



Dear Cornerstone Academy Families,

It is my joy to welcome you- whether you are joining us for the first time or returning for another year- to Cornerstone Academy, a Classical Christian school serving the Gainesville community with gratitude, conviction, and hope. At Cornerstone Academy, we are continually reminded that education is never merely the transfer of information. It is the formation of the whole person- mind, heart, and soul- ordered toward what is good, true, and beautiful. As a Classical Christian school, we labor to assist parents in the sacred task of educating their children by offering an excellent classical education shaped by a biblical worldview. Our desire is that this partnership would bear fruit in students who are not only well taught but deeply formed- young men and women growing in godly character and increasingly marked by a love for Christ that shapes all of life.

In this work, we are reminded that education is not a mechanical process, but a kind of faithful cultivation- patient, attentive, and deeply hopeful. C.S. Lewis captures this spirit well when he writes, “The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.” There is a ministry-like quality to this calling: to water what is dry, to nurture what is underdeveloped, and to trust the Lord with the growth.

In this, we are always aiming beyond academic success alone, toward the formation of students who think clearly, listen carefully, reason faithfully, and speak with precision- students who learn to interpret every subject and experience through the lens of Scripture, and who do so with growing joy and glad submission to Christ. This vision quietly shapes every classroom discussion, reading assignment, correction, and encouragement.

Serving families in Gainesville is a responsibility we do not take lightly. We are grateful to be part of this community and to participate in the Lord’s ongoing work of renewal- both in the lives of our students and in the broader Kingdom work He is establishing through His people here at Cornerstone Academy.

We are also encouraged daily by the diligence, curiosity, and growing maturity of our students, as well as the faithful dedication of our faculty and staff. There is something deeply meaningful about watching students learn not only to ask “what is true?” but also “what is good?” and “what is beautiful?” These are formative questions, shaping the trajectory of a life.

Saint Augustine, in *City of God*, captures something essential about the world we are seeking to help students understand when he writes, “the peace of all things is the tranquility of order” (*pax omnium rerum tranquillitas ordinis*). This vision of ordered peace reflects the heart of classical Christian education: when life is rightly ordered under God, the human soul is trained to flourish in wisdom, virtue, and joy.

We continue to accept the Lord’s invitation to participate in His Kingdom work through faithful teaching, joyful learning, disciplined study, and lives shaped by grace and truth. It is a privilege to walk alongside you as parents and guardians in this shared calling of forming students who love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care. It is an honor to serve with you.

Gratefully,

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