

First Baptist Christian School Families,

God has once again poured out his blessing upon us in more ways that we could have imagined. His choice to have us cover the school leadership in house has lead to an increased effectiveness in our education paradigm. We have strengthened our plan to help struggling students and next year we will be offering ACP for certain (Advance to College Program) courses.

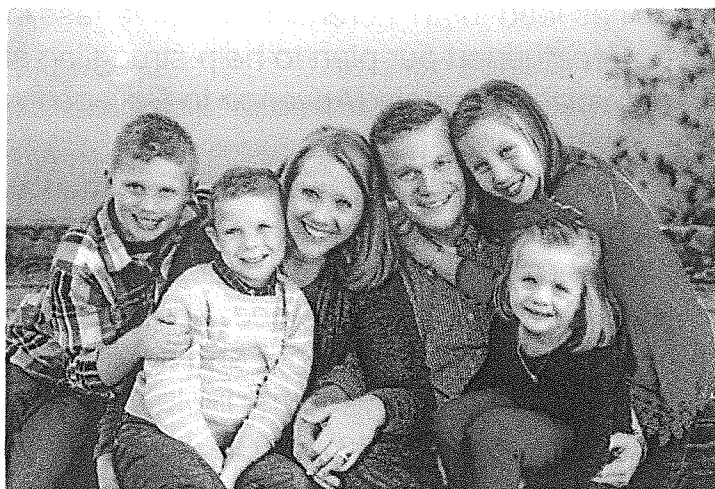
You have patiently awaited the announcement of our new school administrator that was hired last July. I am pleased to announce that Mr. Ken Seest will be the next administrator at First Baptist Christian School. Mr. Seest holds an M.A. in Christian School Administration from Clarks Summit University (formerly Baptist Bible College) and holds a B.S in Bible and Secondary Education from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College with emphasis in history and minor in science. Mr. Seest has been teaching in the Christian school classroom since 1988 and was a school administrator for fifteen of those years. Most recently he has been serving at East Moline Christian School in East Moline, Illinois. Under his direction the schools where has served have increased numerical and technologically. Mr. Seest will be a valuable addition to the First Baptist Christian School Faculty and will serve as the Minister of Education on the staff of First Baptist Church. Mr. Seest enjoys spending time with family and friends. He enjoys playing sports, visiting historical places, and spending time outdoors to fish, hunt, and garden. One of the great qualities about Mr. Seest is his passion to see the students grow to look like their Savior.



A picture of the Seest family at the recent wedding of his daughter. Mr. Seest pictured on the far right.

We have also seen the provision of the Lord in supplying a new teacher for the second grade. After seventeen years of faithful service at First Baptist Christian School, Mrs. Jan Green will be retiring. She is a gifted teacher, and more importantly is a wonderful servant of the Christ. While we will be saying more about Mrs. Green's retirement at a future date, her wealth of knowledge and kingdom focus will be very difficult to replace. However God, in his gracious provision, has blessed us with a wonderful new second grade teacher, Melanie Davis. Mrs. Davis graduated from Maranatha Baptist University in 2001 with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in early childhood. Part of her

college student teaching was done here at First Baptist with Mrs. Donna Toms. Melanie taught in Christian schools in IL, VA, and OH for six years before becoming a stay at home mom. The past four years she spent as a homeschool teacher. Melanie loves the opportunities teaching in a Christian school gives her to impact student lives, not only academically, but also spiritually. Being able to point students to Christ in every area of their life is an incredible responsibility and privilege. Melanie enjoys adding a creative twist to teaching while making learning interactive and hands on. She is looking forward to working with students here at First Baptist and helping them to be molded into what God wants them to be. While change is inevitable, it is wonderful to know that the God who does not change has provided once again in ways that far surpass our expectation. This provides us with excitement and hope at what lies before us.



The Davis Family

Lastly one of our current students Kris Dixon recently lost his home and possessions in a tragic house fire. It is our desire to help and if you would like to play a part we as a school will be collecting money to give him for new clothing. Simply send a letter to the school office marked accordingly. We want to teach our students to demonstrate the love of Christ to one another and bear one another burdens

Every blessing to you.

Your Servant,

Pastor