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Dear GCS Families,

As I reflect on the blessings of this first semester of 2018-2019 at Gaston Christian School, I am very thankful for the many ways that the Lord has provided, including the following:

- More than 870 students representing 500+ families who have made the intentional decision to focus on a strong academic education based on the foundation of Jesus Christ
- Teachers and staff who love the Lord and who serve in ministry to your children each day
- The opening and full utilization of the M.O. Owens Jr. Worship and Fine Arts Center
- Strong athletics, fine arts, extracurricular clubs, and afterschool programs

Is the Lord blessing your child/children through GCS? Perhaps there has been a particular Bible verse that was memorized and shared, the wonder of reading that has been opened to your child, a Christmas program, encouraging word for a teacher, an academic or spiritual milestone, or other ways that the Lord has blessed your family through the educational ministry of Gaston Christian School.

As the Lord brings these to mind, will you consider making an end-of-year financial investment in GCS through the Annual Fund? One-hundred percent of these tax-deductible donations will be used for provision of tuition financial assistance to families and to campus improvement projects, neither of which is covered by your tuition.

Just recently I received the following story in an email from a GCS parent. It warms my heart to hear this type of interaction from one brother to another, as shared by their father:

*“Turner, my 5- year old who is in Mrs. Chapman’s 4’s class, (who already says he is going to be a preacher one day) was talking to his brother, first grader Davis, who is in Miss Prescott’s class. After I picked them up from school, Turner goes on to say ‘Davis, it says in the Bible not to lie and have bad lips’ and several other verses as I was smiling in the front seat while listening. Davis then proceeds to jump in and say ‘Oh Turner, I know all about that; in Psalms 34:13, it says Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking lies.’*

*Of course, I could not have been prouder sitting up in the front seat having one son quote Scripture to another. The fact that he already knew the Scripture and even knew how to apply it to a conversation just was awesome! Because my wife and I both went to Northside (Christian School) growing up, we knew the wonderful benefits of a Christian education, but to already see it in practice from a 5 and 6- year old just makes this dad very proud. Please tell your staff and teachers that it is so appreciated and to keep up the great job with our children.”*



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As you pray about your Annual Fund gift, please know that your gift will be used to further the good work of our teachers and administrators at Gaston Christian School.

For your convenience, I have included a link in the email to our secure online donation system. You can designate 100 percent of your investment to either financial assistance or to campus improvement projects – or split your donation between the two areas of need.

Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering how you will respond to these important needs.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Stout". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Marc Stout

Head of School

PS We always enjoy receiving testimonies from parents who share with us something their child has learned at school and applied at home - or in the car. Thanks for sharing these with us.