

# The Mission

*"To love the Lord our God is the heartbeat of our mission..."*



September 2008

**W**e are officially beginning one of the most exciting years at CHCS! Our theme of *Serving God and Serving Others* will be a great fit as we minister to over 570 students, with 146 of those students being new to CHCS! What a blessing it is to see a school full of wonderful students and families who are partnering with us in educating youth in a Christ-centered environment.

Our theme reminds us that by serving others we are serving God. Becoming like Jesus means serving like Jesus; we are not like Jesus if we are not helping and serving others. The basic truth is that when we serve others we are truly serving God. It's not like the Christian life is about serving God instead of people. The life of a Christian is not limited to the vertical dimension. It is not about lifting our hands up but never stretching our hands out to pick someone up. We will all stumble and fall at some point this year, and we need to be ready to lift each other up by serving.

I like what author Rick Warren says about Christians today -- "The last thing many believers need today is to go to another Bible study. They already know far more than they are putting into practice. What they need are serving experiences in which they can exercise their spiritual muscles."

At Chapel Hill Christian School, our goal is for our students and families to see in our faculty and staff a true desire to "serve the Lord with all of our heart and all of our soul" (Deuteronomy 10:12). We strive to give our spiritual muscles a daily workout. Please join us in *Serving God and Serving Others!*

Humbly serving at CHCS,  
Greg McAbee  
Administrator



Building a solid foundation for future generations through quality elementary Christian education.



CHAPEL HILL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL *presents*

*An Evening of Praise and Thanksgiving with*

## Caedmon's Call

with opening performer  
Randall Goodgame



Friday, November 14th 7:00 p.m.  
at Hudson Community Chapel - 750 W. Streetsboro Street (Rt. 303)

and... **The CHAPEL HILL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
Silent Auction**

*(All proceeds from this event will benefit the CHCS Scholarship Fund)*

The Silent Auction will be held from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.

in the Hudson Community Chapel Fellowship Hall

Caedmon's Call concert immediately following at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

For more information about the concert or the silent auction, please call 330.929.1901 ext. 21

*“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” - Isaiah 40:31*

## ***A Message from the Board***

In every role in any organization, there is a place for developing a better understanding about why, how and what the focus of that role is. No matter if you are the leader in an organization or a follower, role development is necessary.

It's no different for board members. Most people who show an interest, or have a calling and/or willingness to serve the school as a board member rarely have years of experience as board members. Most have a heart to serve, and bring a passion about Christian education and/or special skills to aid the school. Our board is currently made up of Christians conducting themselves in the professional roles of Computer Hardware and Software, Engineering, Finance, Legal, Sales and Marketing, General Management and Strategic Business Planning.

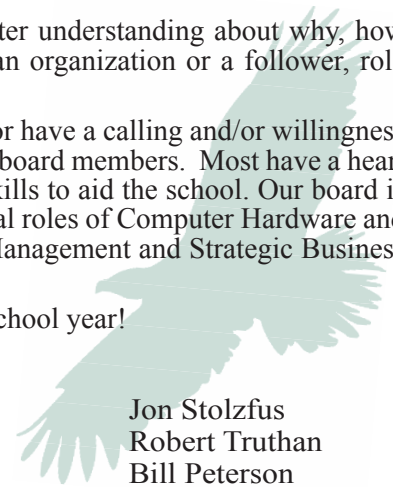
Let's remember to pray for our CHCS Board members throughout this school year!

### ***2008-2009 CHCS Board Members***

Dale Bissonette, Chairman  
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## ***Parenting Tip***

### ***Preparing Your 'Velcro Child' for School***

Velcro children are the kind that stick to you like a burr when you try to drop them off at school or any other place. They are super sensitive. I know; I was one of them. I stood in the corner of the hallway and cried on my first day of school.

That experience helped me be super sensitive and aware of Velcro kids in my preschool classes. They were usually the sweetest ones, hiding behind their mom. I felt for them but I knew from experience that once they became familiar with the environment and bonded a bit with me and at least one other child, they would wave a happy good-bye to their mom, too.

Here are just a few of the many ways you can prepare even the most sensitive, shyest child to enter his new

world comfortably:

- Leave your child alone with a relative or close friend for just a few minutes to start and then for longer times. This weans him off his dependence on you.
- Playing games like peek-a-boo with an infant, and hide and seek with your toddler or preschooler, helps your child realize you may be out of sight for a while but you are coming back for him.
- Also, please be honest with your child. Don't sneak out; that breaks his trust in you. Tell him that you will be back for him soon and he will be OK.

With advanced planning and your warm reassurance that there are a million fun things for him to do, your child

*Adapted from "Preparing Velcro Children for Separation" by children's author, Ruth Willms*

## ***Heart to Heart***

CHCS's outreach to Guatemala, Connecting Hearts Ministry, will soon be unveiling its very first newsletter -- "*Heart to Heart*." Señora Hall, along with other contributors, will be providing us with updates about the people in Guatemala we have come to love -- including the children some of our families have chosen to sponsor. At least for the time being, this will be a quarterly publication to keep you up-to-date.

***Please remember --  
September is CHM Sponsorship Month!***

## ***Lunchroom Report***

Our North and Green campuses have each received a new refrigerator and freezer to continue and improve upon the food service at CHCS. The Green campus has also acquired a convection oven.

Our new menus will begin on September 8th, and meet all the Federal nutritional guidelines. We will have a ten-day menu rotation in order to insure a healthy variety of meals for our students. Ala carte items will continue to be available throughout the school year.

Let's strive for health and wellness in all we do!

## ***Serving God and Serving Others***

On Monday August 4, 2008, Chapel Hill Christian School teamed up with 'Feed The Children' and 95.5 The FISH by responding to the challenge of "Operation Empty Hooks", a program designed to provide backpacks full of school supplies to homeless children in our area. With approximately 2400 homeless children in need of backpacks in the greater Cleveland area, CHCS provided 100 of these backpacks. *Serving God and Serving Others* in action!

***We Would Love  
to Hear From You***

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