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WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

I believe Christian Education is an extremely important part of raising our children. It continues and reinforces the Biblical teaching we started with our children when they were born. It teaches them that God is present in all things. From the beauty of His creation to the complexity of Math equations, He has a hand in all of it. I find great comfort in the fact that my kids are/were taught and coached by Christian men and women.

EDUCATION AT SOUTH CHRISTIAN IS BASED ON A REFORMED UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE AND THE WORLD. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU, AND HOW DOES THIS MAKE SOUTH CHRISTIAN DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOLS?

Personally, this means that everything that is taught at SCHS is presented through a biblical belief system. This is the same system that I was raised in and wanted/want to pass down to my children. That we are saved by grace, not works, through Christ. This belief is the way to eternal life. We could send our children to many other schools in this area for a good education, but this core belief would not be taught. South Christian has provided me with a solid foundation in my faith and a community in which to live it out.

HOW IS YOUR LIFE CHRIST-CENTERED?

I grew up with a life centered on Christ. My family always attended church together. I attended BCCS and SCHS. These are both things that I have continued with my family. My personal relationship with Christ grew and was nurtured with a solid combination of church, family and school support. Today I try to live out the virtues instilled in me during my youth.

WHAT SPECIFIC SKILLS OR ABILITIES DO YOU SEE YOURSELF BRINGING TO THE BOARD? (Examples might include education, legal, finance/budgeting/planning, building facilities, fundraising, promotion or marketing, strategic planning, interpersonal skills.) ALSO, IDENTIFY ANY LEADERSHIP OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN.

I have worked in a family concrete construction business all of my adult life. I wear many hats and have different responsibilities on a daily basis. As SCHS grows over the next years I feel I would be able to help with that process. My strengths are long term planning, scheduling, conflict resolution, and managing people. I have served as a deacon and a youth group leader at Friendship CRC. I have been a youth football coach, freshman football coach and currently do stats for the SCHS JV and Varsity football teams.

WHAT CHALLENGES DO YOU SEE FACING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN GENERAL (AND SOUTH CHRISTIAN SPECIFICALLY) IN THE COMING YEARS? FEEL FREE TO SHARE IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE FOR FACING THESE CHALLENGES.

I believe that affordability is one of the biggest challenges facing Christian Education in the coming years. The rising cost of everyday life makes families have to make hard choices on if they can make Christian Education a reality for their children. I also know that technology is both a blessing and a curse with our education system. It offers so many benefits but can be hard for young men and woman as they are growing up.