Celebrating 60 Years of God’s Faithfulness
Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends of LCS,

“Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me” swept over the elementary chapel services each week as LCS celebrated Sixty Years of God’s Faithfulness. The anniversary events involving fireworks, tee shirts, assemblies, photo ops and even commemorative cookies were loads of fun, but under it all was the profound sense of gratitude for God’s faithfulness to all of us who share the heritage and enjoy the present of LCS.

We are pleased to present this Annual Report for the 2014-15 school year. The purpose of this publication is to provide a snapshot of the progress of the school, increase financial transparency and to express appreciation for the generous financial support that is so important in providing high-quality Christian schooling for our families. We take our stewardship responsibilities seriously and strive to deliver not only a high return on investment, but more importantly, we want to achieve the highest possible return on mission in the lives of our students.

The mission of Lakeland Christian School

is to EDUCATE STUDENTS in the light of
GOD’S WORD to equip them for a LIFETIME
of LEARNING, leadership, service and worship.
You will notice that our operations budget finished with a deficit for 2014-15. We have been involved in a detailed review of every aspect of our operation to assess both our spending and our income. We are grateful for stable to slight enrollment growth and have been able to contain costs without compromising quality. The reality is that LCS has been under-funded in tuition income for the scope and quality of programs that are provided. This is largely the result of tuition rate increases that have been artificially low in recent years. A correction in tuition levels was instituted for the 2015-16 year.

When asked to provide one-word descriptors of LCS, one parent chose the word “intentional.” The yearbook theme for 2014-15 was “By Design.” The publication acknowledged God as the divine designer not only of creation, but also of each uniquely designed individual in the school community. As image bearers of the Creator, LCS continues to embrace our responsibility to intentionally craft a school experience that provides opportunities for each student to flourish into a person that reflects God’s intentional design for him or her.

We rejoice in the completion of the fundraising for the $23 Million Deliver the Dream Campaign. This transformational facilities and program expansion has enabled LCS to more effectively carry out our mission of Educating in the Light of God’s Word. We are grateful for the many donors who have made this dream a reality for each child that walks our halls today and for many years to come.

We continue to be inspired by the performances of our students. Their success in academics, fine arts, research and athletics continue to raise the bar of the LCS experience for all. Student involvement in service and ministry continues to expand. The softball team brought home the state championship, the girls’ soccer team played in the state finals, and the football team competed in the state semifinal game highlighting one of the most successful years in our storied athletic history.

Reflections on the past year would not be complete without mention of times of deep grief that swept over the school community. The middle three months of the school year included the passing of three parents of the Class of 2015 and a beloved K4 student. It was our privilege to wrap our collective arms around these families and weep together, but not as those who have no hope (I Thessalonians 4:13). These experiences reveal the deep sense of spiritual commitment and mutual support that is characteristic of the LCS community.

We are grateful for your participation with us as we reflect on Sixty Years of God’s Faithfulness and look forward to His continued faithfulness and blessing in the years ahead.

“Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me!”

Mike Sligh, Ed. D.
Headmaster

“if we are faithless, he remains faithful.” 2 Timothy 2:13
Lakeland Christian School is a remarkable community.

It’s a place trusted by an ever-increasing number of families throughout West Central Florida for an outstanding education of their children and teenagers. It’s a flagship Christian school, recognized and respected by peers across the country and even around the world. It’s often described as a school “on the move.” But, let’s give credit where credit is due. And where it’s always due.

“Come and see what God has done. He is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.” Psalm 66:5

The LCS community was a place of grand celebration throughout the 2014-15 school year, as the school commemorated its 60th Anniversary. LCS remembered the dreams and hard work of its founders, and honored the vision and generosity of those who have recently transformed the campus.

The LCS family of families reflected upon the school’s humble beginnings in a small frame structure in downtown Lakeland and rejoiced about today’s vibrant 27-acre campus near Lakeland’s commerce epicenter.

And, of course, abundant stories of all the decades in between flooded the memories of those who have been a part of this special place.

The 2014-15 Annual Report reflects a year of recognizing God’s faithful hand in all LCS is and does. Through His steadfast presence, LCS presents an increased enrollment, a solid financial standing and a healthy spirit of stewardship giving by generous ministry partners.

It is our desire to openly present this information to our school community for your information and encouragement. We are blessed to have so many families engaging with us, and we trust you will join us in gratitude to the Lord for His faithfulness through the generations. May we, too, always be faithful and wise stewards of His generous provision to LCS.
The LCS of today would be unrecognizable to most students from decades past. The campus is blessed with an amazing transformation and modernization, with multiple flagship facilities. The massive Elementary/Middle School Building is a vibrant learning center. Viking Stadium is one of the premier sporting venues in West Central Florida. The Center for Early Childhood Education provides the youngest students on campus with a dynamic start to their school years.

These facilities allow teachers and coaches to do their best work in providing challenging academics, championship athletics and award-winning fine arts. Yet, the primary distinctive of LCS is the preeminent place of God in all of it. The Biblical worldview of God’s Truth permeates every facet of school life. Students’ hearts are valued as much as their minds, as they are led to embrace Christ as their only Hope in life and in death.

― his faithfulness continues through all generations. “Psalm 100:5”

God’s Abundant Blessings characterize LCS
Vibrant. Dynamic. Spirited. Active. School life at LCS is anything but stagnant. Opportunities abound for student engagement and faculty leadership, regardless of grade level or area of interest. The following pages reflect a sampling of this year’s activity, accomplishment, recognition and honor.

For more information on news, events and achievements, visit lcsonline.org/news or one of our social networks: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest.

To God be the Glory!

ACADEMICS

- Eighty-six seniors graduated in June. Matthew Henderson was the valedictorian of the class of 2015. Colin Dodd was the salutatorian and Tucker Scruggs was chosen for the Christian Leadership Award.

- Scholarship offerings for the next four years to the Class of 2015 totaled more than $3,000,000.

- Senior Miranda Davis won The Ledger’s Silver Garland Award for Science.

- Ten teams competed at the regional level of the Odyssey of the Mind tournament, and a fourth-grade team became the first OM team in Polk County to advance to the World OM tournament. The team traveled to Michigan State University where they finished 12th out of 60 teams in their division.

- The LCS Mock Trial team represented the 10th Judicial Circuit at the Florida State High School Mock Trial Team championship. They won the Stephen C. Shenkman Professionalism Award for demonstrating high standards of ethical behavior and sportsmanlike conduct throughout the competition.

- Eighth grader Kacey Mewborn won Best of Show-Biological Sciences at the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair and the Young Naturalist Award from the American Museum of Natural History for her research on mango skin extract as a deterrent for Asian Citrus psyllids.

- Student researcher Julia Canady represented the United States at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh. She won a fourth-place grand award in Plant Science for her research creating a new biological herbicide to protect against Round-up-resistant weeds.
FACULTY

• Jennifer Canady, RISE Institute Director, was selected to attend the Air Force Recruiting Service’s third annual FIRST Leadership Program. The three-day training in Colorado focused on STEM learning (science, technology, engineering and math).

• Secondary English teacher Katy Andersen was recognized as an Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars.

• Three secondary teachers earned their master’s degrees: Erik Thomas (History, American Public University), Eric Wells (Educational Leadership, Clearwater Christian College), and Jim Boatwright (Coaching and Athletic Administration, Concordia University-Irvine).

• Geoff Stabler, faculty member and chair of the Bible department, was published in the CSE, a professional journal of the Association of Christian Schools International. His article, “Today’s Students: Redeeming Earth Day,” focused on Creation and worship.

ATHLETICS

• Ten seniors signed letters of intent to play collegiate sports.

• Nine varsity teams won District championships.

• The varsity football team made its first ever playoff appearance after winning the district championship over Fort Meade. The Vikings also won the regional championship before losing in the State Semifinals. They finished with a record of 11-2.

• The girls’ varsity soccer team was the state runner-up for the second year in a row.

• The girls’ varsity softball team won its first ever state title with a 6-5 win over Westminster Christian of Miami. The team finished with a record of 25-2. The team was awarded “Female Team of the Year” at the Polk County Amateur Sports Association’s annual banquet.

• The LCS girls’ athletic teams won the Floyd E. Lay Sunshine Cup All-Sports Award in the Class 3A Private School division.

• The LCS Athletic Department received The Ledger’s annual All-Sports Award for the Small Schools Division.

FINE ARTS

• Twenty-four vocalists in grades 6-12 were selected for All-County Chorus.

• Six vocalists and two band students were selected for the Florida All-State concerts. The students performed during the Florida Music Educators’ Association Professional Development Conference in January.

• The High School Choir earned Superior ratings at the District and State Music Performance Assessments. The Chamber Ensemble and Women’s Ensemble earned Superiors at the District and State Solo and Ensemble Festivals.

• Sixty-four students comprised the cast and crew of Alice in Wonderland, the fall musical presented by the Fine Arts Department. They performed four shows of the classic tale.

• Twelve band students qualified for the State Band Solo & Ensemble Festival in March. Nine students auditioned and were selected to perform with the Polk All-County Bands in mid-April.
...his mercies never come to an end ... great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22–23

Berry College, University of Florida, Florida International University, University of South Florida, Keiser University, Southeastern University, Florida State University, University of South Carolina, Polk State College, West Virginia Wesleyan, Florida Polytechnic University, Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School, Peru State College, Mississippi State University, Biola University, Stetson University, McPherson College, George Washington University, University of Virginia, Auburn University, University of Central Florida, Savannah College of Art and Design, Carson-Newman University, Florida Atlantic University, University of Mississippi, Cedarville University, Lee University, St. Leo University, Covenant College, Baylor University, Florida Southern College, Samford University, Temple University, Faulkner University, University of Tennessee, Sewanee: the University of the South, University of Miami, Hillsborough Community College, Coffeyville Community College, Middle Tennessee State University
An increasing number of families in West Central Florida continue to depend on LCS for the Christian schooling of their most precious asset. A growing enrollment is a critical marker of a healthy school. This positive indicator represents God’s faithfulness to the families of our community, as more and more children and young people are under the loving influence of skilled and Godly teachers. His love is steadfast!

**Enrollment Figures 2014-15**

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**Enrollment Growth reflects God’s blessing**
In a heartfelt desire to keep an LCS education accessible for as many families as possible, the school’s tuition level has – over time – underfunded the broad scope of opportunity provided to Lakeland Christian students. LCS, once again, made a concerted effort to assess only a modest tuition increase for the 2014-15 year, out of sensitivity to the economic pressure our families face. This required that LCS use a portion of its reserves to fund operations for the fiscal year. Following this school year, LCS conducted an extensive review of operations to assess expenses and revenue. A tuition adjustment was made for the 2015-16 school year to ensure adequate funding for the comprehensive and high quality education LCS families have come to expect. We continue to lean into God’s faithfulness and are grateful for His provision.

**Revenue**

- Tuition and Fees: $9,083,536
- Contributions: $166,445
- Athletics/Food Service: $642,047
- Other: $99,223

**Total Revenue**: $9,991,251

**Expenses**

- Salaries and Benefits: $7,078,433
- Instruction: $379,245
- Financial Aid: $542,446
- General Operating Expenses: $550,569
- Plant Operations and Repairs: $700,826
- Technology: $171,485
- Capital Expenditures: $569,653
- Athletics/Food Service: $370,043
- Other: $25,794

**Total Expenses**: $10,388,494

**Loss**: $(397,243)

A complete copy of the auditors’ report and corresponding financials are available for review in the school office.
God continues to bless Lakeland Christian through the generosity of people who bless the school through their stewardship giving. The on-going needs of LCS will always exceed the operational revenue of the school. That’s why the school counts on private donations to provide the margin of excellence that students and their families have come to expect. Whether for capital, annual or financial aid assistance, stewardship support of LCS continues to have a clear impact on the lives of the next generation.

Given/Pledged by Constituency:
- School Parents: 160 gifts • $152,945
- Grandparents: 89 gifts • $261,822
- Alumni: 30 gifts • $25,245
- Alumni Parents: 98 gifts • $81,622
- Employees: 1,012 gifts • $34,695
- Other: 320 gifts • $343,252

Given/Pledged by Funds
- Campaign Giving: $586,858 • 292 gifts
- Financial Aid: $62,925 • 143 gifts
- Families in Crisis: $11,970 • 19 gifts
- Mission in Motion: $128,288 • 992 gifts
- Endowment: $25,000 • 1 gift
- Other: $84,540 • 262 gifts

“... abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.” Psalm 86:15

Faithful Stewards continue support of LCS
GOOD FINANCIAL PLANNING honors God. It may also help you avoid unnecessary taxes and make a larger gift. CASH GIFTS AND PLEDGES may be made as a single gift or a pledge. Online giving is available.

APPRECIATED ASSETS (appreciated stock or real estate you have owned for more than one year) will generate tax deduction based upon fair market value.

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY giving will enjoy certain tax advantages.

GIFTS IN KIND possibilities are limitless. LCS uses and needs many goods and services.

MATCHING GIFTS for current or retired employees are offered by many corporations.

PLANNED GIFTS allow you to maximize your giving and/or minimize the impact on your estate.

For more information, contact: Steve Wilson, CCNL Director of Advancement
863-688-2771 | swilson@lcsonline.org

TRANSFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMPLETE

The $23 Million Deliver the Dream campaign funded a massive, multi-phased construction project that has transformed the LCS campus. Today’s students, along with many others for years to come, enjoy fabulous educational facilities, an outstanding sports venue, playgrounds, expanded parking and other benefits as a result of this successful campaign.

In September, Lakeland Christian celebrated the receipt of the final pledge needed to fully fund this colossal effort. Members of the LCS Board of Directors provided the capstone gifts to bring the campaign to completion. Each Board member individually provided the final funding needed, in equal gift amounts.

Amount remaining to be raised
June 30, 2015
$0

ANNUAL GIVING PUTS ‘MISSION IN MOTION!’

As the entire LCS community participates in Annual Giving, students directly benefit because contributions fund a variety of school initiatives that, otherwise, would not be possible. The Annual Giving theme for 2014-15 was Mission in Motion – an effort to raise funds for a new activity bus.

Thanks to the support of students, faculty/staff, parents, grandparents, alumni and others, sufficient funds were raised to move forward with the bus purchase. This was made possible strictly through contributions, with no impact on the school budget – no tuition dollars were used for this purchase.

More than $25,000 was raised through this event.

More than $128,000 was raised through this campaign.

HOW TO Give to LCS

Good financial planning honors God. It may also help you avoid unnecessary taxes and make a larger gift.

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The 60 Miles in 60 Days event was a virtual challenge where participants ran, walked, jogged, biked, etc. 60 miles, at their own pace, over a 60-day period. As distance was recorded on the event website, each participant made progress – virtually – along a special 60-mile Lakeland-area course LCS designed for this challenge. Each participant gave $60 (of course!) as an entry fee. Generous event sponsors provided the balance of the revenue. Proceeds from this event supported the LCS Financial Aid fund.

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LCS Celebrates your generosity
Lakeland Christian School expresses heartfelt appreciation to the many individuals,
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Commemorative Gifts provide a double blessing
### LCS Highlights through the decades

#### 1950s
- Lakeland Christian Grammar School Opens for Grades K-6 (1954)
- LCS purchases house in downtown Lakeland (1955)

#### 1960s
- Viking chosen as mascot (1960)
- Current property purchased (1961)
- LCS opens at 1111 Forest Park Street with 110 students (Fall 1962)

#### 1970s
- Campus expansion projects (1970-71)
- Ten graduates participate in first-ever LCS commencement (1973)
- Enrollment reaches 596 students (1976)
- Soccer program begins (1976) and wins school's first-ever state championship (1978-79)

#### 1980s
- Enrollment grows to 700 students (1982)
- Cross country teams win first-ever state titles (girls 1983, boys 1985)
- Track teams win first-ever state titles (boys 1986, girls 1989)
- Library is dedicated (1988)

#### 1990s
- Shaping Young Lives Campaign raises funds for facilities (1990)
- Ray and Florence Snyder building is completed (1993)
- Enrollment reaches 870 students (1998)
- Blanton Center is completed (1999)

#### 2000s
- LCS celebrates 50th anniversary with a banquet featuring Chuck Colson (2003)
- Football debuts (2005)
- Enrollment soars to 1,000 students (2006)
- School kicks off Deliver the Dream campaign (2006)
- Viking Stadium opens with an LCS win over Admiral Farragut (2007)
- K4 Program added (2008)
- Elementary/Middle School Building and Center for Early Childhood Education dedicated (2008)

#### 2010s
- RISE Institute begins iPad 1:1 Initiative started in middle school
- District domination in athletics
- Largest graduating class in school history with 94 students (2014)
- Archery Program debuts, dominates state
Stay tuned ...

Back in the day, radio and television announcers would often use this phrase to keep listeners and viewers from changing channels, hoping that they would stay connected to their programming. The slogan usually indicated further information or new developments were forthcoming.

In this same spirit, the Lakeland Christian School community should clearly “stay tuned,” because the best is yet to come.

It was such a privilege to engage in this year’s festivities as LCS celebrated a long and storied 60 years of God’s faithfulness. Even though many people have played key roles through the decades, the year’s festivities were not celebrations of human accomplishment, but of what God has done and continues to do each day in the life of LCS.

So in knowing that God’s hand is upon all we do as a school, I encourage you to ... stay tuned.

During the 2015-16 school year, LCS leadership will engage in a significant Strategic Planning initiative unlike any the school has done in the past. This lengthy and thorough process will assess current realities and develop preferred futures, with an overriding theme of “always better.” I am convinced that visionary leaders will chart a course that will be in the very best interests of students and will be honoring to our Lord.

The coming year will also find the faculty and staff preparing for the next accreditation of Lakeland Christian. This process will require a rigorous self-evaluation and an independent, objective appraisal by our peers of the school’s overall educational quality. Through this intensive practice, LCS demonstrates its commitment to continuous quality enhancement.

As we look to a promising future, I am pleased to serve alongside the outstanding men and women who comprise the Lakeland Christian School Board of Directors. In addition to their important governing and fiduciary responsibilities, the Board continues to discuss and address issues faced by our culture that potentially impact Christ-centered schools and ministries around the world. Preserving and enhancing our mission remains on the forefront of their faithful service.

We are grateful for your connection to our school and humbled by God’s steadfast care for Lakeland Christian.

Cordially yours,

Kevin C. Knowlton
Senior Shareholder, Peterson & Myers, P.A.
Chairman, LCS Board of Directors

“... his love endures forever ...” Psalm 136
“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

Deut. 7:9