



Dear Friends of Corning Christian Academy,

The holidays are a great time to reflect on what God has done and what He is doing in our lives. We have been doing just that and would love for you to read this exciting update for our school and partner with us through prayer and giving.

A message from Keila Underwood

I have been so blessed to be a part of Corning Christian Academy since I was hired as a second grade teacher in 2010. I could never have expected the trajectory of the path God would have for me as He worked in the school and in my life and as I changed positions to eventually become the Administrator. I fell in love with our school, our staff, and our students. The words of Mordecai in Esther were spoken over me then, that God brought me to CCA “for such a time as this,” and I believe that to be true.

In that same way, I have felt God speaking to me this past year. I believe that God is drawing my time on staff at CCA to an end, and out of my love for Him and our school, I am being obedient to that. I notified our school Board this summer that this school year would be my last year, allowing them plenty of time to find the right person for our school family and allowing time for that person to train and be prepared. My dream has been that we would have a transition that honors God and honors our school family.

The Board has identified Stacy Thomas to fill the Administrator role starting in the 2024-2025 school year. Our team has been walking in faith and peace as He has been putting all of these pieces together to make way for a smooth transition and allowing Stacy to begin to learn the different facets of the position. She has been a highly loved and respected teacher with us for the past 14 years, and it is my true honor to pass off the reins to her. I cannot wait to see all that God does for our school through her servant leadership.

Please continue reading to hear her heart and vision for our school!

A message from Stacy Thomas

As I, Stacy, began to pray about stepping into this new role, God began to align my hopes and dreams for our school into a clear mission, which allowed me to boldly say yes to obey His calling to step. One way I will continue leading our school forward is by designing a plan to develop great leaders among our student body, from our preschool through our high school students. Our world desperately needs leaders who will walk in the ways of the Lord and stand up boldly for those who cannot speak for themselves. Leaders who are willing to step and serve while reflecting the attitude of Jesus. Leaders who are not afraid to love others deeply and develop relationships that allow them to speak truth to each other. As we strive to build these leaders, my prayer is that God will bring an abundance of Christian families from our community to partner with us to continue to provide a Biblically-based education, while also showing love and speaking life into their children.

As you think of and pray for our school and our students, would you please pray for continued unity, increased enrollment, and lasting spiritual growth? We also ask that you would prayerfully consider giving to our school financially so that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community as we love, serve, and lead. We cannot accomplish this huge undertaking without the support from our brothers and sisters, both prayerfully and financially.

Blessings to you and yours this Holiday Season!

Keila Underwood

Stacy Thomas