



Metro Christian Academy  
**OUR TIME**  
1983-2008





# OUR MISSION

Providing, in partnership with involved parents, an accredited college preparatory education that is founded on biblical principles, cultivates Christian character and equips students to excel academically, spiritually, physically and socially.



## **Deuteronomy 32:2**

*"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." NIV*

# OUR CORE VALUES

## ✚ Compassion

We are a community that supports and cares for others

## ✚ Honesty

We are truthful and forthright in word and deed

## ✚ Respect

We treat each other with dignity and consideration

## ✚ Integrity

We uphold Christian principles

## ✚ Service

We honor God through service to the community

## ✚ Trust

We have faith in each other and in God's purpose

# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER



**B**y now you may have seen some of the promotional information regarding our capital campaign for Metro Christian Academy. I hope that you read the literature carefully to acquaint yourself with the goals and objectives of the campaign.

During the 2007-2008 school year, we celebrate our 25th anniversary. As we look back across the years, we are thankful for the told and untold ways that God has touched the lives of countless students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators, friends and benefactors. The world is a better place because of Metro Christian Academy and its ministry since 1983.

This milestone also invites us to look ahead to Metro's future. In order to fulfill our mission, we must continue to strive for improvement and to address the needs of our school. We are now entering into a five-year capital campaign to obtain the funds necessary for these improvements.

Twenty-five years ago, a group of parents and educators took a leap of faith and founded Metro Christian Academy. They recognized the need to create a non-denominational school focused on Christian values and sacrificed to make it happen. We are calling upon our loyal alumni, parents, friends and supporters to make a similar sacrifice by making a significant and meaningful investment in the future of our school.

We are part of an exciting and dynamic time at Metro Christian Academy. It is my hope that our latest endeavor continues to bless the Metro Christian community with the legacy of His spirit. I look forward to your partnership in this important and meaningful effort.

Serving Him,

*Tim Cameron*

Tim Cameron, Headmaster

*"We are proud to be part of the Metro family and appreciate how much our kids continue to be blessed. As Metro turns twenty-five, it gives all of us an opportunity to invest in making Metro better in the years ahead."*

*Hans and Lea Helmerich  
Honorary Chairs*





Senior Day, 1984

*“What those families and educators did twenty-five years ago was remarkable. Because of their dedication and foresight, so many children and families have benefited from the Christian education Metro provides. Today, we have that same opportunity. An opportunity for this generation of parents and leaders to move Metro beyond the next 25 years. An opportunity that ensures Metro will continue to meet the needs of this and future generations of faculty and students.”*

*Jack and Lisa Charvat  
General Chairs*



2006 Graduates

## OUR HISTORY

Twenty five years ago, a group of parents and educators took a leap of faith and established a non-denominational school where educators partnered with involved parents to provide a Christian education based on biblical principles. They established Metro Christian Academy.

- 1983 Metro Christian Academy opens its doors as a non-denominational school focused on Christian values. Enrollment was 490 students from Kindergarten through 12th grades. Dr. Rod Goodsell is the first Headmaster. There are 46 members of the first faculty and staff.
- 1984 Metro receives State Accreditation. First class graduates 43 seniors.
- 1985 The Diagnostic Instruction Center is added.
- 1987 The football stadium is built.
- 1988 Metro adds the K-4 Early Childhood program. Enrollment increases to 820.
- 1989 The Early Childhood program expands to include Pre-K3
- 1996 The *Onward Metro Christian* campaign allows Metro to purchase the building from Tulsa Public Schools. 62 seniors graduate.
- 1998 Tim Cameron appointed as headmaster.
- 2001 The basement is partially renovated to house the middle school.
- 2002 The early childhood wing is remodeled.
- 2004 Phase II of the basement renovation is completed.
- 2007 The auditorium is renovated.

Metro Christian Academy has had significant academic and athletic accomplishments over the past twenty-five years, but the school remains most proud of an unwavering dedication to its mission.

# OUR GOALS

From the beginning of our strategic planning discussion in 2004, it was clear that facility enhancements were critical to the future of Metro Christian Academy. Feedback from focus groups and the recent feasibility study told us that we needed additional facilities to ease the overcrowding in key areas of the school and to provide the space needed to enhance our program offerings.

## **Celebration Goal: \$4.1 million**

Reaching our *Celebration Goal* will allow us to complete the projects identified as the highest priority on the feasibility study. It will also mean that we raised \$1.6 million more than we ever raised in the past. **We certainly want to celebrate that!**

### ***Replace the roof and repair damaged areas | \$1,000,000***

We will replace the roof to prevent further damage to the building. This project also includes replacing damaged ceilings and floorings in several parts of the building caused by last year's roof leaks. We are exploring options that could decrease the cost of this project. If we can replace the roof and do the other repairs for under \$1 million, we would also like to make the following capital improvements:

- Complete the security fencing, including the area around the baseball fields on the east side of the campus (\$75,000).
- Complete the Trenton Avenue entrance by constructing a new brick guard building and installing a sliding metal gate (\$75,000).
- Make other capital improvements as possible.



Learning Center Commons Area

### ***Basement Renovation | \$470,000***

Complete the final phase of the basement renovation by moving the weight room to the recently completed Lillibridge-Lanoue Athletic Center and constructing two classrooms and offices, a work area, and a restroom for the middle school staff.

### ***Multipurpose Building | \$1,155,000***

Build a new 6,800 sq. ft. multipurpose room for use by all students. This facility will provide lunchroom space and additional gym space, which will ease the demand on the overburdened common areas within the school. This building will also allow the school to consider adding volleyball as a varsity sport.

### ***New Track and Field Complex | \$750,000***

Build a new track complex around the football field to support our track and field teams and other conditioning programs.

### ***Fall Campaign | \$200,000***

We will forego the Fall Campaign in the 2007-2008 school year while the capital campaign is ongoing. We will resume the Fall Campaign in the 2008-2009 school year. Money raised from the Fall Campaign is used for operating expenses and helps the school balance its operating budget.



Multipurpose Building

### ***Campaign Fees and Expenses | \$275,000***

Printing, postage, video production, supplies and professional fees and expenses.

## Challenge Goal: \$6.75 million

Reaching our *Challenge Goal* of \$6.75 million will allow us to complete the following additional projects.

### Learning Center | \$2,150,000

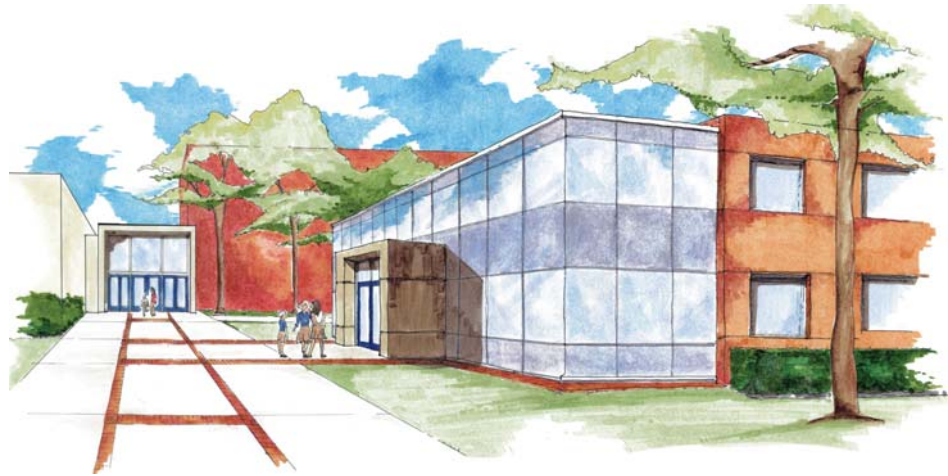
We will build a new 11,000 sq. ft. learning center on the east side of the school in the grassy area. This building will contain 8-10 classrooms, which will allow us to move classes currently being held in very small spaces into larger, more appropriate-sized rooms. This building could be converted to a new library in the future. Completion of this building will also mean that all teachers have a permanent classroom.

### Endowment | \$500,000

\$500,000 will be added to our existing \$1 million endowment – a 50% increase. Increasing our endowment by 50% would provide between \$25,000 to \$50,000 annually to be used for ongoing needs including maintenance and repair of our current facilities, scholarships/tuition assistance, and program/teacher development.

*“It is really an exciting time for us as a school, when we consider the endless possibilities of what we can accomplish with these improvements.”*

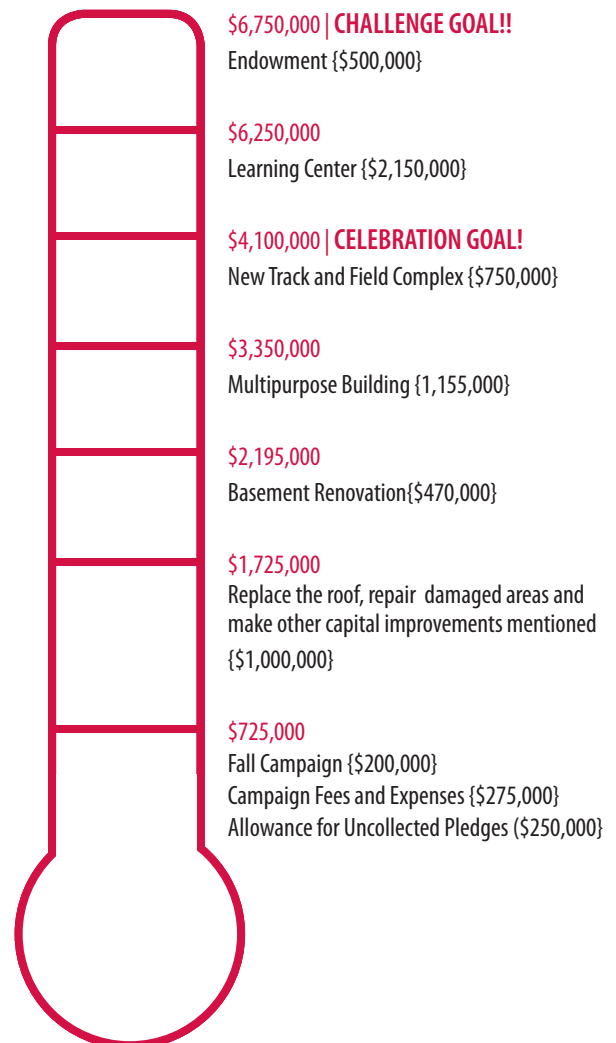
Bob Beard  
Middle School Principal



Learning Center Exterior

## Priority of Funding

While we can't say with 100% certainty until the campaign is complete, it is our intent to fund projects as shown in the campaign thermometer. The board of trustees will make the final decision after consultations with the headmaster and campaign steering committee. We will begin construction of a project when we have the money in the bank.



# BUDGETING YOUR GIFT

As you personally gauge the level of support that you will provide to our campaign, the following information is provided to help you prayerfully consider your gift.

5 Year Pledge	Annually	Semiannually	Quarterly	Monthly
\$100,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$1,667
\$50,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$833
\$25,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$417
\$10,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$167
\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$83
\$2,500	\$500	\$250	\$125	\$42
\$1,000	\$200	\$100	\$50	\$17



## LEVELS OF SUPPORT NEEDED

*for Challenge Goal*

Investment Level	Number of Gifts Needed	Subtotal	Cumulative Total
\$1,000,000	1	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
\$500,000	2	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
\$250,000	4	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000
\$100,000	8	\$800,000	\$3,800,000
\$50,000	15	\$750,000	\$4,550,000
\$25,000	30	\$750,000	\$5,300,000
\$10,000	50	\$500,000	\$5,800,000
\$5,000	65	\$325,000	\$6,125,000
\$2,500	80	\$200,000	\$6,325,000
\$1,000	275	\$275,000	\$6,600,000
Less than \$1,000	300	\$150,000	\$6,750,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>829</b>		<b>\$6,750,000</b>

# CHARITABLE GIVING INFORMATION

Selecting the best gift plan depends on your personal financial situation and goals. As you make your decision regarding your pledge, please remember that your pledge payments are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Because tax laws are always changing and each family is unique, you are encouraged to consult with financial advisors to determine which method of contributing is most beneficial for you.

**Cash:** The most common method to make a charitable gift is to contribute cash. Donations to qualified charities such as Metro Christian Academy could cost you much less when you file your income taxes. For example, if you make a \$2,500 gift before December 31, and you are in the 28 percent tax bracket, you will save \$700 in taxes. These benefits do not take into account the reduction in state taxes.

**Securities:** Making a gift of appreciated stock is one of the most advantageous forms of giving. For example, if you donate stock that you purchased for \$2,000 more than 12 months ago, and it is now worth \$10,000, you get a deduction for the full \$10,000 and a tax savings of \$2,800 (28% marginal tax bracket). In addition, you avoid the capital gains tax on the appreciation of the stock. The capital gains savings at a combined 20 percent rate is \$1,440. Your total tax savings is \$4,240.

**Real Estate:** Gifts of appreciated real estate are similar to gifts of appreciate stock. If you have owned the real estate for 12 months or more, you will avoid capital gains taxes and may deduct the fair market value of the real estate.

**Life Insurance:** You may donate to the campaign by making Metro Christian Academy the beneficiary, or partial beneficiary, of your insurance policy.

**Individual Retirement Accounts:** The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allowed owners of traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs to contribute funds from their IRA to a charitable organization and avoid the normal taxes associated with withdrawing the funds. The following information applies:

- You must be 70 ½ or older on the date of the contribution to the charity.
- You may contribute up to \$100,000
- This rule is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2007, but congress is currently considering an extension.

**We encourage all donors to consider a 10% initial payment to begin your commitment.**



*"What I enjoy most about Metro is the community we have here. I have a lot of great friends. I know the teachers care about me. It is really special to come everyday and know people are looking out for me and really care about me, that's really special."*

*Ryan Schooley  
Class of 2008*

# NAMING OPPORTUNITIES



A Donor Recognition Wall in a prominent location will recognize gifts to the campaign above \$1,000. There will be appropriately named categories for gifts from:

\$1,000 - \$4,999

\$5,000 - \$14,999

\$15,000 - \$24,999

\$25,000 - \$49,999

\$50,000 - \$99,999

\$100,000 - \$249,000

\$250,000 - \$499,999

\$500,000 - \$999,999

\$1,000,000 and above

*"I have always believed that the greatest legacy we can have as parents, teachers and Christians is the meaningful impact we have on our children. I am proud to serve as an Honorary Chair for Metro Christian Academy's **OUR**TIME capital campaign."*

*Dr. Wanda Hartman  
Honorary Chair*

## Commemorative Opportunities

Metro Christian Academy has opportunities to create lasting tributes to family and friends. The campaign commemorative opportunities below offer the chance to remember someone important in your life and to make a difference for the students of tomorrow.

Learning Center: *\$1,500,000*

Multipurpose Building: *\$1,000,000*

Track and Field Complex: *\$500,000*

First Floor of Learning Center: *\$250,000*

Second Floor of Learning Center: *\$250,000*

Classrooms (10): *\$100,000 each*

Learning Center Commons Area: *\$100,000*

Teachers' Work Area (2): *\$50,000 each*

Conference Room: *\$50,000*

Principal's Office: *\$50,000*

Counselor's Office: *\$50,000*

Named Endowment (Financial Aid):  
*\$50,000 to \$250,000*

Named Endowment (DIC):  
*\$50,000 to \$250,000*

Named Endowment (Maintenance Fund):  
*\$50,000 to \$250,000*

Named Endowment (Staff/Program  
Development): *\$50,000 to \$250,000*

# CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

## ***HONORARY CHAIRS***

Dr. Wanda Hartman  
Hans and Lea Helmerich  
Steve Largent

## ***GENERAL CHAIRS***

Kevin and Debbie Brown  
Jack and Lisa Charvat  
Robert and Carrie Zoellner

## ***CORPORATE/FOUNDATION CHAIRS***

David Blankenship  
David Kollmann  
Scott Lewis

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Tim and Cathy Carney  
Darryl and Julie Christner  
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Clayton and Gina Hughes  
Glenn and Renee Lanoue  
Robert and Leslie Mattax  
Henry and Laurie Penix  
Mike and Mary Anne Pierce  
Matt and Renee Pride  
Holly and Corbin Roush  
Bob and Kay Skaggs  
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