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WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

Christian Education is an opportunity to teach and train our children the Biblical Truths that they learn at home and church. Some think Christian Education is just a few Bible classes and chapel once a week. However, I believe Christian Education allows the teachers and staff to teach their subjects but more importantly how those subjects fit into everyday life. Christian Education is another opportunity to immerse our children with God's love.

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?

To know that we are inherently sinful from birth and in need of a Savior. To believe that Jesus suffered and died on my behalf is the ONLY way for me to spend eternity with Him. Once understanding and accepting of God's gift, I live in a manner that points back to His love on the cross. My hope (and challenge) is that South Christian focuses on all subjects and extracurricular activities that grow our children's faith to be Christ-centered. Other schools without this understanding may focus solely on achieving the best test scores, college-bound students, sports teams/records, etc.

HOW IS YOUR LIFE CHRIST-CENTERED?

Important to start your week with Worship at Church. It is just as important to be spiritually "fed and nourished" during the week with personal devotion time, prayer, podcasts, or music that keeps us Christ-minded. Though life will always be busy and have distractions, I find having mini-quiet-times throughout the week keeps me focused on the greater purposes for my life.

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 was able to earn a BA degree in Business and currently own/run a 3rd generation small Construction Company. Along with construction knowledge, finance/budgeting/planning/interpersonal skills are all needed on a day-to-day basis to allow my business to be successful. I have served on MCS school board and church counsel in leadership roles. I volunteer (and thoroughly enjoy) playing piano for church worship. I have also had the opportunity to coach my kids youth basketball 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.

There has been a constant push/force against Christian values/morals since "the fall". Christian Education must hold strong to the Biblical Principles it was founded on even when it is not popular. As always, the challenge of providing the best education to ALL students while keeping tuition affordable.