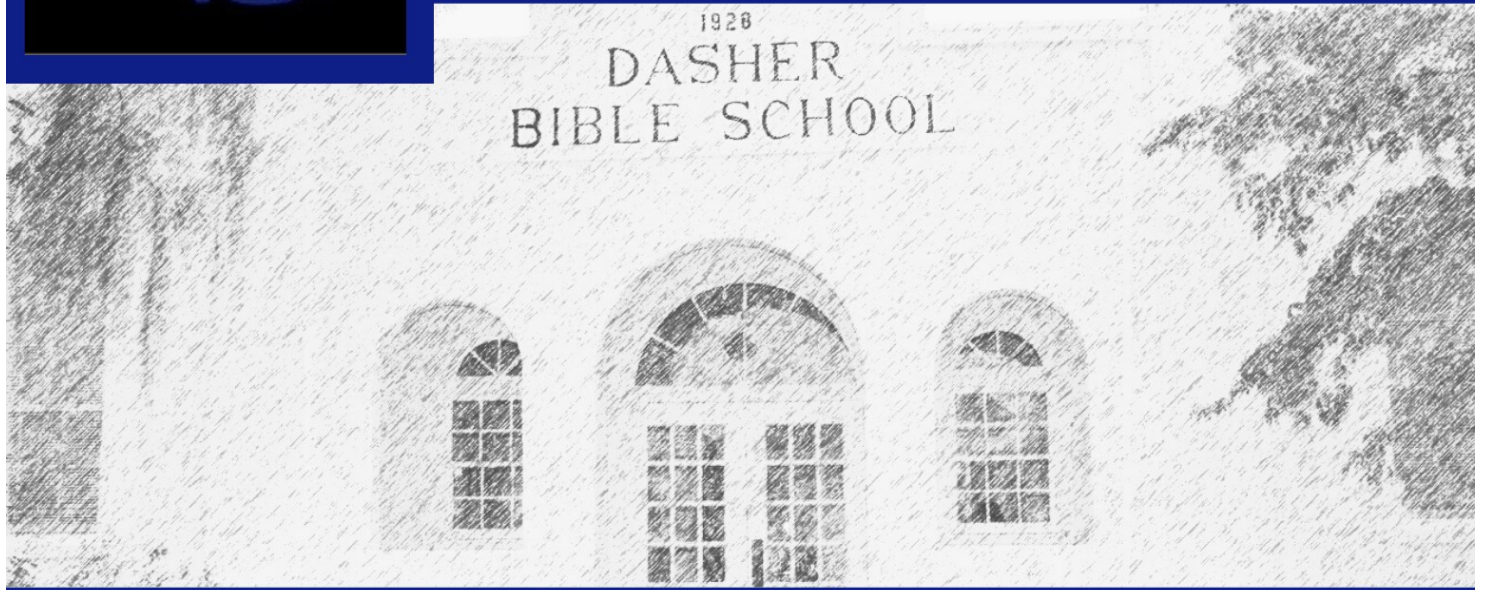


THE GENERAL TIMES

GCS Alumni Association Newsletter



HAPPY 50TH REUNION TO THE CLASSES OF 1973, 1974, & 1975!

by Alumni Director Julie Dykes

The Georgia Christian School classes of 1973, 1974, and 1975 joined together for a 50th Reunion weekend over Homecoming full of good food, fun, and fellowship. Thanks to coordinators Jason Wisenbaker ('73), Lisa Force Lang ('74), Cathy Cone Malone ('73), and Leigh Carter ('74), a great number of all three classes attended the dinner and football game on Friday, October 27.



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The dinner, held in Georgia Christian's cafeteria, featured a presentation of photos, Pine Embers yearbooks, a trivia game with prizes, and a presentation from Dr. Brad Lawson on improvements made to the school. A touching memorial tribute table to classmates who had been lost was also featured during the dinner. Dr. Lawson offered free admission to the Generals football game to all reunion alumni.

On Saturday, a few of the alumni reconvened for a tour of the school to see what updates had been made and to take a walk down memory lane.

We plan to see the 50th reunion group again at **Blue & White Weekend**, where we hope to see all of our Alumni, **December 15-16!**

If your class is interested in planning a class reunion, let us know! We would love to host it, and we would be happy to help you coordinate and plan it.



PRESIDENTIAL GIVING CLUB MEMBERS

~President J.P. Prevatt ('15) Level - \$100/month (\$1200/year)

Cynthia Watts ('65)
Cleta Colson-Eyre ('80)
Kevin Pittman (Board)

PRESIDENTIAL GIVING CLUB UPDATE

The Presidential Giving Club is one of the newest and easiest ways to give back to Georgia Christian School. It allows you to "set it and forget it". You choose your level, make a commitment, and FACTS Giving does the rest. For as little as the cost of that Starbuck's cup of coffee each month, you can help make a difference at GCS! Your gift can really add up! And did I mention that your President Giving Club Gift takes the place of your Alumni dues? It does! Join today...

~President W.O. Norton ('39) Level - \$75/month (\$900/year)
~President Lacy Elrod ('46) Level - \$50/month (\$600/year)

~President Prewitte "Brother C" Copeland ('53) Level - \$25/month (\$300/year)
Dr. Sondra Wilcox ('54)
Sarah K. Copeland ('48)
Julie Dykes (Faculty/Staff)
Michelle Iturralde (Faculty/Staff)
Dr. Brad Lawson (President)

~President William J. Long ('61) Level - \$15/month (\$180/year)

ALUMNI NEWS

IN LOVING MEMORY

GARY COLSON ('52)
J.C. McMULLEN ('58)
MIKE HAMM ('75)

2008

BENJAMIN NELSON - new twins Bowen Eric and Kinsey Renee 11/15/23

2010

MATT MCCOY - married Dana Ricciardi 10/13/23
ASHLEY TOMLINSON ALBRIGHT - expecting
JOSH THOMPSON - won more than \$64,000 in cash and prizes on Wheel of Fortune

2012

REBEKAH SWILLEY ANGLEA - new baby Scottie Layne 10/23/23

2013

DILLON GREENE - engaged to Ellen Marie Stebbins 11/12/23

2014

KYLE WATKINS - Lake Park Church of Christ Evangelism Director

2017

MARK ALLEN CANADA - engaged 11/12/23
PRESLEY DYE - accepted into Physician Assistant Studies Program, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

2019

SAVANNAH CARTER - student teaching at Lowndes Middle School
ANNIE EILDERS - engaged to Boston Guthrie ('18) 9/22/23
KATIE GUEST - Top Sales Associate for October, Rugs A Bound

2021

SAVANNAH HORTON - Walk to End Alzheimer's Team Canopy

IF YOU HAVE NEWS, OR KNOW ANY NEWS ABOUT ALUMNI OF GEORGIA CHRISTIAN, PLEASE CONTACT US AT GCSALUMNI@GEORGIACHRISTIAN.ORG OR AT 229-559-5131 OR REACH OUT TO US ON SOCIAL MEDIA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

GCS NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know that a named scholarship can be created for as little as \$10,000? See pg. 6 of this newsletter for more details...

~Coppage/Lester Scholarship (Established '22)
~Jack & Gwen Brogden Scholarship (Established '20)
~Tom & Lynn Walker Scholarship (Established '18)
~Mary L. Landis Scholarship (Established '16)
~Paul & Adene Baldwin Scholarship (Established '16)
~Adam McSween Scholarship (Established '16)

~Mary Louise Black Scholarship (Established '15)
~Dr. Donald P. Jouvenaz Scholarship (Established '00)
~Earl Edge Scholarship (Established '00)
~George & Eunice Copeland Scholarship (Established '99)
~Ray Jerkins Scholarship (Established '98)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*Geraldine McLeod Thompson '47
 Sarah Copeland '48
 Patricia Dicks Lester '49
 William J. Long '51
 Pat Avants Bishop '53
 Jo Williamson Guest '53
 Dr. Sondra E. Wilcox '54
 Paul E. Harris '55
 Martha Harris '55
 *Donna Harvey McLeod '55
 *Barbara Wisenbaker Colson '56
 *Jimmy Hightower '57
 *Mary Jean Wisenbaker Armstrong '58
 Julian (Jubie) Copeland '58
 *William Udell '59
 *Harold W. Graham '60
 *Charlie Copeland '62
 *Charles (Termite) Phillips '63
 Judy Jensen McMullen '65
 Elaine Graham Stacy '65
 Cynthia Jean Watts '65
 Lynda Wilkins Lawlor '66
 Brenda Darwin Johnson '67
 Frankie Johnson '67
 *Ellen Conway Williams '67
 *Tommy Williams '67
 Ron Copeland '68
 *Andrew Sykes '68
 *Joan Andrews Winn '68
 *Mike Black '69
 *Patsy Hamm Black '69
 Elaine Black Dilbeck '69
 *Ben Vick '70
 *Jamie Copeland '71
 *Gayle Sterling Lightsey '72
 *Donna Darwin Batchelor '73
 David Louis Branch, III '73
 Cathy Cone Malone '73
 Cleo "Tad" Williams '73
 James Lee Naylor '73
 Lisa Force Lang '74
 Jason Wisenbaker '74
 Ginger Copeland Knowles '76
 Russell Knowles '76
 Cathy Guthrie Lee '76
 *Cindy Guthrie Horne '77
 *Mike Horne '77
 Linda Carol Johnson Brown '78
 Greg Brown '79
 *Kent Copeland '79
 *Tammie Davis Bobbit '79
 Deland Guthrie '79
 Cleta Colson Eyre '80
 Bonnie Barrett Guthrie '80
 *Phillip Guthrie '80
 *Joey Redshaw '81
 *Elsa Copeland Barnes '82
 *Dottie Eckberg Redish '82
 *Connie Colson Guthrie '83
 *Lori Copeland Alley '84
 *Denise Wright Hammitt '84
 Daphne DeWeese Warren '84
 Norma Jean Peterson '86
 Johnny Peterson '86
 *Donald Dawkins '88

*Christy DeWeese Kilcrease '88
 *Jason Chesser '89
 *Lori Dawkins McGuire '90
 Ellis Shiver '90
 *Jon Sykes '90
 *Alison Sykes Cartee '93
 *Michelle Bass Copeland '94
 *Audrey Strange Dawkins '96
 *Melissa Lee England '98
 Patience McMullen Lawson '98
 Nikki Copeland Warren '98
 Sarah Fiveash Wickstrom '00
 *Rebecca Thornhill Garbutt '00
 *Terri Lee Orrell '00
 *Tony "Travis" Taylor, Jr. '00
 *Kristin Horne Blount '01
 Vince Hamm '01
 *Leanne Jenkins Hood '03
 *Heather Cobb Johnson '03
 *Kristin Copeland Dykes '04
 *Lydia Thornhill White '04
 *Nicole Renfro Olbricht '05
 *Morgan Plyler Guthrie '05
 *Katie Colson Plyler '06
 *Nathan Renfro '06
 *ShaCourtney Thomas-Jenkins '06
 *Austin Plyler '07
 *Adam Guthrie '08
 *Sarah Copeland Lynch '09
 *Pamela Brown Kimbrell '10
 *Georgia Thomson '11
 *Augusta Guthrie '12
 *Keaton Bentley '15
 *Morgan Sykes '15
 *Erin Copeland Swilley '16
 *Lauryn Russell '17
 *Lindsey Sykes Redmon '17
 *Emmy Copeland '18
 *Hunter Cardin '19
 *Katie Guest '19
 *Grant Copeland '20
 Kylie Greene Cardin '20
 *Evan Copeland '21
 *Karsyn Black '22
 Drew Horton '22
 Christian Powell '22
 *Tiffany Taylor '23
 Braylon Black '23
 Clancey Carter '23
 Seth Copeland '23
 Casey Crowder '23
 Corbin Evans '23
 Emily Hernandez '23
 Austin Knapp '23
 Reagan Lawson '23
 Lexi Lewis '23
 Katie Moss '23
 Katie Mullins '23
 Jenna Plymel '23
 Heidi Rowan '23
 Kaden Sanders '23
 Ainsley Tucker '23
 Austin Van Ausdall '23
 Liz Walden '23
 Lindsey Warren '23

Destiny Alaniz '24
 Helen Bundrick '24
 Tristan Butler '24
 Stella Cofield '24
 Tristan Corbin '24
 Noah Corbitt '24
 Corbin Delk '24
 AnaGrace Gunsolus '24
 Deacon Hazel '24
 Kayden Hicks '24
 Jonah Houser '24
 Levi Kelley '24
 Jake Kilcrease '24
 Masie Kinsey '24
 Katelyn Kotterman '24
 Makalyn Meyer '24
 Mariana Munoz Palacios '24
 Daniel Naylor '24
 Linh Nguyen '24
 Kaylea Noland '24
 Tanner Rayfield '24
 Kylynn Root '24
 Hunter Shelton '24
 Will Wisenbaker '24
 Elle Shiver '24
 Brad Lawson President
 Kevin Pittman Board
 James Lee Faculty
 Carol Naylor Copeland Faculty
 Carol J. McLeod Faculty
 Julie Dykes Faculty
 Michelle Iturralde Faculty
 *Robert Jeffords Faculty
 *Teresa Jeffords Faculty
 Kim Moss

Join the Alumni Association today!

- Annual Membership Dues: \$25
- Two-Spouse Alumni Rate: \$40
- Recent Graduates (within 4 years of graduation from GCS): \$10

'Tis the Season for a Win at Homecoming



Homecoming week ended at Georgia Christian School with the crowning of a new Homecoming King and Queen at the Generals home game vs. Pataula Charter. With a theme of "'Tis the Season for a Win!", a crowd of well-wishers gathered before the football game on Friday evening, October 27.

This year's Homecoming Court included 9th grade representatives Anthony Alaniz and Jenna McBee, 10th grade representatives James Frazier and Alexa Castillo, 11th Grade representatives Emilee Altman and Cooper Knapp, and all of the Class of 2024.

The Class of 2024 includes senior boys Tristan Butler, Tristan Corbin, Noah Corbitt, Corbin Delk, Deacon Hazel, Jonah Houser, Levi Kelley, Jake Kilcrease, Daniel Naylor, Tanner Rayfield, Hunter Shelton, and Will Wisenbaker. The Class of 2024 includes senior girls Destiny Alaniz, Helen Bundrick, Stella Cofield, AnaGrace Gunsolus, Kayden Hicks, Masie Kinsey, Katelyn Kotterman, Makalyn Meyer, Mariana Munoz Palacios, Linh Nguyen, Kaylea Noland, Kylynn Root, and Elle Shiver.

The Homecoming King and Queen, selected by the student body, are Tanner Rayfield and Helen Bundrick.



Class of 2024 Becomes the First with 100% Participation in the 1914 Society

Congratulations to the Class of 2024, who became the first senior class to achieve 100% participation in the 1914 Society over Homecoming Weekend.

The 1914 Society was created to encourage seniors to join the GCS Alumni Association before they graduate. They are allowed to join at the special rate of \$19.14 and receive special gifts for joining, such as a Centennial Memory Book, a royal blue cord at graduation, and, if 100% of their class joins, a 20-year time capsule.

The Class of 2024 is the first class at GCS to achieve this milestone, and they will receive their 20-year time capsule. Although quite a few members of the class had joined, an anonymous donor generously paid the remaining students' association fees over Homecoming Weekend in order for them to meet this goal. We are so thankful for this gift.

We are so proud of the Class of 2024, and we expect great things from them in the future!



GCS: A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT

Georgia Christian School has survived for 100 years because good people have been willing to give of their means. GCS has been the setting for countless memories of so many people throughout the world. As we stand on the shoulders of those who helped us get this far, we need your help to continue our founders' mission. When you give to our Annual Fund Endowment, our Scholarship Endowment, or towards a capital project, you can be sure that your donation is going to impact children's eternal destiny!

The Betty Louis Draughon Scholarship Endowment was established in 1996 in order to provide annual scholarships to students in need. Since then, several named scholarships have been added to the endowment. If you have wondered how you can help Georgia Christian School continue providing a Christian foundation, please consider a named scholarship. For a minimum gift to the Scholarship Endowment, a plaque of the named scholarship and date established will be added to the recognition piece in the lobby of the high school building. See page 4 of this newsletter for a list of named scholarships currently in place at GCS.

When you give to the Misty Hardin Annual Fund Endowment, you are ensuring that we can keep our tuition affordable, increase our teachers' pay and keep our programs up to date with technology and quality facilities. Our donors expect us to be good stewards of the gifts we receive.

The short and long-range plans of the GCS Board of Directors ensure that we continue to "live within our means" as we grow the school. Your gift will ensure the long-term viability of Georgia Christian School. Knowing the impact that the school has had over the last century, you can be a part of the next 100 years of impacting lives for Christ.

There are several ways to donate to the Misty Hardin Annual Fund Endowment. While cash gifts are the simplest and most common form of giving, gifts of real estate, securities, or insurance are also ways to donate. All of these provide potential tax-deductible savings. This can be accomplished through your estate planning as well.

You may also choose to donate towards capital projects. As improvements are made to the school via capital projects, they are only made possible through the generosity of donors like you. The vision of our leadership has provided measured guidance on our growth capabilities, and every dollar that we raise brings that vision closer to reality. You may learn more about our Strategic Planning for the school by visiting the About Us Tab on the school website, www.georgiachristian.org, then clicking on Master Plan.

Memorial donations can be made online in memory of someone who has passed on or in honor of someone still with us. On the school website, www.georgiachristian.org, click on the Giving Tab and follow the link to Online Giving to find out more.

