's dream. We are expanding our vision and praying for growth in the mission of providing academic excellence in a Christ centered education for our children and the children of generations to come. It is a noble dream and I am humbled and honored to serve as your chairman of the capital campaign, "**Building the Noble Dream**".

While raising money to build, we are building our current and future Christian leaders, properly prepared for the world today and tomorrow. Prayerfully deciding to build new facilities to move the entire school is the direction God has been calling us. To have a well planned, well equipped, dedicated building in the first of the multi-phase plan is the way we show our commitment to God's call and present ourselves publicly for all who might participate. What better service to God could we be called to?

Ours is the noble dream that helps define us as humble Christian servants. In the State of the School Address, Dr. Jimmy Jackson expressed, "The call for Whitesburg Baptist Church to begin the school was not weighed against what others should or might or are doing, but what we are being called to do today". As a disciple, I can appreciate the simplicity of the Holy Spirit's call. When Allison and I were asked to participate with time and treasure at an effective level, we couldn't imagine how. So we prayed, meditated and prayed more. It became obvious that the "how" was God's part; ours was listening and having faith to trust in him.

I ask you to take an active part in building this school by making a significant contribution. With your help we will truly be "**Building the Noble Dream**."

Truly yours in Christ,

Steve Brown  
Campaign Chairman



## **CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES; \$900,000 ALREADY PLEDGED**

Whitesburg Christian Academy has launched a capital campaign for the purpose of building a school facility on the south campus of Whitesburg Baptist Church. As of Dec. 5, over \$900,000 has been pledged. Academy Headmaster Jerry Reeder has said, "This is a dream, a dream only God can bring to reality. The dream is not so much about bricks and mortar, but about students being equipped with a Biblical worldview, academically prepared to follow God's call to any college and into any profession. The dream is about building Christian character, about building God's Kingdom. The dream is about being a part of what God is up to in the Academy."

# THE CAMPAIGN PROJECT

## PHASE I -- BUILDING ONE

This approximately 30,000-square-foot first building will ultimately serve as the high school building when future phases are completed. It will consist of approximately 18 classrooms with a capacity of 300 students, media center/library, computer lab, science lab, art suite, and administrative offices. The building will be near to the north east corner of the current gymnasium at the south campus of Whitesburg Baptist Church, currently known as the Recreational Outreach Center (ROC). It will face toward Whitesburg Drive. The school will share use of some of the current space in the ROC. This use, along with other temporary alternatives being considered, will allow the entire school to move to the new campus. Our goal for this move is the fall of 2013.

The long range plan for Whitesburg Christian Academy is to provide facilities for anticipated future growth in the number of students. These phases will be added as God brings more students our way and will come in the order that the need is experienced. Additional athletic facilities, such as a competitive gymnasium and soccer and football fields will be added to the existing baseball and softball fields as our athletic programs grow.



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*Nehemiah 2:20*

## WORKING GOAL \$2 MILLION VISION GOAL \$4 MILLION

For several years the Academy family has been dreaming of moving into dedicated classroom space. After years of dreaming, planning, and exploring our options, the decision has been made to build the first of a series of buildings on the south campus of Whitesburg Baptist Church, just north of the current gym. Two major goals have been established. First, we want to be in the new building by fall of 2013. Second, we want to move the entire school at the same time. Both of these goals are very aggressive and will require major commitments of time, energy, and resources from the Academy family and Whitesburg Baptist Church. Please begin to pray every day for this effort. We believe Whitesburg Christian Academy is involved in a great work of God. We have set goals that only God can meet.

In concert with what we believe to be the will and the work of God, we are excited to announce the **"Building the Noble Dream"**, a capital campaign for Whitesburg Christian Academy. In September we retained the services of the JF Smith Group, the same company that conducted our feasibility study last spring, to assist us in this campaign. In November we organized the campaign by asking several volunteers to serve on various committees. We began with an internal solicitation of school committee, faculty, and staff of the Academy. I am proud to announce 100% of those have pledged to the campaign. We are currently soliciting those families that participated in the feasibility study last spring. We have made great progress toward our working goal of \$2,000,000. Over \$800,000 has been pledged. We have set a vision goal of \$4,000,000 and a miracle goal of \$6,000,000. We have aligned our faith with Nehemiah, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build." (Neh 2:20).

# 100% OF FACULTY, STAFF, & SCHOOL COMMITTEE PLEDGE

The faculty/staff appeal to support our capital campaign, **"Building the Noble Dream,"** was a huge success! So was the appeal to our school committee. Both groups showed outstanding generosity towards the campaign and have committed \$125,500 towards the campaign goal. They reached 100% participation in less than a month.

Lynn Lewis served as committee chair of the Faculty and Staff Committee of the campaign. She appealed to the faculty and staff to give at a meeting on the first Tuesday of November. By Tuesday, November 22, the entire group had reached 100% participation! The school committee served a congratulatory continental breakfast to the faculty/staff after Thanksgiving. This participation level has set a leadership example for all to follow.

## PARENT TESTIMONY OF GIVING

Just as the faculty and staff were challenged to give and be a part of **"Building the Noble Dream,"** parents are now being asked to give. Camille Barker and her husband Matt were asked to make a contribution. She shares her personal thoughts with us as they contemplated giving an amount that was sacrificial for their family. They wondered how much to give. Camille says, "The Lord has always provided for us, many times miraculously. We have always had everything we needed and many times so much more. How can we not be willing to give sacrificially? Matt agreed and added, 'what cause do we feel more strongly about than the education of our kids?'. We have three at the Academy from kindergarten up through 6th grade. How great would it be to watch our gift be used in a miraculous way for our children as well as those who come after them? Wouldn't it be great to have a Christian school that was a force in our community, a force for Jesus and a light for others to see! And something we were a huge part of." It is wonderful to hear how God moved in the hearts of Matt and Camille as they made the choice to give.



Lynn Lewis, Registrar

*"When I was asked to chair the Faculty and Staff Committee of the Capital Campaign, I knew it was a piece of cake. We have a dedicated group of people who have a passion for Whitesburg Christian Academy and all it stands for. Without any pressure from me, we reached our Capital Campaign goal of 100% participation within the two week deadline. That alone speaks volumes to anyone who takes notice. We are definitely proud to be a part of the **Building the Noble Dream** and look forward to seeing it come to fruition. It's all about training servant leaders with a heart for the Lord."*

## FROM BROTHER JIMMY JACKSON

A Christian Academy that is started as a branch of ministry by a local church fits into two distinctive categories. It must be seen as a part of the local church but also as a part of the Kingdom of God.

Any church may be called upon to start a school. Obviously, every church of every denomination does not need to have a separate school. However, some need to do so.

When a church takes on that challenge, it also assumes the responsibility for the school and all of its involvements. With responsibility, whether in church or business, there comes the authority to exercise the responsibility. Schools are not simple nor inexpensive. The church chooses to underwrite the school and lays its reputation on the line to support it.

Much more could be said about the church realm of the school, but let us look to a much broader area. As followers of Christ, we are commanded by our Lord to "seek first the Kingdom of God." The Kingdom of God involves the advancement of the Christian faith throughout the world and across denominational and local church boundaries. It stresses our unity as believers.

From a practical perspective, when a church begins a school, people from other churches see the merit of a Christian based education and desire to join in the Kingdom effort for the education of their own children. Although many families may be involved in the school because it helps them to advance the Kingdom of God in their own home, they may never be inclined to become a member of the sponsoring church. They still have an integral part in the work of God. Their support and participation in the education of their children is a Kingdom enhancing matter. Any money that is given goes into the ministry of the church, but it is an investment in the overarching Kingdom of God. It is an eternal gift to God's glory, not to a local church.

Whitesburg Baptist Church has gladly made provision for the founding and perpetuation of the Whitesburg Christian Academy. I am honored to be a part of this great Kingdom work. I have supported the Academy by giving time, prayer, love, and money to its success. Our church is prepared to designate land purchased by the tithes and offerings of people who will never have the need or opportunity to send a child or grandchild to the Academy. For them, as for those from other churches, this is a Kingdom matter. May the Lord bless all of us as we move forward to build one of the most effective and remarkable Christian schools in the world.

# THANK YOU CAMPAIGN DONORS!

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