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Here's an interesting word.

*Let us realize that **we can only fulfill our calling to bear much fruit by praying much.** In Christ are hidden all the treasures men around us need; in Him all God's children are blessed with all spiritual blessings; He is full of grace and truth. But it needs prayer, much prayer, strong believing prayer, to bring these blessings down.*

-Andrew Murray, The True Vine

Join me as I pray for our school, that we may fulfill our mission - every day. As we pray, let's expect much fruit. Here is my prayer list for the school's fruitfulness.

Please pray for:

1. Each member of the school's board of trust. It's a demanding responsibility.
 - o Cindy Burson
 - o Gary Cooper
 - o Carla Emanuel
 - o Scott Ford
 - o David Gatewood
 - o Mark Leverett
 - o Susan Martin
 - o Stuart Miller
 - o Pat Millwee
 - o Britton Nowell
 - o Mike Rainwater
 - o Martha Vaughan
 - o Steve Wade
 - o Gene Whisenhunt
 - o Ray Williams
2. Your classroom teacher(s) as they give and give and give.
3. The light of truth in each and every classroom.
4. Our families in economic upheaval.
5. Our graduating Class of 2010.
6. The educational decisions of the Education Team [Ann Chami, Joe Neff, Margo Turner and Gary Arnold].
7. The wisdom and love of our assistant principals in matters of student discipline - Carlee Wellons, Andy Baxley and Kevin Wieser.
8. The safety of students, especially on field trips and road trips.
9. Your pastor.
10. God's call on new families for 2010.
11. God's call on staffing decisions for 2010.
12. Kingdom vision - that we never lose sight of the power of the cross (Rev 1:5-6).
13. Our Mathematics Task Force as they review and make recommendations to improve our K-12 math prowess.
 - o Last year we reviewed and improved our science instruction across the board, K-12. Our new labs, equipment, and inquiry-based approach to thinking scientifically are bearing fruit. **Have you**

noticed a difference in your child's motivation to learn more about science?

14. Our dual reaccreditation preparations for 2010.
- o We continue to prepare for our dual accreditation with the Arkansas Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (ANSAA) and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). This rigorous institutional self-study validates whether or not we are true to our institutional and educational mission. In April 2010, educators from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas will validate our claims in ten different areas of school life. Focus will be on the quality and integrity of:
 - Our educational philosophy
 - Our governance
 - Our relationships with home and community
 - Our professional staff
 - Our instructional program
 - Our library, media and technology services
 - Our health, safety and crisis planning
 - Our facilities
 - Our students' spiritual development
 - Our plans for continuous improvement

The good news is that all the work of the past five years combines to make **a powerful statement about our solid effectiveness as a school where Jesus is Lord**. We relish the opportunity to tell our story.

15. The fulfillment of our Master Plan including improved athletic fields and a performing arts/worship center.
16. Me. I always benefit from your prayers.
17. Yourself. **As a parent**, you are the primary educator of your children and **it is not easy** in the 21st century culture of our nation.
- o Last month, in an attempt to fortify our families, we offered a free workshop on "Parenting for LIFE!" Our speakers hailed from Willow Creek Community Church (IL) and they accomplished our purpose: to equip us with skills to be the best parents we can be. If you missed the opportunity, we'd be glad to bring them back next year if there is enough interest. Let me know @ gary.arnold@littlerockchristian.com.

In Closing:

Kudos to our Warrior athletes for their fine fall season on the volleyball court, football field, tennis courts and cross-country course!

For a spirited tribute to biblical worldview in the arts at LRCA, please visit the [Warrior Roundtable](#) for our latest post. [A Tribute to Biblical Worldview in the Arts @ LRCA](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership. We don't take it for granted. It is a gift. May we give back all the more in order to accomplish God's purpose among us. All in favor, say "Amen!"



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