

Dr. Jonathan Huitt grew up in Cleveland County, North Carolina, where he developed a deep appreciation for faith, family, and Christian education. He was homeschooled for several years before attending Christian school, where he remained through his graduation in 2000. These formative experiences helped shape his lifelong conviction in the value of a Christ-centered education and the importance of discipleship in both the home and the classroom.

Dr. Huitt attended [Liberty University](#) before earning a Master of Education in Administration and Teaching. He later completed his Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership through [Columbia International University](#). In addition, he completed the [Van Lunen Center Leadership Program](#), a nationally respected leadership development initiative for Christian school leaders. His academic and leadership training have equipped him to lead with both strategic vision and a firm biblical foundation.

Dr. Huitt has served at GCS for over 22 years. Shortly after graduating from Liberty University, Dr. Huitt began his career at Gaston Christian School as a teacher and coach, serving as both a soccer and basketball coach while investing in the lives of students inside and outside the classroom. For fifteen years, he also served as a middle school science teacher, where he developed a passion for helping students explore God's creation while encouraging curiosity, critical thinking, and biblical truth. Over the next 7 years, he has faithfully served the school in numerous leadership roles, including Dean of Students, Middle School Principal, High School Principal, Head of Upper School, and Associate Head of School. Through each role, he has remained committed to strengthening the school's mission, supporting faculty and families, and cultivating a Christ-centered culture marked by both excellence and grace.

Dr. Huitt describes his leadership philosophy as that of a "shepherding steward." Shepherding, in that he believes leading by example is of the utmost importance, just as a shepherd guides while walking with his flock: *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"* (John 10:11). Stewardship, in that he firmly believes Gaston Christian School is God's school and that all who serve there are caretakers of His people, His resources, and His mission: *"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful"* (1 Corinthians 4:2).

He leads with the conviction that every aspect of school life should ultimately honor Christ: *"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men"* (Colossians 3:23). This perspective shapes his commitment to servant leadership, humility, accountability, and excellence in all areas of ministry and education.

Dr. Huitt has a deep passion for partnering with families and the local church, believing that while a Christ-honoring home, school, and church environment does not itself produce salvation, it creates a fertile ground where students can grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The biblical principle of *"Train up a child in the way he should go"* (Proverbs 22:6) has long guided both his leadership and his family life.

In 2026, Dr. Huitt was named Head of School at Gaston Christian School. He is honored to follow a legacy of strong leadership and remains committed to advancing the mission of providing a Christ-centered education that prepares students academically, develops them spiritually, and equips them to impact the world for Christ.

Dr. Huitt and his wife, Marie, attend [Parkwood Baptist Church](#) and are blessed with five children, all of whom are part of the Gaston Christian School community. Their family seeks to live each day trusting in the Lord's guidance: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding"* (Proverbs 3:5).*