

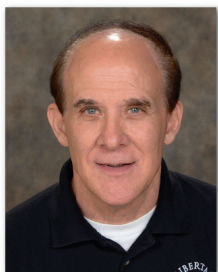


# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## SECOND QUARTER 2019

### BOB DAVIS

#### LEADING THE LEGACY



It was 4:30 on a sunny July afternoon when the phone rang. “Bob, this is (Board member of Freedom Christian School). We need to talk.” “Right now? What’s going on?” I replied. He says, “Freedom is in trouble.” I will never forget the sinking feeling in my stomach when he said that. What was God doing?

This phone call began a 54-day mad rush to either save a school or start a new one. It turned out to be the beginning of Libertas Christian School. Fifty four days later we were holding classes at Grace Community Church with 62 students.

All of a sudden, here we are finishing up our fifth year of this amazing journey. The Lord has blessed us with a real school building, experienced and dedicated faculty, and a student body that will have enrollment of over 260 students this coming fall. (Our building can only hold 300 students!)

We are not able to recount here all of the “God sightings” over the past five years, but I do know that we could not have arrived at this point without the grace of our Lord, and the partnership with you, our families, supporters, and community. The Phoenix continues to rise as the Lord blesses.

Out of gratitude for our many blessings as a school, we would like to invite all parents, students, and pastors to celebrate our 5 year anniversary! This event will be held Thursday, May 30 at 11:40 am. We will gather in the gym, pray, sing, and enjoy cake together. Hope to see you there!

## CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES!



Julianne Benjamin



Sarah Boersen



Stacy Compagner



Micah DeJong



Andrew Dies



Marcus Dominguez



Brycen Hemmeke



Shadrach Jonker



Caleb Kimbel



Micah Kinde



Karissa Kunst



Anna Mason



Andrew Robbins



Aidan Wakeman

# SPIRITUAL LIFE COUNCIL MEMBER, PASTOR MICHAEL SCHOUT

## GUIDING THE LEGACY

I have the privilege of being both a pastor and parent of Libertas students, as well as a member of the Spiritual Life Council. My wife (Naomi) and I were led to Libertas for its commitment to classical education, tethered to an intentional focus on spiritual discipleship within the context of a Christian community. We are still somewhat new (our children are finishing up their second year: Sadie (5th), Eli (2nd), and Lydia (K)), but I'd like to briefly share a few things that have encouraged and stood out to us.

As a parent, I've seen first hand how intentional the teachers are at partnering with parents and churches in the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development of our kids. We have been so impressed and humbled by their care, shepherding, humility, and leadership.

As a pastor, I've seen our Libertas students be challenged to think. Our culture doesn't put a premium on the mind, so this encourages me. As the mind is engaged with truth, a passion for learning develops. Few things are more valuable today than

raising up young men and women who love to learn and know how to think in an age of relativism, subjectivism, and confusion.

And finally, as a member of the Spiritual Life Council, I've been encouraged by the commitment of Libertas to partner with the local church by supporting it instead of attempting to replace it. Few things are more troubling to pastors than schools that usurp the role of the local church. I'm thankful that Libertas sees the vital role that the local church plays in the spiritual development of its students. My prayer is that our graduates see as one of their highest callings, membership and service in a local church where Christ is preached, love is modeled, truth is defended, and the gospel is advanced in our families, communities, and to the ends of the earth.

Soli DEO Gloria,  
  
Michael J. Schout  
Pastor of Grace Fellowship OPC in Zeeland

## HONORING THE LEGACY

Gifts were given in honor of the following

Barb Boersen	Robert Davis	Chris Feenstra
Jessica MacMaster	Angela Dieleman	Volleyball
Leah Griess	Cheryl Gordillo	Anna Kinde
Natalie Breeden	Sarah Baribeau	Bettie Davis
Rebekah Goldberg	Emily Steenwyk	Becky Pusztai
Anne Brown	Ruth Kaercher	Tom Holt
Mark Congrove	Sunday Wehrman	Ruthie Brand
Patty Baribeau	Suzie Wagner	Willson Nemec
Valerie Dewey	Celebration Banquet	LP Marketing Material
2019 Mission Trip	Kyle Rouse	

## Celebration Banquet 2019



The 2019 Celebration banquet was a wonderful time of praising God for how he blessed Libertas this year! We enjoyed our speaker, Paul Schaeffer, from Memoria Press and a photo booth. Thank you to all who attended this celebration!



# HELP REACH 25 IN 5!

## 25 New Monthly Recurring Legacy Partners in 5 Days. May 20-24

Join the effort to support Libertas teachers and make classical Christian education affordable to all families in our community.

A generous donor has agreed to match any new, recurring monthly donation designated to a faculty or staff member up to \$250,000 through June 30, 2021.

What does a donation of \$20 per month to faculty or staff really do for the school budget? It doubles it! It would turn into \$40 per month. That would provide all art supplies needed for the school year! That would be a huge blessing!

### DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

GIVE NOW! [WWW.LIBERTASCHRISTIAN SCHOOL.ORG/GIVE](http://WWW.LIBERTASCHRISTIAN SCHOOL.ORG/GIVE)

TURN INTO  
\$20 PER MONTH \$40 PER MONTH



Art  
Supplies

Every monthly recurring  
donation designated to  
"All Faculty" will be  
doubled!



Your monthly giving  
helps make Libertas  
affordable for families.  
Thank you!

TURN INTO  
\$30 PER MONTH \$60 PER MONTH



Classroom  
Supplies

TURN INTO  
\$50 PER MONTH \$100 PER MONTH



Science  
Supplies

TURN INTO  
\$100 PER MONTH \$200 PER MONTH



Teacher  
Compensation

### How can you help?

1. Pray for Libertas and this campaign to be successful.
2. Become a Legacy Partner - Double your Impact!
3. Share our needs with a business or organization who believes in supporting quality Christian education.
4. Connect Mark Congrove, Community Relations Director, with any contacts you would like to share.



## LIBERTAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### DONATION FORM

- ☐ YES! I would like to make this a RECURRING donation and support Libertas Christian School with my gift of:
- ☐ \$25/month    ☐ \$50/month    ☐ \$100/month    ☐ \$\_\_\_\_/monthly    ☐ \$\_\_\_\_/annually
- ☐ YES! I would like to make a ONE TIME Gift to support Libertas Christian School with my gift of:
- ☐ \$250    ☐ \$500    ☐ \$1000    ☐ \$2000    ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_

First Name	Last Name	Company Name
Address	City	State
Phone	Email	Zip
Country		

Please mail this form along with gift to: Libertas Christian School 5181 64th Ave. Hudsonville, MI 49426

To make a donation via Credit Card please visit our website @ [LibertasChristianSchool.org/give](http://LibertasChristianSchool.org/give) or call 616-777-5184

# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT - MISS ANNA KINDE



- **Family** - Eldest of Pastor Todd and Nancy Kinde
- **Education** - Whitefield College, B.A. in Classical Christian Education
- **Grade Taught** - 4th Grade
- **Favorite Ice Cream** - Coconut Chocolate Chip
- **Hobbies** - Hiking, kayaking, traveling, drinking coffee, reading, & writing
- **Favorite teaching memory** - I love seeing my students connect the Bible and the gospel story to the subjects we study – Math, Literature, Science, History!

• **What does classical Christian education mean to you as a teacher?**

Classical Christian education is about answering the question, how am I a disciple of Christ? Is it a matter of simply acquiring the right “know-how” and information? James K.A. Smith, in his book, *You Are What You Love*, argues that we are discipled foremost by what we love versus what we know. Classical Christian education goes beyond telling students all there is to know, even how to think. The ultimate core of classical Christian education is formation. John Ruskin writes, “The entire object of true education is to make people not merely do the right things, but to enjoy them; not merely industrious, but to love industry; not merely just, but to hunger and thirst after justice.” As a classical Christian teacher, my primary goal is to see my students understanding the world in the light of the fullness of the gospel. From there, to see “the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:33, 36).

***Visit Miss Kinde in the fourth grade classroom at Libertas!***

*Did you know you could preference your giving to support specific teachers? To direct your giving to Miss Kinde or another Libertas teacher, visit our website or email [community@libertaschristianschool.org](mailto:community@libertaschristianschool.org).*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 28** - Graduation Commencement
- **May 30** - Libertas 5 Year Celebration
- **May 30** - Last Day of Grammar School
- **May 31** - Last Day of Upper School
- **September 3** - First Day of School

### Kindergarten Class Grammar School Spring Showcase



Field Day

## Senior High Banquet 2019

