



From the Desk of

the Superintendent

May 2020

Dear Families of LCA,

In just a few short days we will bring the 2019-2020 school year to a close. It has been a year like no other and I think we are all more than ready to see the reopening of our state. The impact this stay-at-home order has had on our families, our church fellowship and our school function has been trying to say the least. I appreciate the flexibility and the way our school has worked together to make sure our students continue to learn and grow in wisdom and their love for and understanding of our God.

Focused Prayer

As I have spoken to so many people during this time, we all have a sense of powerlessness. We want to do something. We want the freedom of our lives back. Sitting at home, meeting with people on a laptop has gotten old. Waiting for the latest word to come from the governor's office, and having the directives change, sometimes daily, becomes debilitating.

The truth is, we are not powerless. We have access to the throne of Almighty God. The most powerful thing we can do during this time, or at any time is to PRAY. We know God is in control and His purposes will be accomplished. He has given us principles by which we need to live. Please pray for our school, local, state and national leaders that we all would submit to God's leading and direction for each and every decision we make.

Proverbs 21:1-3 (NLT) tells us,

The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord; he guides it wherever he pleases.

²People may be right in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their heart. ³The LORD is more pleased when we do what is right and just than when we offer him sacrifices.

The leadership of Legacy wants to walk in the will of God. We need His wisdom and courage to do what is right in His eyes. Please pray for us.

Our governor and his advisors will be making numerous decisions in the coming weeks. Please pray for them. In fact, I want to challenge each one of us to be very intentional about our prayer for our state leaders. **Will you and your family join me in a commitment to pray specifically every Tuesday from now until we meet together again in August?** Choose a time that works best for your family, but let's be deliberate in our prayer that Governor DeWine, and those who advise him, will be wise and discerning as they make decisions that will impact the people of our state.

Blessings from COVID

While this has been a very trying time, it has also been a time of blessing as the Christian community has come together to help one another. God has blessed Legacy by means of a company that was working to keep their employees working. The benefit for the school is that we are making major advancements regarding the painting of our buildings and completion of tasks which we did not have the resources to complete.

The Barnett building is getting a much-needed facelift with painting the classrooms and halls. We have removed a wall to create a larger classroom in order



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to give our junior high students more breathing room. Many other tasks are being completed in the Auditorium, Gym and Lincoln buildings.

Another area of blessing is the learning and the experiences we all have received from this distance learning experience. I think all of us have improved in our ability to use technology in a meaningful way that will help our students as they move through school and into adulthood.

Opening in the Fall

Our administrative team has been working diligently to develop plans to have our students on campus and in their classrooms in the fall. I know this is foremost in your thoughts as you look forward. Trust me, it is in ours as well. Each one of us wants nothing more than to return to "normal" by the end of summer.

We have formed a task force which will assist in developing the best plan for Legacy. We want our students here each day and we want our students and staff to be safe. Life needs to go on and we need to adjust in ways that will enable our students to continue to develop. We will be communicating specifics as we are able. Be assured we will do all we can to start the school year on campus while keeping our students safe.

Commencement 2020

As you can imagine, planning for graduation has been a huge ordeal as we want to honor the hard work of our seniors and their accomplishments, celebrate the final chapter of their school years with their families, and do it all within the constraints of the ever-changing standards from Columbus. We looked at every model that other schools were doing and balanced that against the recommendations from the Ohio Department of Education. We finally landed on, what we are calling, a "virtual" graduation.

Last Saturday, we invited our seniors and their families (limited to 5 or 6) to our Arts and Worship center, where they had the opportunity to individually enjoy some of the elements of our traditional graduation service. We videotaped each element of the service, and will be releasing a beautiful event to our school family on the night of graduation.

DC PAYOFF



God is continuing to provide the needed funds to payoff our mortgage and be debt free. As you know, our final payment of \$190,000 is due in June. We have received gifts and other revenue of \$140,000 to date. We only need \$50,000 to make this final payment. **Would you prayerfully consider what God would have you to do to help us make this final payment and be debt free?**

The Legacy Press

Don't miss the creative work of our Journalism class. Their articles can be found in blog form on our website.

<http://www.legacyknights.org/legacy-life/legacy-press.cfm>

Commencement 2020

*The administration of Legacy Christian Academy
along with the friends and family of our graduates
cordially invite you to attend our Commencement service,*

*Thursday, May 28
7:00 pm*

Video link will be posted on our website.



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"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-6



When we selected this passage to be the theme of our focus this year, we could never have imagined the way the year would unfold. Who would have dreamed that we would spend week after week, abiding in our own homes, distanced far apart from one another. It is a great comfort to know that, while **we** could not have envisioned these circumstances, **God**, not only knew them, but they were part of His plan for us. The great truth of this passage is that while we have been far apart from one another, we have never been far from God. We were never by ourselves, alone.

We all want to know what lies ahead... what will next year be like? Will we come back to school under a normal school day, will our children get to play on a playground, perform in a play, and participate in the sports teams that we all enjoy? The reality is that we just don't know. How can we? Like it or not, these decisions are not really in our hands. That's the part that feels so very frustrating. We all, I believe, to some degree, like the entertain the idea that we hold some control over our lives. Yet we are finding ourselves in this place where we are told where we can go, and when we can go there, and what we must do and wear while we are there!

So in this time where we feel so powerless, what can we do? Who can we cry out to? Who will hear our voice?

WE CAN PRAY!

Earlier in this letter I put forth a challenge for you to join me every Tuesday in praying for our leaders:

national, state and local. They wear a great mantle of responsibility. I would not want to walk in their shoes. They need our prayer for wisdom, discernment, strength of character and courage. They need our prayer for health and safety. Will you join me in this deliberate journey of prayer?

And while you are praying for our leaders, pray also for those of us who lead Legacy. We too are in need of wisdom and discernment.

You know, as I pour through the New Testament looking at what Paul and Peter have said about prayer, I noticed that they prayed for people... their needs, their well being, their walk with the Lord. They didn't spend a lot of time pleading to the Lord about their circumstances. Others pleaded on their behalf, but they're heart was for PEOPLE.

It reminded me that God's perspective is different than ours. He wants what is best for us from an eternal perspective. One pastor I heard stated that God is more interested in my character than he is in my convenience. We are in a time of great inconvenience. What does God want us to learn during this trying time? I would hate to miss the lesson because I was distracted by my own sense of frustration.

Prayer is an essential part of abiding. It is difficult to walk with someone without talking to them. Will you join me in *talking* to God? Prayer may not change our circumstances, but it very well might change us!

It is my great joy to know you and do life with you all... even from a distance.

Abiding Daily,

Legacy Christian Academy partners with Christian families to educate students in a Christian Worldview and to develop character so they become innovative and wise world-changers.