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PHCA NEWS

**ROOTED IN FAITH, REACHING FOR THE FUTURE:
25 YEARS OF THE LION'S LEGACY**

ROOTED IN FAITH

Plaza Heights Christian Academy was founded 25 years ago with the desire to provide students with an environment of academic excellence rooted in Biblical Truth. We believe those roots are what has led to the success of PHCA and is the foundation for the great things that lie ahead!

REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

Looking back to where our legacy began helps us to have laser intense focus as we reach for the future. We know the Lord has good plans for PHCA, and we are seeking His wisdom and direction as we look towards the next right steps for Plaza Heights Christian Academy.



PHCA FAST FACTS

STARTED IN 1999

PRESCHOOL - 6TH GRADE

EIGHTY SIX STUDENTS

**PRESCHOOL-12TH GRADE IN
2002**

**FIRST GRADUATING CLASS IN
2004 WITH 6 STUDENTS**



HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The Story of Plaza Heights Christian Academy

Plaza Heights Christian Academy was born out of the desire for students to have a safe place to learn, to feel loved, and to develop a relationship with Christ rooted in Biblical truth.

Gina Carpenter was a parent seeking this type of school in 1997, and when her family didn't find this option locally, they began to consider what it would take to create a school that met these needs. They attended Plaza Heights Baptist Church at the time, and they reached out to Pastor Bob Collins with their idea.

Pastor Bob suggested taking a year to pray about the possibility of starting a school and to start talking with other families who may be interested as well.

They joined with these other families in seeking what the Lord would have them to do, and they waited. After a great deal of prayer and research, the church decided in May of 1998 to open a school in the fall of 1999.

During that year they assembled a school board, received a number of large donations, and began to put the structure in place that was necessary to provide students with a quality education steeped in Biblical Truth.

While there were certainly obstacles to overcome, Gina shared that the Lord kept opening doors and making a way for Plaza Heights Christian Academy to move from a dream to a reality.

Twenty five years later, we continue to see the Lord working at PHCA as we trust His guidance and goodness for all that the next 25 years hold!

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“WE WANTED SOMETHING DIFFERENT. A SAFE PLACE FOR OUR KIDS TO LEARN AND FEEL LOVED.”

Gina Carpenter, Founding member

FULL CIRCLE

PHCA's First Administrator Returns to Teach



"History tells us who we are. It tells us why we believe what we believe." John Myrick shared as we sat down to discuss his role in helping to start PHCA in 1998.

It's not a surprise that Mr. Myrick feels this way; as a history teacher with over 30 years of experience in education, his passion for history and how it has shaped us is evident in each class he teaches.

It makes sense then to dig into the history of PHCA; doing so can help us to understand who we are, how far we have come, and where we

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John Myrick, First PHCA Administrator and Current History Teacher

are headed. Mr. Myrick shared that when PHCA was in the early stages of development he was serving as a teacher in the Blue Springs School District and was brought on as the interim administrator to help make important educational decisions for the school.

As the first school board walked through each phase of development, things kept falling into place; he said it almost felt easy because the Lord kept opening the right doors!

Mr. Myrick was called to the mission field in Kenya, Africa before PHCA opened its doors in 1999, but God has brought him back to be a part of our school community as a Secondary history teacher. He said "We wanted this school to be a light of Jesus Christ to the students it served and to prepare those students to take Christ with them into the world. After 25 years, the school seems to be successfully doing that in our community."