



Uniting Home, Church and School in Jesus Christ

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Dear Pastor and/or Staff Member,

My name is Ed Gamble, Executive Director of the Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools (SBACS). SBACS has been in existence for nearly 30 years for the purpose of helping Christian parents and pastors understand that it does matter what their children are taught in school. From age five through high school graduation students spend over 16,000 hours in school, where they learn a worldview and values that guide their choices for the rest of their lives. Research indicates that 88% of our youth leave the church within four years of graduation and many never return. Please think about the following 3 questions.

- *Does it matter what children learn in school?*
- *How does a secular education affect their life choices, their church, their families and our nation?*
- *What difference would it make if every child received 16,000 hours of Christian training and an education based upon a biblical worldview?*

In 2006 Marshall Christian Academy opened at Brashers Chapel Congregational Methodist Church in Albertville. SBACS allows non Southern Baptist schools who can sign the SBACS Statement of Faith to become members to promote Kingdom education. Marshall Christian Academy has decided to join SBACS and we welcome their membership.

Though I am just getting acquainted with MCA, I have known Mr. Ed Rogers, the administrator, for many years and am pleased to call him my friend. He has been in Christian education for over 35 years mostly in Southern Baptist schools. I commend him to you along with the school he leads.

MCA is in its second year of operation and will have two year kindergarten thru seventh grade next year with plans to add a grade a year until they reach grade twelve. The school has already begun its accreditation process with the Association of Christian Schools International which has a reciprocal agreement with SACS. Mr. Rogers has informed me that all of MCA's teachers are Christian, active in their local churches, and hold a valid teaching certificate. In addition, he noted that several of the school's board members are from Marshall County Southern Baptist churches.

If you would like to learn more about MCA, please call Mr. Ed Rogers at 256-279-0192 or visit them at marshallchristianacademy.com. Also to learn more about SBACS you can reach our offices at 407-808-9100 or visit us at www.sbacs.org.

Yours in Christ as we battle for the hearts and minds of the children in our care,

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