

Legacy Life

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What a fantastic year it has been! The Lord has shown Himself good again and again and again. I have been reminded this year that God's goodness is not limited to "good" seasons, rather, His goodness extends to all times. In fact, our response to God in difficult seasons often reveals the depth of his goodness.

We have focused on God's goodness a lot this year at Legacy. Our theme verse was Nahum 1:7, "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him" (ESV). We have experienced the tension of living in a difficult season while still seeing God's goodness in our own lives as a school community, as well. This past spring has been full of both joy and struggle.

Mr. Brian Fecher, Legacy's secondary principal, who started serving here in January 2023, received a terminal cancer diagnosis in February. He passed away this spring from his battle with cancer. As I walked alongside Mr. Fecher this spring, I was continually humbled by the depth of his faith in the Lord, his desire to serve at Legacy as long as God gave him breath and strength to do so, and his unwavering trust that God remains on His throne regardless of circumstances.

Brian knew our Savior, Jesus. He treasured time with the Lord each morning and loved both the Word of God and the students/families and faculty/staff at Legacy.



When I met Mr. Fecher in the fall of 2022, I knew immediately I had found a friend, a teammate, and a kindred spirit. He and I reflected on that moment multiple times across the spring. Even though our time on earth together has come to an end, I have learned so much from Mr. Fecher. He has made an indelible and lasting impact on our student body as well. I pray that Mr. Fecher's legacy inspires students to pursue God and love others – just as Mr. Fecher demonstrated on a daily basis. What a blessing for our school community to have had the opportunity to know someone like Mr. Fecher. As he would say, "Hallelujah!"

So, just as I began this brief note, I will repeat: What a fantastic year it has been! The Lord has shown himself good again and again and again. Our trust and faith in our good God cannot be shaken, for our trust in God's goodness is not a result of our circumstances. God is good.

-Dr. Emery Nickerson, Head of School

Life at Legacy



The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe: This year's Junior High play was "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe". Audience members enjoyed the show by sitting on stage, surrounding the actors in a "theater in the round" seating arrangement.

Fiddler on the Roof: On April 20th-22nd, Legacy High School students performed the classic musical, "Fiddler on the Roof".



Science Fair: This year LCA 4th-6th grade students participated in the school's first Science Fair since 2017. Students chose the topic that they researched and presented their projects to family, other LCA students, and a panel of judges.

Day of Service: PK-12th grade students participated in LCA's annual Day of Service in late April.

Elementary Spring Concerts: The LCA elementary choir, band, and orchestra students performed their Spring pieces at their respective Spring Concerts in early May.



Spring Sports: This winter was an exciting season for Legacy sports! Legacy's Girls Varsity Basketball team won the Metro Buckeye Conference and Wrestling team won the State Championship for the 3rd year in a row. This spring, Legacy students are playing baseball, softball, tennis, and participating in track and field.



Upcoming Events

JH/HS Spring Concert: Join us on Saturday, May 13th, at 3pm to enjoy the secondary students' Spring performance.

Kindergarten Graduation: Kindergarteners will be graduating from Kindergarten on May 18th. We are so excited for them as they look ahead towards elementary school next year!

HS Graduation: Legacy seniors will graduate from High School on May 25th. Graduation will be held at 7pm at First Baptist Church Kettering (3939 Swigart Rd, Beavercreek, OH). We are proud of them for all of the hard work that has led up to this accomplishment. Congratulations, Class of 2023!



Theater

This year's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" was extra special as we celebrated Ken Kettering's final production at Legacy Christian Academy. Ken

has directed 41 shows (including Fiddler) during his time at Legacy. Ken's repertoire has spanned between serious dramas such as "Bridge of Blood" to light-hearted and fantastical shows like "Beauty and the Beast". We are thankful for Ken and his years of service to the LCA students and community! Thank you to all who came out to celebrate Ken and support the students' hard work on this performance.

Legacy Athletics

God has blessed LCA with another successful 2022-23 athletic year. The fall season was a first ever for LCA with both the girls varsity soccer team and the boys varsity soccer team finishing first in the Metro Buckeye Conference. We also



got to cheer on Junior Ben Rodriguez as he qualified to run in the OHSAA Cross Country State Meet. Things didn't slow down in the winter season. The girls varsity basketball team won their sixth straight Metro Buckeye Conference championship. The varsity wrestling team also won their third straight OHSAA State Championship! All six of our wrestlers who competed at the State tournament placed, with Junior Dillon Campbell earning his third State Individual Championship. Spring athletes continue to compete on the fields, the courts, and at the track. We're looking forward to cheering some of them on at the OHSAA tournaments.

The biggest "success" this past year has been seeing the growth of the student athletes as they train and compete. Each coach challenged their teams to grow physically, mentally, and spiritually. God has blessed LCA with great coaches who are *Equipping Leaders for Christ* as they lead their teams. We've also started an FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Bible study that meets before school once a week. It has



been a blessing to have a core group of student athletes and coaches committed to come early to school so they can grow in their faith together. We're so thankful to God for His continued blessings to LCA's athletic programs!

-Bev Moser, Athletic Director

Teacher Focus

Mrs. Rebecca Kensinger



Mrs. Rebecca Kensinger is completing her first year as a 6th grade teacher at LCA this month. Mrs. Kensinger isn't just a teacher at Legacy though, she is a Legacy alumna too! Mrs. Kensinger shares that the Legacy

campus feels like home to her because of her history here – she was a student here, she met her husband at Legacy, and her dad works for Athletes in Action (AIA), which shares the campus with LCA. Mrs. Kensinger's favorite thing about being back at Legacy as a teacher is building relationships with students and seeing them get excited to talk about their faith.

The spiritual emphasis of LCA is also one of the biggest reasons Mrs. Kensinger is excited to continue working here. She appreciates that the school administration and board focus on spiritual growth for the entire Legacy community – students, families, and employees. Mrs. Kensinger has felt the intentionality of the administration during her first year at LCA. She is thankful for the ways they have worked to support and grow teachers, which in turn helps teachers better support and grow students.

When asked what God has been teaching her recently, Mrs. Kensinger shares that she is learning to stop asking God to accomplish her will. She is learning instead to ask for God to align her heart to His. Mrs. Kensinger elaborates that this distinction is important because our definition of good isn't always God's definition of good.

We are thankful for Mrs. Kensinger and her commitment to the LCA students and community!

-Taylor Brooks, Multimedia Communication & Marketing Coordinator

Alumni Highlight

Melissa Merritt

Meet Melissa Merritt! Melissa attended Legacy when it was known by the name Xenia Christian Day School. She began attending the school in 6th grade when her family moved to Xenia and her mom began teaching at the school. Melissa shares that she got to see the teachers live their faith authentically in the classroom and outside of it at XC/LCA because of the community feel of the school. Along with a mission trip she went on through the school, the authenticity of teachers helped her learn how to put her faith into action. The teachers at the school also helped her learn that God sees her and knows her intimately and personally. These lessons have stuck with Melissa since she graduated.



Following her graduation in 1996, she attended and graduated from Cedarville University, where she also met her husband. After graduating from college, Melissa began working as a nurse in downtown Dayton. She and her husband began raising their children while still in Dayton, until it was time to decide where their oldest would attend school. Ultimately, they decided to move and enroll their oldest at XC/LCA because they wanted to have confidence in knowing what their kids would be told when they asked teachers difficult questions about the world around them. Along with being the parent of XC/LCA students, Melissa has also served on the school board. She decided to serve on the board because of her history with the school – as an alumna of the school and a former teacher's kid, she felt a strong sense of responsibility to help care for the faculty and school community during its transition from Xenia Christian to Legacy Christian Academy. This May, Melissa's youngest will graduate from LCA and she will finish her time on the school board. As she and her family transition into a new season of life, she is excited to see the school continue to grow and thrive!

-Taylor Brooks, Multimedia Communication & Marketing Coordinator

Advancement at Legacy Christian Academy

Gala 2023 Recap: Legacy students entertained and served Gala attendees this spring. We enjoyed singing, instrumental performances, testimonies, and the delightful *Matchmaker* scene from the spring school musical, "Fiddler on the Roof"! Legacy's student senate and other student volunteers did a great job serving dinner and helping to clean up. It truly was a wonderful evening that brought together Legacy stakeholders to celebrate how God is *Equipping Leaders for Christ* through Legacy Christian Academy. This year, about \$28,000 was given or pledged toward enhancements to our auditorium. A significant amount of those funds will be added to the \$60,000 we already have on hand and earmarked to replace the seating in our auditorium. If you would like to add to this fund, donations can be made by following the QR code to the left. Thank you for your consideration, and thank you to all those who joined us at this year's Gala!



Day of Service: This year's Day of Service was April 28. Day of Service is a unique day in which our entire student body engages in acts of service to the community. We seek to model the value and importance of serving others to our students while blessing local churches, ministries, organizations, and individuals. Elementary students participate in age-appropriate learning and service activities with their class for a half day. Our middle and high school students serve the entire school day with their year-long small group.

Brian F. Fecher Memorial Scholarship Fund: This endowed memorial fund honors our secondary principal, Mr. Brian Fecher, who impacted Legacy Christian Academy families through his love, service and ministry. If you would like to give to this fund, follow the QR code to the right.



-Brian Ray, Director of Development