



**LEGACY**  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

October 13-14, 2017

Thank you for helping us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Christian education in Greene County! God has been working through this ministry on several campuses, through hundreds of staff and faculty members and in even more lives of students as they have passed through the corridors of what is now known as Legacy Christian Academy.

Our history is an interesting one, not void of difficulties, but always filled with stories that show God is alive and working here in our midst. As we celebrate, we want to make this our opportunity to place a marker in time as the Israelites did when they crossed the Jordan. We, as humans, often need visual markers to remind us of God's faithfulness. As Pat Dunstan proclaimed when considering this event, "Just think of what God has done!"

As I have collected data and listened to countless stories from past students and employees, I have been made aware of personal sacrifices, persistent commitments, powerful leaders, humorous events, unparalleled provision, and amazing achievements, all under the care of God's hands. We are a blessed people walking into and through the Promised Land. God continues to show Himself strong on a daily basis as we nurture and guide our students to become all that God has designed them to be.

This journey has also brought heartache and pain through the past five decades as people have come and gone. We have lost a few through death, forcing us to face our fragility. Others have been frustrated or hurt and moved onto another ministry. There were also at least three occasions where the future existence of the school was in question!

As a body, we faced that question not too long ago when discussions with Dayton Christian administration and board prompted us to act quickly and purposefully in order to take the school into the next decade. We praise the Lord for our fresh start in July 2016 and do not take lightly the call laid before us. We are utterly dependent on God's grace and provision to keep our doors open for future generations.

This 50th Anniversary Celebration gives me new energy and passion to proclaim the value and truth of excellent mission-driven Christian education and the wonderful opportunity we have right here in Greene County on this beautiful and historically rich campus.

Hopefully this is not only about looking at what God has done, but also about strengthening us with the resolve of Daniel (Daniel 1:8) to dream, plan, and consider what God is yet to do!!

You can be a part of that! We continue to need your prayers and support! As we celebrate this fall, share your stories, encourage one another with God's provision for you while you were here and your life beyond our doors. Celebrate what God has done and is continuing to do at Legacy Christian Academy!

In His Grip,



**Dan L. Bragg, Ed.D**  
**LCA Superintendent**



# LEGACY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: Look at what God has done!

In 1966, Emmanuel Baptist Church completed the expansion of an education wing to the existing structure. The pastor, John Teeters, had dreamed of making the building one which could be used all week and not just on Sundays. Miss Carla Packard agreed to help and started the first preschool and first kindergarten class in the fall of 1967.

Consider some of the following tidbits and allow these to jog your memory of many other happenings. Think about the teachers, the things you learned, the friendships and the culture that was created through the years.



- 1967** Mrs. Carol Osborn was the first kindergarten teacher. XCDS was born! Mike Mikesell was a student and to this day (2018) is still helping Ken Kettering with lights!
- 1968** XCDS continued its ministry by adding AM and PM preschools and kindergartens and 1st grade which was taught by Miss Anna Titus.
- 1969** God continued to bless our school and 2nd grade was added to the school, taught by Miss Diane Chaffee.
- 1970** Mrs. Lois Killian became principal for one year. Third grade was added and Mrs. Patricia Dunstan was the teacher. Mrs. Sandra Whetstone and Mrs. Esther Massey taught the AM preschool class and Mrs. Hazel Sproul with Esther Massey's assistance taught the PM class.
- 1971** Mr. Donald Higdon was called to be the new principal, and he also taught the 4th-5th combined class. Miss Diane Cockerill became the new kindergarten teacher. Pastor John Teeters moved on and Interim Pastor Dr. James Greer took over.
- 1972** XCDS continued growing and added 6th grade. Mrs. Patricia Dunstan returned to teach the 5th-6th grade combined class. Dr. William Wheeler was installed as the new pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church.
- 1973** God blessed us with enough 5th and 6th graders to split that combined class and Mrs. Patricia Dunstan stayed in 5th grade and Mrs. Susan St. Denis was hired to teach the 6th grade.

DAR essay winner, Scott Van Zant, a 5th grader, won the local contest and the state contest.

**1974** This year, XCDS received Ohio certification for the elementary school. The enrollment for K-6 was 117 plus 16 preschoolers.

April 1974 - Xenia was struck by a monstrous tornado, destroying many homes and businesses and killing 34 people. The church/school was not touched by the actual storm, but the hearts of those involved in the school were touched by 15 families from EBC losing their homes and the deaths of one of our 1st graders, William Armstrong, and his mother. The Ruth West family initiated The William Kent Armstrong Scholarship Fund in her grandson's name, and it continues today for members of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

**1975** The XCDS enrollment K-6 was 151 plus 6 preschoolers. The board decided to start junior high.

**1976** Seventh grade was not added because only 3 students had committed to enroll. Mrs. Susan Hancock taught first grade, Miss Melody Fry taught 2nd and Miss Karen Rost was installed as the 3rd grade teacher.

**1977** Miss Debbie Conrad (now Mrs. Cody) became the 1st grade teacher.

**1979** Mrs. Lois Killian took over the task of teaching kindergarten.

**1980** XCDS used the individualized Alpha and Omega program. Grades 6th through 10th were put together with 27 students. Mrs. Patricia Dunstan was the facilitator of this part of the school.



**1981** There were 17 students in 7th-8th and 20 students 9th-12th grades with the enrollment of several students transferring from Dayton Christian (the rivalry is just getting started). Most of these students were from the Xenia school district. Mrs. Patricia Dunstan became the acting principal of the High School in October.

Cedarville College hosted the National History Day, April 18, 1981, which involved schools from across the state. Eighth grader, Ruth Margraff wrote the play "The Deceiver," which centered on the deception young farm girls faced in the early 1800s. Those participating in the play were: Ruth and Paul Margraff, Tami Terrill and Margaret Wheeler. They received a Superior Rating which placed them in State competition. While there, they attended a Cleveland Indians game where Len Barker pitched a perfect game. The students also traveled to Washington, D.C. for the National Competition.

May 10, 1981, Emmanuel Baptist Church voted to have XCDS become part of the ministry of EBC. This was to legally protect the school.



- 1981** Mr. Doug Terrill and Mr. Dick Bresson coached our new basketball teams.
- 1982** First graduating class (there is a story here) - Chad Bresson, Tammy Eimers, Stephen Kreamer, Jim Phillips, and Angela Sparkman.
- 1983** Mr. Donald Dunstan was hired as headmaster of the middle school (22 students) and high school (28 students). With K-6 at 132 students the program was up to 182 students. Miss Sherry Godsey hired as fourth grade teacher. The second graduating class included students that had started in Kindergarten 1970-71 were: Cynthia Baise, Gary Phillips, Jeffery Shepherd, and Nadine Terrill.
- 1983** Still growing - K-6th=141; 7th-8th=37 and 9th-12th=35 students for a total of 213.
- 1984** K-6th=131; 7th-8th=24; 9th-12th=39 for a total of 194 students. The 1984 graduating class went to Washington D.C. for their senior trip. Graduating were Beth Augustine, Brad Bresson, John Hart, and Michele Moody.
- Mrs. Lois Killian moved to fourth grade.
- 1985** Nine students graduated. They were: Tod Bowen, Kelli Bradds, Janie Bresson, Kim Eimers, Richard Fields, Terri Huber, William Shepherd, Tami Terrill, Clark Wiedenheft.
- 1986** Mr. George Hawkins became the principal of XCDS and XCHS. XCHS changed to a traditional curriculum. Mr. Dick Kaercher came to teach math and science. Mrs. Pat Dunstan returned to 6th grade.
- 1987** 20th year as a school. Eighth grader, Erin Killian won the DAR essay contest in Xenia and went on to win the state. Nadine Terrill taught 7th and 8th grade. The play *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* was put on by the high school.
- 1988** Mr. Charles Wilkins became the principal of the school. Van Holloway began his teaching career at the high school. Mrs. Debi House began teaching third grade.



**1989** Christa Preston, won the DAR essay contest in Xenia and the state competition.

**1990** Our girls' volleyball team won the ACSI state. Men's basketball team and the women's basketball teams each won the state championship in ACSI.

Librarian Mrs. Kay Pauley passes away.

**1992** XCDS celebrated its 25th Anniversary.

Hard times and tension was high, but Dayton Christian Schools took over management of XCDS in the spring and the school became known as Dayton Christian, Xenia Campus (DC-XC). Tennis started.

**1993** Mr. Robert Colaner became principal of the school. Mrs. Debbie Conrad Cody returned to first grade, and Marylou Preston took over at second grade.

**1994** The old roller rink on Lower Bellbrook became available to house the high school. Swim team began. Mission trips under Mrs. Jan Soloman began.

**1995** The Roller Rink is renovated and XCHS moved in. The internationally known speaker and political activist, Calvin Thomas, spoke at the installation of the new building.

**1996** Mr. Alan Stock moved from asst. principal of DCHS to become the new principal of XCHS. Mr. Robert Colaner continued as principal of the elementary school and also taught music. Tailgate parties began.



**1997** First Play in the roller rink - *Our Miss Brooks*

**1998** The OVCH campus in Xenia became available and DC bought the entire campus for \$1.8 million (you have to hear these stories!).

**1999** XCE and XCHS moved onto this campus, and it became known as the Legacy campus. The volunteer work crews were without match! ISP, Heart to Honduras, Joni and Friends, AIA all moved to campus.

**2000** Mr. Colaner continued as principal of elementary and music teacher while Mrs. Pat Dunstan became assistant principal.

**2001** Mr. Alan Geist took over as principal of the high school. Jennifer McKeller went to state in the two-mile. Girls soccer began. And Tornado #2! Who can forget the hero of 2001 who gave his life for the students to take a day off school – the squirrel who got into the electric box – we will never forget you!!

**2002** Mr. Colaner went back to full-time music and Mrs. Pat Dunstan took over as full-time principal of the elementary. The triplets took the girls basketball team to the State Final Four – what a season that was!!

**2003** Dr. Roy Lowrie became the second superintendent of Dayton Christian Schools and 3 days after his installation he was diagnosed with cancer that would eventually take his life in May of 2006.

Boys' 4-by-4 won the State (Stephen Dye, Bobby Komisariski, Thomas Raper, Joseph Green) and Bobby Komisariski also won the 300 low hurdles. Jimmy Whalen and Daniel Urshel went to the International Science Fair.

**2004** Mr. Jerry Martin, Mrs. Natalie Demana, Mrs. Michele Patterson, and Mrs. Patricia Dunstan procured desks and tables from Springfield Public school auction to meet furniture needs.

**2005** Mr. Lee Reno (long-term right-hand-man to Mr. Schindler) was named superintendent of DCSS and served in this capacity through 2010. Alan Stock returned as principal of XCHS. AIA opened their first-class turf stadiums.

**2006** Golf started. The RUGBY crew got started. Anyone remember what this stands for?

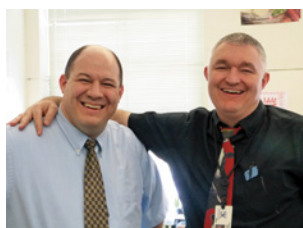
**2007** Boys shaved their heads to join Dr. Grabill in support as he fought cancer. Largest graduating class – 62 students.

**2008** Mrs. Natalie Demana became principal of the elementary school. Dr. Grabill passed away in the spring.

**2010** Leader, Fundraiser, giver, friend, Dad, and Grandpa, Mr. Jerry Armstrong passed away. Economic downturn was very difficult.

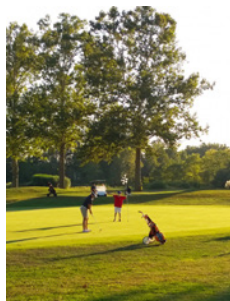
The tragedy and catastrophe of 2010 – just wait till you hear these stories and how the Lord came through! Thank you Rich Anglin, John Burkard and Dan Doster. Bob Elliott named President/Superintendent.

**2011** Significant grant received, tunnels sealed and several buildings torn down. Asbestos abated. Josh McDowell spoke to the kids. What an amazing landscaping team Carol Frueh and Deb Cozenza put together year after year!



**2012** Dayton Christian Schools celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a terrific concert by Michael W. Smith at Cedarville University. Tailgate party reached a whole new level – thanks Mr. Harr! First trip to Costa Rica. Mrs. Lois Killian earned the ACSI Career Service and Achievement Award.

**2013** Dancing is now allowed – on Mr. Batchelor's watch! Dr. Dan Bragg became principal of XCHS in the fall.



**2014** Discussions began about the future of XCS and what it would look like to be independent. Enrollment sunk to 300 students after peaking in 2004 at 550 students. Tragic loss of Mrs. Michele Patterson, Kindergarten teacher in December.



**2015** Talks with DC continued, and they approved a plan to allow XC to become independent. Fundraising began.

Grace Norman participated in the state track and cross country events, placing in the top 8, and later became a Paralympic gold and bronze medalist. Keep paying attention to her as she continues to excel and thrive and compete for Cedarville University.

Cross Country girls team went to State.

XC held their first fundraising banquet at the Schindler Banquet Center and 400 people attended, raising right at \$290,000. It was a great success as God's people continued to work and pray together raising right at \$750,000 in the first year.

Board Incorporated – Brad Riddle – President, Mark Combs – Vice President, Chris McCaskey – Treasurer, Brett Stanley – Secretary, Marc Sweeney – Development, Kevin Wichman – Fundraising. Have you ever heard of risk-taking???



**2016** This was a banner year as Xenia Christian transitioned to Legacy Christian Academy and was led by Dr. Dan Bragg. Go Knights! Enrollment at 365. Banquet #2 showed the impressive nature of the volunteer staff and the willingness of the LCA community to work together and get things done. Special speaker was comedian Jason Earls. Eric Knowles won State – twice and this made five times, not to mention a swim in the Olympic Trials! Tommy Hoskins won State (again) while his teammates Wyatt Riddle took runner-up and AJ Warner took fourth – first-year wrestling team got 6th in the entire state with three guys! Bowling inaugural season.

**2017** Another tragedy as Colleen Reilly, 2011 grad and current photographer and part-time custodian dies suddenly.

Enrollment grew to 412 students. Legacy Christian Academy marks the 50th year of Xenia Christian Day School; Dayton Christian, Xenia Campus; Legacy Christian Academy! We praise the Lord for sustaining this school for His glory and may it continue to hold high the Word of God. Just look at what God has done!



## Perspective on Our Mission

Legacy Christian Academy, partnering with Christian families, provides a Bible-centered, quality educational program to equip, train, and disciple students to follow Christ and impact culture.

Making this happen means being committed to learning and growing, analyzing our culture (1 Chronicles 12:34), leading, managing, stewarding, improving, inspiring, and problem-solving, while educating our students, families, and stakeholders. LCA is committed to developing programs, strategies, and methodologies to produce first-class movers and shakers who are committed to the Lord adding value wherever they are.

We maintain an aggressive position as we lean in and push back against a culture that is moving further away from truth and Biblical principles. Matthew 11:12 indicates this is a forceful advance, maybe a violent counter, because in fact our survival is at stake. With no need to get angry or mad, we confidently apply our valid principles while making claims with sound arguments and winsome ways.

We love to use our mascot, the knight, as a visual symbol to encourage our students to prepare for battle while putting on the armor described in Ephesians 6:10-17:

1. Belt of Truth
2. Breastplate of Righteousness
3. Shoes of Readiness
4. Shield of Faith
5. Helmet of Salvation
6. Sword of the Spirit
7. All in the Attitude and Focus of Prayer

This exciting and aggressive mission produces graduates who are accomplished yet ever growing and achieving. We work hard to set them on the road of grace and truth that can actually be measured by test scores, college acceptance, scholarships, spiritual maturity, and character development. This intense work-in-progress comes with the promise in 2 Peter 1:10 that our efforts will not fail.

Pray with us as we continue to carry this mission into the future, as we anticipate the next productive and successful fifty years. May the Lord find us faithful!

*"Well done good and faithful servant.  
You have been faithful with a few things;  
I will put you in charge of many things."*

**Matthew 25:21**

## A Decade of Service

We have seen miracles over the years. We have seen money raised; we have seen buildings and property become available. We have seen God bring families and students to us. We have seen great accomplishments, both academically and athletically. But perhaps the biggest miracles of all have come through the people who have served us over the years, people who have sacrificed and given of themselves for the benefit of our mission and our school.

James 3:1 tells us that not many should be teachers, for the responsibility and the accountability of such work is high. But God has put on the heart of our people a mission much like the one Paul speaks about in Colossians 1:27-28 – with all energy and passion proclaiming, admonishing, teaching everyone to be wise and mature.

The following list of teachers and staff have served at our school for over 10 years. Thank you, faithful servants!!

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Jerry Armstrong         | Deborah House          |
| Susan Bassett           | Brent Howland          |
| Teresea Baumann         | Karen Isaacson         |
| Bernice Bowersox        | Richard Kaercher       |
| Richard Bowersox        | Jane Kern              |
| Connie Bradds           | Ken Kettering          |
| Roger Bradds            | Lois Killian           |
| Andy Brads              | Daniel Lichty          |
| David Bryant            | Dr. Linda Miller       |
| John Burkhard           | Penny Miller           |
| Camille Clements        | Michelle Miller        |
| Deborah Cody            | Michele Patterson      |
| Robert Colaner          | Jim Preston            |
| Tim Combs               | Marylou Preston        |
| Rebecca Danielson       | Lee Reno               |
| Natalie Demana          | Stephanie Roby         |
| JoAnn DiCuirci          | Carole Schindler       |
| Harleen Dizer           | Claude "Bud" Schindler |
| Susan Dohse (St. Denis) | Ann Skolik             |
| Patricia Dunstan        | Ginger Slouffman       |
| Susan Earnhart          | Nancy Snook            |
| Robb Fogg               | Alan Stock             |
| Melody Fry              | Dolly Story            |
| Linda Gawthrop          | Ron Surls              |
| Dr. Dan Grabill         | Doug Terrill           |
| Joan Grabill            | David Thigpen          |
| Donald Higdon           | Michael Tucker         |
| Bryce Holland           | William Urschel        |
| Van Holloway            | Linda Walker           |
| Kathy Hopkins           | Dr. R. William Wheeler |

## History of Leadership

We have been blessed with wonderful and committed leadership. Never short on challenges, the following board members and administrators have taken us through the twist and turns of fighting for our mission and loving those we serve.

Rev. John Teeters  
Carla Packard  
Dr. James Greer  
Lois Killian  
Dr. R. William Wheeler  
Donald Higdon  
George Hawkins  
Charles Wilkins  
Donald Dunstan  
Claude "Bud" Schindler  
Lee Reno  
Robert Colaner  
Alan Stock  
Dr. Jerry Armstrong

John Burkard  
Anne Skolik  
Dr. Linda Miller  
Alan Geist  
Dr. Roy Lowrie  
Natalie Demana  
Joe Batchelor  
Robert Elliott  
Richard Anglin  
Dr. David Rough  
Michelle Miller  
Dr. Dan L. Bragg  
Greg Scheck  
Tim Combs

### Current LCA Board:

Brad Riddle – *President*  
Mark Combs – *Vice President*  
Chris McCaskey – *Treasurer*  
Brett Stanley – *Secretary*  
Dr. Marc Sweeney – *Development*  
Kevin Wichman – *Fundraising*  
Lois Killian – *Director*

*Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.*

**Hebrews 13:7**

*Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority.*

**Hebrews 13:17**



## Current Faculty and Staff

We are so blessed by the people who serve at LCA. The work we do carries a great deal of weight and responsibility (James 3:1), but we do it with the passion and energy of Paul as described in Colossians 1:28-29 admonishing and teaching with all wisdom.

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| Pedro Angel         | Caleb Cumberland    | Haley Neidig       |
| Christina Augustine | Nicole Drye         | John Oliver        |
| Destiny Baker       | Sharon Gay          | Nina Pence         |
| Evangeline Baskar   | James Hoffman       | Amy Pickens        |
| Teresea Baumann     | John Holdeman       | Cynthia Pickens    |
| Andrew Brads        | Bryce Holland       | Scott Pickens      |
| Sarah Brads         | Kathryn Hopkins     | Stephanie Roby     |
| Annette Bragg       | Deborah House       | Greg Scheck        |
| Dr. Dan Bragg       | Emily Houser        | Sarah Schrinner    |
| Heather Bright      | Tiffany Howell      | Alexander Shaeffer |
| Larry Brown         | Karen Isaacson      | Patricia Smith     |
| David Bryant        | Ken Kettering       | Terra Stanley      |
| Julianne Bush       | Margaret Kitzmiller | Brian Stiffler     |
| Ruth Carpenter      | Olivia MacDougall   | James Sturey       |
| Camille Clements    | Rebecca McCaskey    | Ron Surls          |
| Deborah Cody        | Donna McCormick     | David Thigpen      |
| Esther Cody         | Michelle Miller     | Lauren Votaw       |
| Robert Colaner      | Sam Miller          | Gerry Walquist     |
| Timothy Combs       | Beverly Moser       | Elaine Wharton     |
| Carol Commons       |                     |                    |





## Hall of Fame Honoree **PATRICIA BIRD DUNSTAN**



I grew up on a farm in Saline, Michigan, and attended the Saline public schools, graduating from Saline High School in 1962. I was raised in a Christian family, and we all attended York Baptist Church in Milan, Michigan, regularly. I was taught the Word of God at home and at church and accepted Christ as my personal savior when I was eight years old. My parents, Karl and Dorothy Bird, set an example of Christlikeness and prayed for me every day and even made Xenia Christian a priority in their prayer lives.

After graduation from high school, I attended Cedarville College, graduating in 1966 with a major in Christian education. Two weeks after graduation, Don Dunstan and I were married, and we settled in Xenia, where we planned to stay for one year. I served as secretary for the Army ROTC at Central State University from 1966 to 1970 while taking education classes at Central State to complete my Ohio teaching certification. Our daughter, Sandy, was born in 1970, and I was very pregnant while I was doing my student teaching in Yellow Springs. Will, our son, was born in 1975. We are blessed with five grandchildren.

My history with Xenia Christian started when we joined Emmanuel Baptist in 1967 and Don and I joined the Xenia Christian Day School Corporation. I was hired to teach third grade for the 1970-1971 school year, and for the most part I was a part of Xenia Christian until I retired in 2008. In 1972-73 I taught combined fifth and sixth grade, 1973 to 1976 fifth grade only, and 1976 to 1980 sixth grade only. In the fall of 1980 we started the Alpha and Omega curriculum, and I was the resource teacher for grades six through ten in an individualized program. The first class graduated in 1982, and I still served as resource teacher as well as acting principal of the high school. In 1982 my husband, Don, came as headmaster of the high school, and the Alpha and Omega curriculum continued until 1985. In the fall of 1985 I returned to the classroom and taught sixth grade until 2000. From 2000 to 2002 I served as assistant elementary principal, and from 2002 until I retired in 2008 as elementary principal.

God has been faithful to me all these years and has blessed me time and time again by bringing just the right leaders into my life at just the right time. Over these past 50 years it has been my privilege to watch Xenia Christian grow from those early years of adding one new grade each year to Legacy Christian Academy, an academic and spiritual leader in the community, the entire area, and even to the regions beyond. "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church (our school) by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3: 20 and 21).

## Hall of Fame Honoree

### **JIM PRESTON**



#### **Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track 1993–Present=25 years**

Jim Preston had a front row seat as a board member during the school's transition from Emmanuel Baptist Church to the alliance with Dayton Christian. He says, "We were so thankful and appreciative for the way Dayton Christian stepped in."

Although Jim has had helpers and assistants over the years, he has been the constant coach of cross country and track every year since the program was started in 1993. "The reason I started the program was because my girls were not any good at volleyball!!!" How many times have we heard over the years "Coach Preston was like a Dad to me"?

When asked what is his favorite memory, he replied, "Too many to tell", but there were two that stood out:

Bobby Komisarski ran a 48-second quarter to win the 4-by-4 at the state meet in 2003!

Or how about when he looked at Robin Norman and said, "That little girl is going to be famous!" He was talking about Paralympic Gold Medalist Grace Norman.

Jim is a fun, no-nonsense guy, but remembers the time he was checking out the elementary field day and got in trouble by Principal Dunstan for letting Casey Surls run with the big kids. Though a little embarrassed, he knew he made the right call as Casey won the race anyhow!

Jim has nothing but praise to the Lord and considers his life – his work, wife Marylou, girls Christa and Claire, all of it – an absolute joy. He has been living the good life for 70 years and sees no reason to stop now!

## Hall of Fame Honoree **ROBERT COLANER**



Prior to teaching music full-time at Legacy Christian Academy and Xenia Christian School, Mr. Colaner was the administrator hired in 1993 by Bud Schindler to lead the annexation of the Xenia Christian School campus when it became part of Dayton Christian. He remained principal there for nine years, while continuing to teach some music classes.

Mr. Colaner has been a music educator for over 40 years, having started out as a public school music teacher. His elementary music classes perform two cantatas each year, including much original material. Currently he directs all of the choral and orchestral string ensembles in grades 5-12 at Legacy Christian Academy, but over the years has done everything pertaining to music. Choral and/or orchestral ensembles that he has prepared are accustomed to receiving "superior" ratings each year at Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Adjudicated Events.

Mr. Colaner is married to Barbara (41 years), and has three grown and married children and seven grandchildren. Mrs. Colaner taught for 7 years at Xenia Christian and currently is office manager at Emmanuel Baptist Church: all their children graduated from Xenia Christian. As part of Emmanuel Baptist Church's outreach, Mr. and Mrs. Colaner provide music for monthly chapel services at Legacy Assisted Living and Elmcroft Assisted Living in Xenia.

He was selected in 2014 and 2015 to lead city-wide Christmas caroling during the Xenia Hometown Christmas event. The Xenia Area Association of Churches and Ministries appointed him to organize and conduct a city choir in a celebration honoring the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for 2016, 2017, and 2018. He twice served as clergy for civic events during the NFL Professional Football Hall of Fame Induction weekend in Canton, Ohio.

Everyone loves Mr. Colaner. His love for the kids and his pursuit of excellence is obvious. He has had many occasions as administrator, leader, program organizer, and musician to "save the school" to fill the gap, to make sure things went as they should. People always come away from an encounter with Mr. Colaner knowing (again) the school is in good hands!

# Legacy Arts and Worship Center Auditorium Project



The body of Christ comes together to refurbish, restore, improve, and make our auditorium a centerpiece of our school, our mission, and our community.

**\$800,000 project includes the following:**

|                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Roof</b>                        | <b>\$70,000 – Done!</b> |
| <b>Bathrooms</b>                   | <b>\$70,000</b>         |
| <b>Curtains</b>                    | <b>\$35,000</b>         |
| <b>Air Conditioning</b>            | <b>\$140,000</b>        |
| <b>Front Doors</b>                 | <b>\$30,000</b>         |
| <b>Chairs</b>                      | <b>\$225,000</b>        |
| <b>Stage lights and sound</b>      | <b>\$50,000</b>         |
| <b>Windows, concrete and foyer</b> | <b>\$100,000</b>        |
| <b>Boiler/basement</b>             | <b>\$80,000</b>         |

Giving includes name recognition and honoring the mission of the school.

The foyer will include displays of artwork, mission statements, and commitment to God's Word, while also honoring our Gold and Navy level donors along with the Wall of Distinction for those honored for their service and accomplishments.





We are praying for:

- 1 Gold level donor at \$100,000 (includes auditorium chairs)
- 10 Navy level donors of \$10,000 or more (includes auditorium chairs)
- 750 chairs at \$800 (name plate and verse)

We are praying for our masses, those connected to our school, those who believe in what we are doing to fulfill the cost of the project by investing in an auditorium chair for \$800. When we are able to get 750 chair sponsors we will have the \$600,000 needed to turn our auditorium into the showcase venue in Greene county for musicals, plays, speaker series, and other community gatherings.

Think about the glory and testimony to the Lord to have a first-class facility – a hub for what God is doing and will continue to do for the next fifty years!!

Pick up a form. Give now. Give monthly. Use a credit card. Give online. Join the body of Christ and make the Legacy Arts and Worship Center a reality. How wonderful to see what God can do when everyone does their part!

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Gold Level Donor                 | \$100,000 |
| 10 Navy Level Donors at \$10,000 | \$100,000 |
| 750 chairs at \$800 each         | \$600,000 |
| (Join others to buy a chair)     |           |
| Total project                    | \$800,000 |





**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
from the Knowles Family!**

*Heather (2004)*

*Cheryl (2006)*

*David (2008)*

*Laura (2011)*

*Eric (2017)*

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