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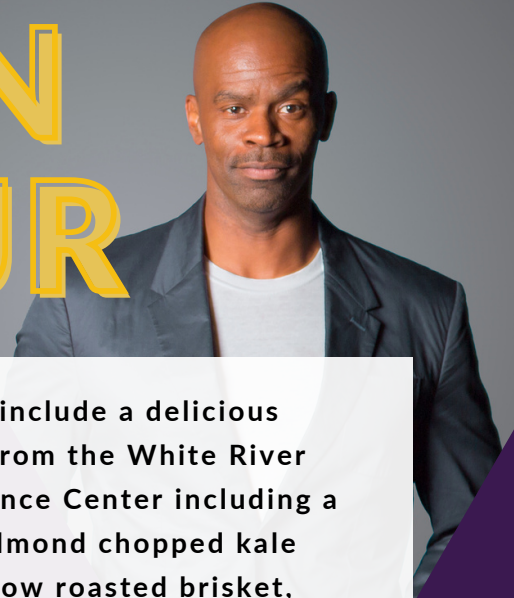
DEVELOPMENT TEAM EXPANDS

The GDA Development Team expands for the 2022-2023 school year to add another Event Coordinator to the staff. Ashley Mueller is partnering with Whitney Sparkman to assist with event planning at GDA. Ashley is excited to begin her new role at the school.

OVER 750 STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR THE 2022-2023 YEAR

GDA has continued to experience an increased growth in enrollment for the new school year. Across five GDA campuses, over 750 students started their school year as GDA Lions. We are thankful to partner with parents to educate the next generation of Christian leaders.

COMEDIAN MICHAEL JR



Comedian Michael Jr is coming to Springfield, MO. He has brought laughter to The Tonight show on NBC, Jimmy Kimmel live, Comedy Central and starred in the feature film Selfie Dad. He has been a keynote speaker for Ted Talks. He currently hosts a podcast and just released a new book titled Funny How Life Works.

He is coming to the Bass Pro White River Conference Center on Thursday, October 20th. Doors open at 6 PM and dinner starts at 7 PM.



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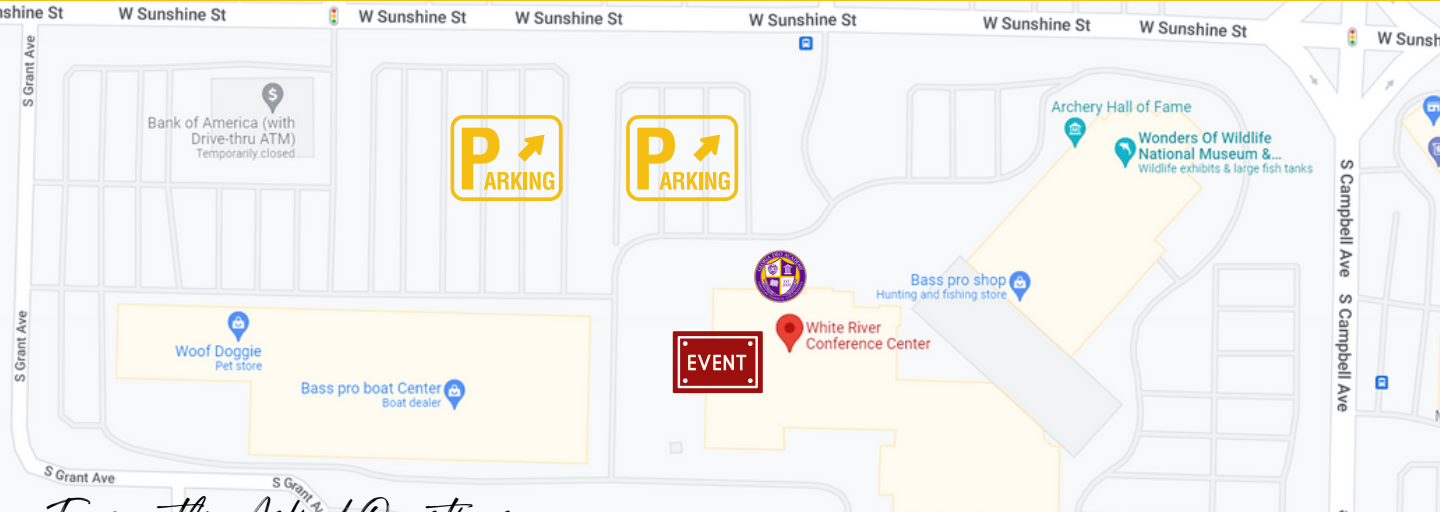


Tickets include a delicious dinner from the White River Conference Center including a maple almond chopped kale salad, slow roasted brisket, seasonal vegetables, White River signature rolls, and New York Style Cheesecake or Chocolate Mousse Layer Cake for dessert.

Join us as we celebrate you—the amazing parents and students of GDA. We'll enjoy conversation over dinner, showcase some amazing things our students are doing, be inspired by Michael Jr. and learn how you can help further the mission and vision of GDA. All donations and pledges made for the All in His Time campaign will help further the mission to equip students to impact their community for the glory of God.

PROVERBS 16:3 "COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU DO, AND HE WILL ESTABLISH YOUR PLANS."

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Frequently Asked Questions

1 What is the All In His Time Banquet?

It is a chance to celebrate God's blessing, bring focus to the mission & purpose of our school, share our vision for the future of GDA and raise funds for our capital campaign. It is also a time of fellowship & celebration as it unites the Springfield community for the eternal purpose of developing ethical and wise individuals who will impact their community for the glory of God.

2 What is the pressing need?

GDA has consistently experienced a 20% yearly growth rate. This is a blessing because it allows us to grow programs such as athletics and other extracurricular activities as well as positively impacting our community by developing more strong Christian leaders. We are simply out of room. In order to accommodate the current students going into the upper grades from all campuses, we need to add classrooms at the Golden building. Since most of our tuition goes to pay teachers & administration, support in the way of donations is vital to the long-term growth of Gloria Deo Academy.

3 Why should I come if we attend another GDA Campus?

We are one school family in multiple locations. Every school improvement we make will in some way directly impact our entire school family.

4 What time does the event begin?

The doors open at 6 PM. Dinner begins at 7 PM.

5 What should we wear?

Business casual is preferred. Appropriate business casual dress typically includes slacks or khakis, dress shirt or blouse, open-collar or polo shirt, optional tie or seasonal sport coat, a dress or skirt at knee-length or below, a tailored blazer, knit shirt or sweater, and loafers or dress shoes.

6 What difference will my donation make?

When you give to the All In His Time campaign, you are directly improving the quality of education GDA can provide to its students by investing in the next phase of our building campaign. No matter the size, your gift impacts future generations who will shape the community for the glory of God.



PHASE 2 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

It has been a busy summer at GDA and we are excited about our phase 2 progress, which included enlarging three classrooms and adding a classroom on the lower floor of the east building. This first part of phase 2 has been completed, along with new carpet in the hallways just in the nick of time for classes! Roof repairs have been made and HVAC repairs have and will continue to be made. The old staircases have been removed. New industrial stairs are being built, an elevator shaft will be installed (elevator to come later), and the breezeway between the buildings updated once permit requirements are fulfilled.

The gymnasium remodel, as well as the upper grade classroom additions and other improvements, will take place as funds are raised.

EXCELLENCE IN GIVING



By Head of School, Joy Davis

Gloria Deo Academy is pleased to announce that our school has received the Excellence in Giving Transparency seal. In order to receive this honor GDA had to submit 175 data points about the school's operations and performance.

Some of the information GDA shared included debt levels, board practices, 3-year program and financial trends, impact stats, strategic plans, and an internal S.W.O.T. analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats).

The resulting Nonprofit Analytics reveals the challenges and successes GDA has experienced executing its strategy, funding its operations, and achieving its mission. The report highlights include that 35 GDA graduates from 2020-2022 each received an average of \$59,598 in scholarship offers versus the \$13,690 national average.

The Excellence In Giving process and seal is a higher standard for nonprofits to achieve that increases donor confidence. GDA is proud of this accomplishment and is thankful for all of the hard work of our development and financial teams. Review our cost-effectiveness and the Excellent In Giving report at <https://analytics.excellenceingiving.com/overview/gloria-deo-academy/>

We also want to say thank you to the many donors that partner with us to achieve the mission of GDA.





MOSCHOLARS AWARDS FOR GDA FAMILIES

Forty GDA Families qualified for the MO Scholars scholarship! This is a total of \$255,000 per year in savings for these families. We are rejoicing for our families who received this scholarship. GDA has been working alongside the Herzog Tomorrow Foundation to facilitate the scholarships, and it has been exciting to see prayers answered for so many families. If you have questions about the scholarship, visit herzogtomorrowfoundation.com. We are grateful to the Herzog Foundation for facilitating these scholarship awards.

If you or your business would like to turn your Missouri tax liability into scholarship dollars, you can reserve your tax credit by calling Mayela Esser at Herzog Tomorrow Foundation. She is happy to take your call (816-601-3379) or answer your questions via email at donate@herzogtomorrowfoundation.com.



Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick held a news conference at Gloria Deo Academy at the beginning of July announcing the MOScholars, Missouri's K-12 Scholarship Program.



"My hope for all parents and my own children in education is that we'll be able to choose an education system that works best for each child," GDA parent, Sarah Boyd, spoke to KY3 at the press conference.

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IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Written by Anne Burton, GDA
Grandparent & Spiritual Life
Team Leader

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will." – Romans 8: 26-27

I know that if we know the Lord Jesus Christ, we know about prayer. However, sometimes we are so limited in our capacity to understand the power and purpose of prayer, that we think of it as the last resort. Oswald Chambers once said, "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." Our Lord taught us to pray, along with His apostles, in Matthew and Luke. He exhorts us to honor the name of God, to welcome His kingdom, seek His will, provide our needs, forgive our sins, and enable us to forgive those who sin against us. We are to plead for Him to keep us from temptation and to deliver us from the evil one.

Nothing can be accomplished by man without the Holy Spirit enabling the work. We must seek Him in our hearts, minds, and souls if we are to know Him and the

Prayer meeting over students while preparing back to school gifts!



gospel – the good news! We need to remember all the blessings He has given us through prayer and look back from where we have come to see the answers to prayer. He does always answer.

We even need to pray to understand sometimes how those answers that we do not want to enrich our souls. In the delightful book of Romans 8:26 & 27, it tells us that, "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will." The power of prayer comes from the Spirit of God and we cannot begin to comprehend what the purpose of these things are. God knows the end from the beginning

and He can be trusted in all things. His provision is perfect.

The place to go to hear from our Lord, is His Holy Word. The answers for all our needs can be found there. The foundation of our search for truth is first to pray that the Spirit will show us what He wants us to know daily.

We need to be thankful in everything – yes, everything. Again, that is an impossible concept without being in continual prayer. We pray for healing, but it does not always come. We trust Him with that as well. We pray for our country, our culture, our children – and we trust Him with the results. He longs for us to be in conversation with Him. Listen as you read His word, thank Him for all things and rejoice that we seek and serve a God who sees us and knows us, who forgives us and cares for us. Praise Him in all things!

How does one express the importance of prayer in our individual lives and in the life of such a place as Gloria Deo Academy? Let us start with the meaning of the name of our school – Glory be to God on high! The vision of Gloria Deo Academy was born in prayer, it was founded in prayer, built in prayer, and has continued in prayer. Now, as we grow and expand, we must constantly pray for wisdom, guidance, clarity, unity, and charity.

God has been so faithful to answer the many needs of our school; most of us have no idea the depth of the need. We trust that the God who created the universe; who is to be worshiped and praised, will continue to provide in miraculous ways. We thank Him for His grace and mercy.

Because our foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ, He is the only One we can turn to as we navigate in the world, but we are not of the world. We seek His perfect will for each step we take; for our Board of Directors, for Joy Davis, Head of School, the administration, teachers, cooks, janitors, and students. All have a particularly significant role in the life of Gloria Deo Academy. We ask God's blessing on the parents and grandparents who nurture and educate our children.

As we are expanding and renovating the building to accommodate the needs of our Christian community, our hearts should be seeking Him first and expecting that He will add all these things we are asking of Him, if they are in His will. Already, we have wonderful testimonies of the perfect timing and provision for some of the things that are necessary to move forward.

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We will look forward to watching Him continue to give GDA everything in His time that we need.

There has been a small group of parents, grandparents and staff who have been meeting periodically to pray and we will be asking for your participation this school year, whether meeting with us in person or being informed of the present needs and seeking the Lord on their behalf in your own time. Every time we get together, we are so encouraged and excited to see the next steps laid out. We trust Him for everything. Please join us on our knees to beseech the good, good Father.



Big News and Big Faith!

Has God ever tested your faith? I mean, really tested it, where you have to be “all in” and know with your whole heart that He is God and that we have nothing to fear? Most of us think of hard personal situations, but it happens in our work life as well. For me, this is true because my work life at GDA is so personal.

A couple of years ago, Joy Davis and I were invited to a free Fundraising “Boot Camp” hosted by the Herzog Foundation in Kansas City. Next, Alan Davis and Madison Dick attended a marketing workshop as well. They were both inspirational and valuable experiences, and we got to know more about the mission and purpose of the Herzog Foundation, which is to support Christ-centered education (I am paraphrasing). The people at Herzog are delightful in every way, and we have been glad to work with them on the MO Scholars program as well.

In April, we received an invitation to apply for a grant for our school for an unspecified amount. We applied and gave them the details of the entire, completed building campaign proposal, which is an estimated \$4.2 million. We received a phone call from Herzog at the end of July with wonderful news! They are impressed with our school and want to support what we are doing by awarding GDA

with 10% of our project, which is \$423,600! We are super excited and grateful!

The condition of the grant is that we raise the balance of \$3.7 million. This is where faith comes in! When I first heard this, fear and worry began to cloud the good news. The amount of pressure that I initially felt was huge. It took me a little bit of time to remember the powerful God we serve. And I remembered the miracles He has performed, big and small, since I have been with GDA. He not only answers prayers but does it in a way that points to Him so that we may give Him the glory. And, lastly, I remembered that the Bible says that we are not to be afraid, 365 times. God is orchestrating it all. We have a lot of work to do. Let’s all pray that He will use all of us to reach this goal in His perfect timing. I am grateful and excited for a front row seat. Thank you to the Herzog Foundation for this very generous gift.

In Christ,
Wendy Wright



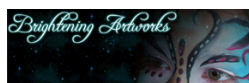
Special thank you to Ball & Prier Tire, Inc for sponsoring the All In His Time Banquet featuring Michael Jr.

Thank you for sponsoring Gloria Deo Academy!

My family is new to GDA and I was so excited when I learned about the business sponsorship program. I am both proud and blessed to be able to support our school in this way. -Haidi Edwards, Premier Real Estate Photography



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