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Dr. Rochelle Achuff, Professor, Pensacola Christian Academy, Florida

Having taught at Pensacola Christian Academy for several years, and even serving as the third-grade video teacher at Abeka Academy, Dr. Achuff now teaches education classes at Pensacola Christian College. Infused with a passion for Christian education with a particular focus on the longevity of Christian educators, Dr. Achuff enjoys interacting with her college students and training them to be effective and long-lasting teachers.

Dr. Phil Alsup, Assistant VP of Online and Distance Learning, Maranatha Baptist University, Watertown, WI

Dr. Philip Alsup is the Assistant VP of Online and Distance Learning at Maranatha Baptist University in Watertown, WI, where he also teaches in the School of Education. His background includes K-12 Christian education and administration as well as graduate instruction in Curriculum Design and Educational Research. Phil has authored several publications and is a regular speaker at educator conventions.

Kelly Appell, Perth Bible Christian Academy, 3-6 Grade Teacher, Amsterdam, NY

Kelly graduated from Faith Baptist Bible College in 2005 with a degree in Elementary Education with Middle School and Coaching endorsements. She earned her MAT from Morningside College in 2016 with an endorsement in Talented and Gifted Education. Kelly has spent 12 years teaching elementary and junior high students in a variety of educational settings, from the regular classroom to beginning and directing a TAG program in her former Christian school.

Dr. Alton Beal, President, Ambassador Baptist College, Lattimore, NC

Alton Beal is an evangelist and president of Ambassador Baptist College in Lattimore, NC. In addition to preaching the Gospel for the salvation of souls and the edification of the saints, he has a passion to prepare the next generation for the ministry. His responsibilities in Christian education include administration, teaching, and strategic planning.

John Beck, Teacher, Heritage Christian Academy, Kalamazoo, MI

Mr. Beck is a fifteen-year veteran of high school social studies education at Heritage Christian Academy.

Dan Beerens, Curriculum Trak / Dan Beerens Educational Consulting, Inc.

Dan Beerens is an educational consultant, author, international speaker, and educational leader. He serves as a Senior Fellow at CACE (Center for the Advancement of Christian Education), represents Curriculum Trak sales and professional development, and serves as co-chair of the annual international Christian Deeper Learning conference. He blogs regularly for CACE and is the author of "Evaluating Teachers for Professional Growth: Creating a Culture of Motivation and Learning" (Corwin Press) and "MindShift: Catalyzing Change in Christian Education" (ACSI).

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Mr. Donald Boase, School Administrator, Bethany Christian School, Troy, MI

Donald Boase graduated with a BA degree in Fine Art from Bob Jones University and has earned his Master's in Education from Wayne State University. He has additionally continued his post graduate education, focusing on creativity. For over 25 years Don has been the lead judge for the MACS Junior High Fine Arts Competition visual art categories. He has also conducted Christian school-based art clubs to encourage and support secondary level students' development in visual literacy and is developing a systematic art curriculum for Christian Schools based on a biblical worldview. He has recently taken the position of School Administrator and continues teaching visual arts at the secondary level at Bethany Christian School.

Mackenna Boggs, Teacher, Rochester Hills Christian School, Rochester Hills, MI

Mackenna graduated from Rochester Hills Christian School in 2008 and went on to attend Hyles-Anderson College where she graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor's Degree. For the last 7 years, she has taught a combination of history and English classes at Rochester Hills Christian School and also oversees the school's yearbook department and coordinates MACS academic events / testing.

Heidi Braughler, Math teacher, Maranatha Baptist Academy, Watertown, WI

Heidi Braughler graduated from Maranatha Baptist Bible College in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education, and she earned an MEd from Maranatha Baptist University in 2016. Named Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools 2011 Secondary Teacher of the Year, Braughler speaks frequently at AACS teacher conventions and has presented workshops to teachers from over a dozen states. Braughler's high school classroom is characterized by her enthusiasm, and she enjoys tutoring and mentoring young teachers.

Jim Braughler, Teacher, Maranatha Baptist Academy, Watertown, WI

Jim Braughler, BS and MBA from Maranatha Baptist University, has more than 30 years' experience in Christian Education which is enhanced by 15 plus years in the political arena making his workshops have a full world view. He has also been the WACS Fine Art and Academic coordinator for 15 years as well as numerous civic and community activities. He and his wife are very active in the youth and music ministries of Calvary Baptist Church in Watertown, WI.

Andrew Broere, Assistant School Administrator & Elementary Principal, Fourth Baptist Christian School, Plymouth, MN

Andrew Broere just began as the Assistant School Administrator at Fourth Baptist Christian School in suburban Minneapolis. As an educator of 19 years, he has served as a secondary math teacher for 14 years in both public and private schools. Andrew is passionate about leading Christian education into the 21st century, spearheading efforts to improve the student experience and create a supportive space for teachers to experiment and take risks.

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Pam Brown, English / Speech teacher, Heritage Christian School, Brooklyn, OH

Pam Brown teaches 10th-12th grade English, Speech and directs the annual high school play at Heritage Christian School. She and her husband write and produce Sunday school curriculum for 2-year-olds through sixth grade, a Wednesday evening children's program called Glory Stars and a young teen program called T.T.C.W. Her goal in life is to make a difference in people, one life at a time.

Melody Bruffey, Accreditation & Curriculum Coordinator, English, Math, and Year-book, Fourth Baptist School, Plymouth, MN

Melody, B.S., M.Ed., has been involved in Christian education for almost 25 years as a teacher, mentor, presenter, accreditation and curriculum coordinator. She loves all things education and enjoys sharing her love of teaching and researching with others.

Jamison Coppola, American Association of Christian Schools Legislative Director

Jamison Coppola directs the AACCS Legislative Office and lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. His desire is to be sincere follower of Jesus and to pursue excellence in education and work toward preserving the American ideals articulated by our Founders. He has experience presenting testimony in public hearings, communicating to lawmakers, regulators, and policy experts. As the legislative director for AACCS, he works with state and regional associations and partner organizations to inform member schools of important national and local issues and to influence the legislative process. He is responsible for working with federal legislators and conservative advocacy organizations in pursuing protection for educational freedom, the traditional family, and life issues.

Daniel Coffman, Teacher, Colonial Christian School, Indianapolis, IN

Daniel Coffman is a Social Studies and Computer Science teacher at Colonial Christian School in Indianapolis, Indiana. He also assists with the school's Chromebook program and runs a robotics club for elementary students. Daniel is a graduate of Bob Jones University and has been at Colonial since 2014.

Becky Custer, Early Learning Consultant, BJU Press

Becky has a BS in Elementary Education and has spent 35 years in elementary education and early childhood development, working to prepare young children for later learning. She has taught teacher-training classes and currently serves as BJU Press's Early Learning Consultant.

Adam Davis, Keep Your Heart Ministries

Adam Davis is the founder and director of Keep Your Heart Ministries and travels across the nation and around the world speaking and singing in churches, conferences, camps, and rallies, specifically encouraging teens and families. He holds a Master of Ministry degree and a Master of Biblical Studies degree from Virginia Baptist College where he now teaches classes in the Bible, Ministry, Music, and Youth Ministry departments.

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Linda DeGroot, Secretary, Bay City Christian School & Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools

Linda DeGroot has been a secretary at Bay City Baptist Church and Christian School for 23 years. She has also been the secretary for the Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools for the last eight years. She enjoys her ministry at BCCS and to the schools of Wisconsin. She enjoys sharing her knowledge with other secretaries and being an encouragement to them in their ministries.

Cindy Dickinson, National Consultant, BJU Press

Cindy Dickinson stepped into the classroom as a teacher 31 years ago. She has served in the field of education on three continents teaching a variety of ages and subjects. Her heart lies with the elementary-age student. She spent two years in China as an administrator and trained Chinese nationals to use BJU Press materials. She currently is a National Consultant for BJU Press.

Kourtney Dolvin, Teacher, Colonial Christian School, Indianapolis, IN

Kourtney Dolvin began in Christian education twenty years ago as a mathematics teacher and coach. Kourtney thoroughly enjoys and values training young people to make good choices, be positive influences on those around them, and to serve others. She presently teaches at Colonial Christian School in Indianapolis, Indiana and is also a very active member of Trinity Baptist Church in Westfield, Indiana.

Dr. Dan Dreisbach, Professor, American University, Washington, D.C.

Daniel L. Dreisbach is a professor at American University in Washington, D.C. He earned a D.Phil. degree from Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar, and a J.D. degree from the University of Virginia. He has authored or edited ten books, including most recently "Reading the Bible with the Founding Fathers" (Oxford University Press, 2017) and "Great Christian Jurists in American History" (Cambridge University Press, 2019).

Faith Earnest, Associate Professor, Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, IA

Mrs. Earnest is an associate professor in the Christian School Department at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa. She earned her B.S. in elementary education from Faith Baptist Bible College and her M.Ed. with a concentration in curriculum and instruction from Clarks Summit University. Mrs. Earnest has experience as a Christian school elementary classroom teacher, with several years in a combined third/fourth grade classroom. Mrs. Earnest's passion is to invest in training and supporting educators, as many godly teachers and mentors have invested in her.

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Gary Garrison, Physical Education & Health Coordinator, Maranatha Baptist University, Watertown, WI

Gary has served as the Physical Education & Health coordinator at Maranatha Baptist University since 2004. He also serves as head baseball coach at MBU. He began serving in Christian education in 1980. He has a passion for the field of Physical Education and is a regular speaker at educator's conventions. His wife teaches Kindergarten at Calvary Baptist Christian School, Watertown, WI.

Janet Garrison, Kindergarten Teacher, Calvary Baptist Christian School, Watertown, WI

Janet graduated from Pensacola Christian College with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She has been a classroom teacher for 29 years and has taught in four different Christian schools. She is currently in her 15th year teaching kindergarten. Her passion is working with children in Children's ministry and teaching reading.

Edy Gies, Teacher, Bethany Christian School, Troy, MI

Edy is a passionate speaker and voracious reader who is curious about the world at large. She has taught a broad range of subjects and age levels as well as worked as a substitute teacher. She is currently the head of the PTO and a class sponsor at Bethany Christian School in Michigan.

Rachel Harrison, Pastor's wife, Bible Baptist Church, Bloomington, IL

Since graduating with a degree in elementary education, Rachel has been privileged to serve the Lord with the tool of teaching in a variety of avenues - Christian school teacher, home education teacher, Sunday School teacher, Jr. Church teacher, and ladies Bible teacher.

Todd Harrison, Pastor, Bible Baptist Church, Bloomington, IL

Todd has been in the pastoral ministry for over 23 years. He spent the first 14 years as an assistant pastor in Michigan. This opportunity allowed him to coach and teach in Christian schools. For the last 9 years, he has been pastoring Bible Baptist Church in Bloomington, IL.

Mark Herbster, Seminary Dean, Maranatha Baptist University, Watertown, WI

BA Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC; MA Heart of America Theological Seminary, Independence, MO; MDiv Heart of America Theological Seminary, Independence, MO.

Josh Hershberger, Attorney, Bold Church Initiative

Josh Hershberger is an attorney, minister and speaker. He leads the Bold Church Initiative, a ministry that equips the church (as a movement of believers) to confidently live out the Gospel in a post-Christian culture. Josh represents Christian ministries throughout much of the United States, is an ordained pastor and spends much of his time equipping and challenging the church to connect with elected officials and impact public life.

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Donnalynn Hess, Professor, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC

Donnalynn Hess has over 35 years of publishing and classroom experience. In addition to college teaching, Ms. Hess has written textbooks and novels and has produced a variety of media resources. She also serves as Director of Education for the Museum and Gallery at Bob Jones University, overseeing the development of interdisciplinary lessons and programs for private and public school students. These venues, which use art as a lens to explore language arts, history, science, mathematics, and design, have been valuable in building community relationships and helping educators meet the increasing demands of a visual culture.

Alan Hodak, Administrator, Fourth Baptist Christian School, Plymouth, MN

Mr. Hodak has been in Christian school ministry for the past 32 years, serving first as a high school teacher and coach and then in Administration. He presently serves at Fourth Baptist Christian School in Plymouth, MN and also leads our state Christian school association. Mr. Hodak loves to write, speak, and coach basketball.

Lydia Hodak, Teacher, Fourth Baptist Christian School, Plymouth, MN

Lydia has her Master's in Special Education from Bethel University and her Bachelor's degree from Northland International University. She has been teaching for 7 years.

Dr. Don Jacobs, Professor, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC

Don Jacobs is a professor of education at Bob Jones University where he teaches an elementary math methods course, an introductory course in educational psychology, and an online graduate course in educational research. Dr. Jacobs has taught on the elementary, middle, and high school levels. He has 40 years of experience in Christian education including serving as a principal in two Christian schools.

Dr. Tammie Jacobs, Professor, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC

Tammie Jacobs is the Elementary Program Coordinator at Bob Jones University where she teaches elementary methods courses, mentors students in Practicum, and teaches an online graduate class in instructional strategies. Dr. Jacobs has experience teaching in public and Christian schools at the elementary and middle school grades. She also was the lead writer in many elementary textbooks published by BJU Press.

Lisa Joyner, Chair, Christian Education Department, Veritas Baptist College, Greendale, IN

Mrs. Joyner earned a bachelor's degree in English and History and a Master of Education in Cross-Categorical Special Education. She is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in Special Education. Mrs. Joyner taught middle and high school English and history in a Christian school for several years until the Lord burdened her heart for children with special needs. After receiving her graduate degree in special education in 2006, she and her family moved to Raleigh, North Carolina where she developed the Specialized Learning Center as a part of Friendship Christian School. This thriving ministry continues to meet the needs of Christian families whose children would otherwise be left in the public schools. Mrs. Joyner currently serves as an online instructor and Education Chair at Veritas Baptist College.

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Dr. Susan Kindall, Majesty Music

Having nurtured musicians for over 35 years, Dr. Kindall has served on the staff of Interlochen Arts Camp, as a graduate teaching assistant at The University of Oklahoma and a teaching member of the artist faculties of Csehy Summer School of Music, Ouachita Baptist University, Ambassador Baptist College, and Bob Jones University—the latter where she installed the Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy degree. Susan Kindall remains dedicated to the success of her students, both spiritually and musically. As an MTNA Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, she is honored to serve as Founder and Director of Majesty Music Academy in Greenville, South Carolina, offering both onsite and online music studies worldwide to students of all ages and abilities.

Randy Krystowiak, Administrator, Calvary Baptist Christian School, Watertown, WI

Randy graduated from BJU with an undergraduate degree in Health and Phys. Ed and a graduate degree in Administrative Leadership. Randy also has an advanced degree in Christian Education from Andersonville Theological Seminary. He has more than 35 years of experience in Christian education. Randy and his wife Cathy have four children and eleven grandchildren.

Pastor Rob Kurtz, Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH

Pastor Kurtz now pastors the church where he was reared and is superintendent of the school where he graduated, taught for a few years, and was principal of for thirteen years. He has been in leadership in Christian education for 23 years.

Mike Lester, Academic Dean, West Coast Baptist College, Lancaster, CA

Dr. Mike Lester is the academic dean at West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, CA. He has taught in the college since 1995. He enjoys teaching theology, hermeneutics and books of the Bible. Additionally, he and his wife Jenni have been married for nearly 25 years and are parents to five daughters.

Bob Loggans, Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Watertown, WI

Dr. Bob Loggans has served as the Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Watertown, Wisconsin, since August 1, 2000. Pastor Loggans pastored in Michigan from 1982-1989, traveled for several years in full-time evangelism around the United States, and served as the executive vice president at Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, Wisconsin for eight years. He and his wife, Pam, have four grown children, all actively involved in serving the Lord, as well as seven grandchildren.

Jessica Leszkowicz, Theatre Master

After obtaining her MA in Theatre from Bob Jones University, Jessica N. Leszkowicz has taught on both the high school and collegiate levels as well as being involved in nearly 100 theatrical productions. She gets “little girl on Christmas morning” excited about directing and serves as the properties master at a local university.

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Adina Lung, English Chair, Logos Christian Academy, Niles, IL

For the past 16 years, Adina Lung has been teaching a range of English courses at Logos Christian Academy in Niles, IL. She recently earned a Masters of Education with an emphasis in School Counseling.

Brenda Needham, Bethany Christian School, Troy, MI

Graduate of Bob Jones University, with Bachelor's Degrees in Violin Performance, Music Education, and a Master's of Music. Taught for 29+ years at Bethany Christian School, in the fields of music, middle school English, and Pre-Algebra. Married with four children. Currently conducts regular workshops on ACT / SAT prep.

Dr. Linda Norrell, Family Physician, Flint, MI

Dr. Norrell has been a family physician in the Flint area since 1979. She was saved while she was a medical student at the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor. She has been speaking to ladies' groups since 1982 on topics covering many medical and spiritual areas of life. She seems to be known best for her practical approach and sense of humor.

Lorenzo Martinez, Faculty, Colonial Christian School; Adjunct Faculty, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN

Lorenzo Martinez has been in Christian education in both the college and high school for sixteen years. He serves at Colonial Christian School in Indianapolis, IN where he teaches high school Spanish and English and is the high school guidance counselor and senior class sponsor. Lorenzo is also Spanish adjunct faculty at Butler University.

Dr. Bruce Meyer, Biblical Counseling Program Coordinator, Maranatha Baptist University, Watertown, WI

Dr. Meyer began teaching at Maranatha in 2002. He has prior experience as pastor and assistant pastor, Christian school Bible teacher, Christian school administrator, and biblical counselor. He is the author and presenter of the Upstream Seminar, a sexual purity seminar for men, and he presents this seminar at local churches and men's retreats. Dr. Meyer is the Biblical Counseling Program Coordinator at Maranatha.

Michael O'Neal, Finance Director, Colonial Christian School, Indianapolis, IN

Mr. O'Neal obtained a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Maranatha Baptist University in 2007. For the past 12 years, he has been working for the Defense Finance & Accounting Service in the fields of Project Management, Accounting, & Information Technology Security. He is currently serving as the Treasurer and Finance Director at Colonial Hills Ministries in Indianapolis, IN. Since obtaining his CPA designation in 2011 he remains actively engaged with many churches, non-profits, and individuals in the areas of tax preparation, payroll, and advisory services through his CPA firm Good Sum Tax & Accounting.

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Pam O'Shaughnessy, Educational Support Director, Calvary Baptist Academy, Midland, MI

Mrs. Pam O'Shaughnessy graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and has taught elementary students for twenty-five years. Having worked with her dyslexic son for fifteen years, Mrs. O'Shaughnessey chose to receive six master credits in Barton Reading and Spelling from Bright solutions which helps students with dyslexia. Since 2006 she has actively worked with dyslexic and other struggling students (K-12) screening and tutoring them. Since 2011 she has been the Educational Support Director working full time with these students at Calvary Baptist Academy in Midland, MI.

Kristina Premo, English Teacher, Heritage Christian School, Brooklyn, OH

Miss Kristina Premo graduated from West Coast Baptist College with a bachelor's degree, and later earned a master's degree in English Education from Pensacola Christian College. She currently teaches junior high English at Heritage Christian School in Brooklyn, Ohio. She has an affinity for junior high students and desires to see them develop a love for the Lord and a love for learning.

Dr. Jeff Redlin, Senior Pastor, Campus Church at Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, FL

Dr. Jeff Redlin is the Senior Pastor of Campus Church, located on the campus of Pensacola Christian College. He grew up in Adrian, Michigan, where he was saved at the age of seventeen. Realizing God was calling him into full-time vocational Christian ministry, he attended PCC, where he studied Youth Ministry. After receiving his degree (B.A.) from PCC, he became part of the Church Staff at Campus Church and was the Youth Pastor for fifteen years. In 2003, he accepted the call to serve as Senior Pastor at Front Range Baptist Church, where he served for the next 15 years. In 2018, he accepted the call to return as pastor of Campus Church.

During his ministry of over 30 years, Pastor Redlin has ministered to people in a variety of settings. He has extended the ministry of Campus Church in the United States and internationally, preaching at camps, retreats, youth rallies, Bible conferences, and missions conferences. His joyful spirit, witty humor, and passionate preaching have been a blessing to listeners of all ages. Jeff and his wife Julie have been married for 27 years and have one son, Conner, who is a college senior.

Dr. Mike Rouse, President, American Association of Christian Schools

Mike Rouse is the senior pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church (Birmingham, Alabama), where he has served for over 38 years. Dr. Rouse holds a bachelor of arts degree from Baptist Bible College (Springfield, Missouri), a master's degree in pastoral ministries and a doctor's degree in theology from Bethany Seminary (Dothan, Alabama). Pastor Rouse is also active in the field of education, founding Mountain View Baptist School in 1982. He is the president of the American Association of Christian Schools and has served for over 21 years as vice-president or president of the Alabama Christian Education Association.

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Tara Solomon, Majesty Music

Program Director, Events Coordinator, and Staff Composer for Majesty; Voice Faculty with Majesty Music Academy

Brent Stephens, Administrator, Rochester Hills Christian School, MI

Pastor Brent Stephens has been on staff at Rochester Hills Baptist Church and Christian School since 1997. He has been active in nearly every one of the church and school's ministries. His 20 years as a youth pastor gives him insight to understand and meet students' needs.

Russ Stephens, Assistant Pastor, Rochester Hills Baptist Church, MI

Pastor Russ Stephens is the pastor to seniors and shut-ins at Rochester Hills Baptist Church.

Phil Stringer, Vice President for Church Relations, Dayspring Bible College, IL

Phil Stringer has been in full time Christian work for 45 years and has always been active as both a preacher and an educator. He is currently the Vice President for Church Relations at Dayspring Bible College and in full time evangelism. He is the author of books on both US History and World History from a Christian perspective.

Grace Suiter, Music Academy Coordinator, Indianapolis Academy of Fine Arts, Indianapolis, IN

Grace Suiter has maintained a private piano studio for four decades and taught on the college level for 14 years. Currently, she serves as the Coordinator of the Indianapolis Academy of Fine Arts, a ministry of Colonial Hills Baptist Church, where she teaches numerous piano students. She also serves as the primary accompanist for five school choirs directed by her husband, Kevin, and is vitally involved in worship planning at Colonial. Grace enjoys yardwork, entertaining, and encouraging others to find their joy in serving the Lord.

Kevin Suiter, School Administrator, Colonial Christian School, Indianapolis, IN

After 22 years of teaching college-level voice, conducting, and church music, Kevin Suiter is in his ninth year of ministry as School Administrator and Director of Choirs at Colonial Christian School, Indianapolis, IN. He also serves as Music Pastor at Colonial Hills Baptist Church. Kevin enjoys helping students discover and develop their musical talents for the Lord. In his spare time, he enjoys home repair and remodeling.

Jenny Talladay, First Grade, Bethany Christian School, Troy, MI

Jennifer Talladay graduated from Cedarville University with a BA in Elementary Education. She completed her MA from The Ohio State University in Integrated Teaching and Learning and recently earned a Reading Endorsement. Most of her ten years in teaching have been spent ministering in the public school systems as a multi-age and traditional elementary teacher. She has worked the last two years at Bethany Christian School in the high school Learning Center, teaching executive order functions and individualizing curriculum to meet the various needs of students in her classes.

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Abbey Tomko, Hidden Treasures Preschool Director, Midland, MI

Abbey Tomko has been a classroom teacher for 14 years and has been the preschool director for 4 years. She married her high school sweetheart and best friend. They have three children. They are involved in everything that has to do with kids! They have the privilege to teach in children's Sunday School classes, serve in their church youth group, and help with Upward basketball at their church as well.

Tyler Trometer, BJU Press

Tyler's passion for learning, culture, and the Creator led Tyler to earn an MA in Cross-Cultural Ministries and a Master of Divinity. He has served for 9 years speaking in Christian schools about Christian education and biblical worldview shaping. At BJU Press, Tyler leads the biblical worldview integration in the math and science textbook lines as a biblical worldview specialist.

Jordan Walraven, Teacher, Calvary Baptist Academy, Midland, MI

While Jordan Walraven is new to teaching, she is not new to Christian Education. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Math Education from Bob Jones University. She has been teaching high school math at Calvary Baptist Academy since. Jordan has a burden to help kids learn to love math or at least not to be intimidated by it. She designs her classes to engage students, not just on a lecture and practice level but also, as often as possible, with fun activities that teach and support the concepts being instructed. Believing God has gifted each child uniquely, she desires to develop curriculum that effectively meets the needs of students who struggle. To that end, she is currently pursuing her Master of Arts degree in Instructional Design and Technology from the American College of Education.

Lorena Tuttle, Rochester Hills Christian School, MI

Lorena graduated from Midwestern Baptist College with a BS in Elementary Education and has taught for 19 years at Rochester Hills Christian School, teaching gym, K4 and 1st grade (the past 17 years). She loves teaching in the classroom and is very thankful for the opportunity to share the gospel with students on a daily basis.

Dr. David Warren, Secondary Principal, Calvary Baptist Academy, Midland, MI

David grew up in Michigan and graduated from Calvary Baptist Academy in 1992. After graduating from college David served as a youth pastor in Tampa, Florida for two years. He also served as a family therapist at Boysville of Michigan for three years before coming to Calvary. In 2014 he earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Andersonville Theological Seminary. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Youth Ministries and a master's in Counseling. David has a passion to see members of the church and the students at Calvary develop a Christian worldview that permeates all areas of their lives and enables them to be salt and light in a culture that desperately needs Christ.

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Dr. Montel Wilder, New England Association of Christian School

Dr. Wilder received a secular education through high school and four years of college before being Born-Again into God's Kingdom. Struggling with the evolutionary dogma he had been taught for 16 years, Dr. Wilder embarked on an in-depth study of the Creation-Evolution debate that culminated with his earning a Ph.D., focusing on the scientific fields that bear on the first 11 chapters of Genesis. He is a frequent lecturer and teacher doing seminars and conferences around New England, the U.S. and the world. He has taught Creation Sciences at numerous colleges, churches, and venues in the Ukraine, Nepal, Israel, India, Canada, and Europe.

Amy Yohe, Managing Editor, Abeka, Florida

Mrs. Yohe began teaching at Pensacola Christian Academy in 1997. She taught in grades 5 and 6 for 10 years before working as Grades 4-6 Principal for 4 years and Grades 9-12 Principal for 4 years. In addition to being Managing Editor of Abeka, she is the Principal of Abeka Academy with over 500 schools and 40,000 homeschool students.

The Sermon I See

Edgar Albert Guest

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.
When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays behind
Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me
To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today
Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.

One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold;
One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.
Who stands with men of honor learns to hold his honor dear,
For right living speaks a language which to every one is clear.
Though an able speaker charms me with his eloquence, I say,
I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one, any day.