

**T**here is a tangible excitement on the WCA campus these days. There is an expectant sort of energy that comes from knowing God has prepared the school for a season of new leadership and growth. A joyful energy abounds that celebrates the foundation and legacy of the school, while looking forward to seeing what fresh ideas and perspective might come with this new season. This expectation is felt in the offices, classrooms and halls of WCA. The Lord is at work, building up a harvest of young world changers for His glory.

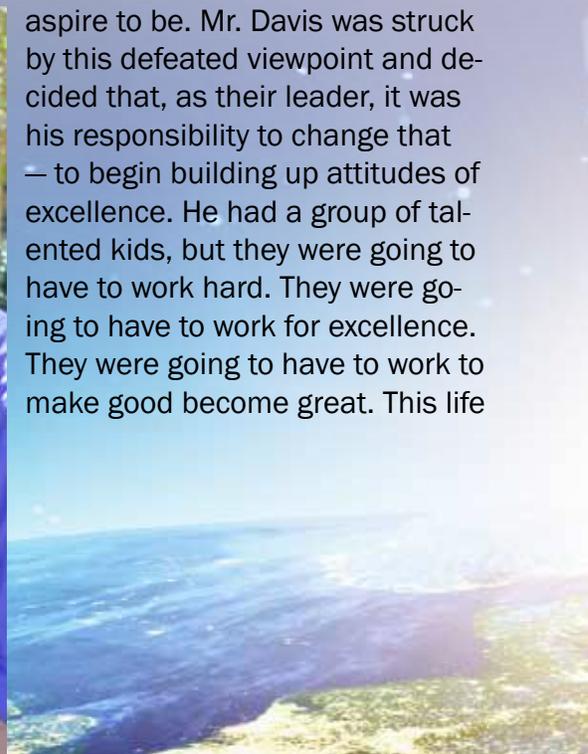
At the helm of this new season at Westminster is the newly-appointed Head of School, Mr. Scott Davis. Born in Iowa Park, Texas, a tiny town of about 6,000 people, Mr. Davis grew up in a Christian home. He attended college at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. It was there he met his lovely wife and there that he felt a genuine calling placed on his life to teach and coach. God used Mr. Davis' undergraduate years to provide a unique opportunity to help him along in that calling. Wayland Baptist had an exceptional athletic department. They were nationally-ranked in basketball and track, and because of that, incredibly gifted athletes from all over the world attended the school. This multi-national diversity led the coaches to see some cultural and relational barriers between their athletes and the general student body. They asked if Mr. Davis would join the team as a bit of a "con-

ductor" to bridge that gap. This opportunity gave Mr. Davis some practice with coaching, and by his senior year, he was the Assistant Coach for track and cross country. He looks back on that time as foundational in building his leadership skills as well as providential for the future career direction the Lord had for him.

After completing a Master's of Education at Texas Tech University, he accepted a position as Head Coach and science Professor at Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska. "Much of my spiritual formation occurred here. It was probably the most challenging spiritual experience I ever had," remarks Mr. Davis. While Hastings College was affiliated with a Christian denomination, there was a decidedly liberal bent in the teaching philosophy there, and Mr. Davis recalls having to learn to concretely defend his faith. He is grateful for this experience, despite the challenge, because of how it further grew him as a leader.

It was while he was coaching in Nebraska that Mr. Davis recalls what he refers to as a "pivotal conversation." He had taken over a mediocre group of athletes on the track team. He brought them to a competition at the University of Nebraska — a much larger school. The team walked in the gym and Mr. Davis began pointing out outstanding athletes in the room thinking the environment of excellence would inspire and motivate his team. Instead, one student stared blankly at him and said "Why are we here?" This student knew the team

was not "excellent," nor did they aspire to be. Mr. Davis was struck by this defeated viewpoint and decided that, as their leader, it was his responsibility to change that — to begin building up attitudes of excellence. He had a group of talented kids, but they were going to have to work hard. They were going to have to work for excellence. They were going to have to work to make good become great. This life



lesson shaped the way Mr. Davis has approached every leadership role since then — including how he approaches his role as Head of School at Westminster.

Mr. Davis and his family decided to move back to Texas a few years later and became involved with Coram Deo Academy. This school, located in the Dallas metro area, focuses on classical education highlighting liberal arts and languages. Mr. Davis began teaching at Coram Deo and, eventually, became the Head of Operations for multiple campuses of the institution. He began feeling the Lord call him to start open enrollment classical schools for students of every socio-economic class. You can

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imagine the roadblocks and challenges surrounding such a task —not to mention, fear of the unknown! Would people from these areas even want to enroll in such an academically rigorous school? Mr. Davis believed they would. And they did. “When you expect great things, you get great things and great things can be achieved,” he says. He offered the following anecdote to shed light on the experience: “Most people are average physically. But, no parent is going to say ‘Look, because my kid is average, we’ll just keep him on the JV. That varsity team is just too much.’ No parent would say that. They’d say ‘Let’s push and work and get to that next level.’ If we really want Christ-like character, if we really want to see Christ glorified and culture changed, it will be tough. But, we can’t stay at the JV level – spiritually or educationally.”

All of these life experiences, revelations and accomplishments have brought Mr. Davis to Westminster for such a time as this. His varied back-



ground covers the K-12th and college levels, spans decades and regions of the country, and brings a wealth of knowledge to share with us. “Westminster has been on solid ground for many years. It has stood for excellence in every area and has been firmly rooted in Christ. Therefore, it is a privilege to come to Opelousas and Lafayette and to partner with families here to make what is already a fine institution even better. I have children of my own, and they will be attending Westminster. With their education and spiritual formation at stake, I take seriously the duties to which the Lord has called me for His purposes at Westminster Christian Academy.”

There is a framed scripture verse that sits above his new desk at WCA. It contains Deuteronomy 4:9: “Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.” The Lord has taught Mr. Davis much in his career, and we are excited to proudly welcome him as Head of School.

