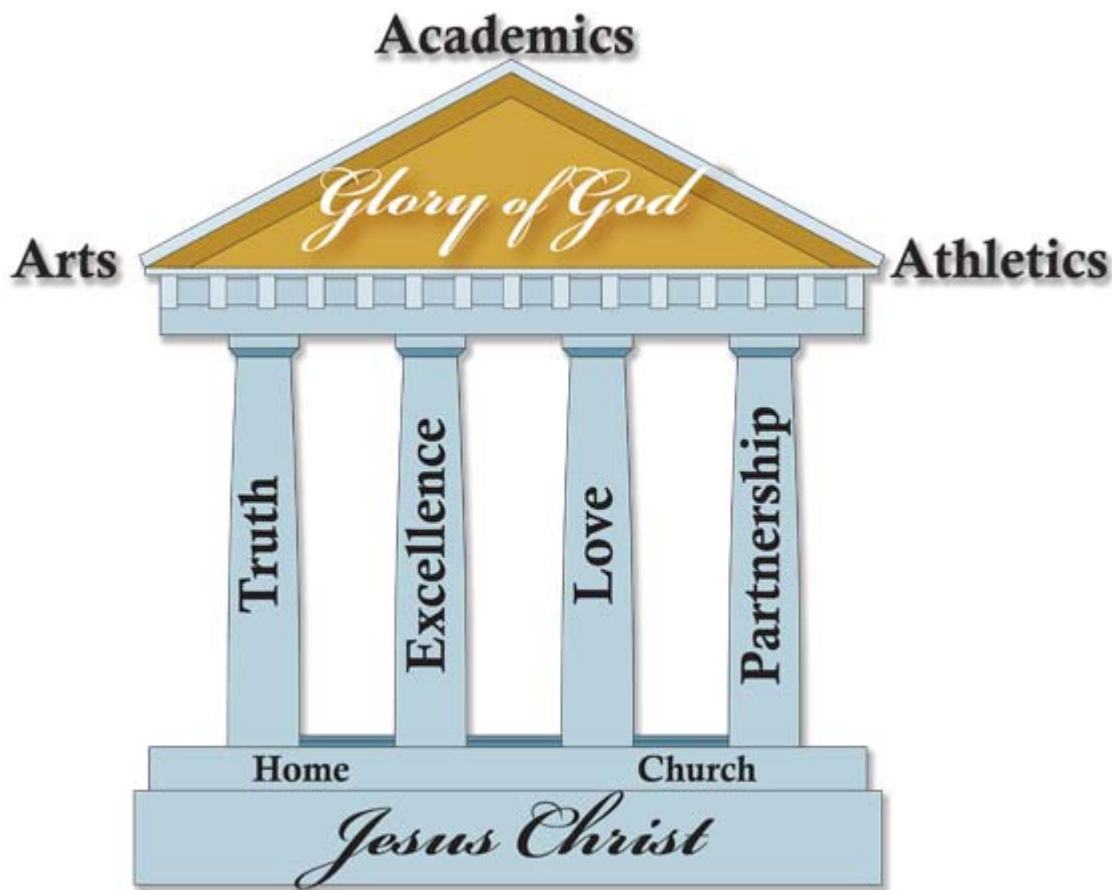




When I envision the core dimensions of Little Rock Christian Academy, my mind's eye sees a school ready to serve families for generations to come. Built to last, the desire has purpose, beauty and value. Our graphic artist, Rachel Mercer, took my napkin sketch and captured this vision with structure, balance and simplicity. Have we captured your hope and desire? Let me know via gary.arnold@littlerockchristian.com



LITTLE ROCK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ENVISIONING OUR GRADUATES

This fall we collected over 750 inputs to the question, "What particular **OUTCOMES** do you expect to see in the life of a LRCA graduate?" In effect, we are composing a dynamic profile of the ideal LRCA graduate - along the lines of "As a man thinks, so is he."(Proverbs) Put another way, **we become what we aspire to become.**

To date, stakeholder input paints a portrait of the LRCA graduate with eight dimensions. We aspire for the LRCA graduate to:

- ✓ Love and follow Christ.

- ✓ Gain admittance to a college of choice.
- ✓ Maintain an appetite for learning.
- ✓ Be able to engage a post-Christian society.
- ✓ Be disciplined for the responsibilities of life.
- ✓ Think wisely.
- ✓ Be grounded in biblical truth.
- ✓ Serve others with gladness and love.

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THE PATHWAY TO OUR VISION - BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

We are convinced that **the LRCA Biblical Worldview curriculum is the pathway to realizing our graduate portrait and school vision.** Not only that, we believe that Biblical Worldview is the backbone to our core college preparatory curriculum. And, as essential as BWV is to our high school, so our K4-8 Bible curriculum is fundamental to the fruit of our elementary school. Elementary Bible provides the biblical footings for deeper understandings in the high school years.

Eager to share with you the goals of our high school Biblical Worldview curriculum, I will include a brief power point slideshow in the February issue of the Golden Triangle. For now, let me whet your appetite with two doorways into the Big Idea we call Biblical Worldview.

- ❑ Essentially, **Biblical Worldview is driven to prepare our students for the void of a post-Christian world.** The U.S. military trains its future leadership **to effectively confront and triumph over four new realities:**

- ❑ Volatility
- ❑ Uncertainty
- ❑ Complexity
- ❑ Ambiguity

- ❑ **Through BWV, we intend to train our children for the same environment!** And, through BWV, we equip each student with:

- ❑ The map of Judeo-Christian thought.
- ❑ The map of classical western civilization.
- ❑ The compass of Truth - the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
- ❑ The experience of godly, biblical teachers.
- ❑ The anchor of Christ's love.
- ❑ The weapon of rational apologetics.

YEAR END GIFTS TO LRCA

It is almost universal for schools to steward an **Annual Fund** in order **to magnify tuition assistance for families in need, enhance school programs or just fill a gap.** Though the span of annual giving runs from July 1 to June 30, the Christmas season often experiences a healthy surge in giving. On behalf of each and every student and staff member, I express our gratitude for each and every gift. **Your generosity has allowed us to reach our goal in order to "fill the gap" for scholarships this year. Thank you!**

THE LRCA CAMPUS EXPANDS

On December 21, we received a **gift of land** which extends our boundaries **beyond the west gate**

to the curb of The Divide. On December 31, we recorded the land deed and increased the size of our campus by **3.8 acres** bringing the land mass of our God-given campus to **51 acres**. We rejoice in this westward addition to our property and thank the Lord for expanding our boundaries for the future.

THE WARRIOR ROUNDTABLE

- △ School size . . .
- △ Creativity . . .
- △ Excellence . . .
- △ Curiosity . . .
- △ Achievement . . .
- △ Purpose . . .
- △ The CITGO ad . . .

. . . brief musings on these topics and more are found on my blog at http://thetable.typepad.com/the_table/ Come, join me at [The Warrior Roundtable](#).

LITTLE ROCK CHRISTIAN ARTS

We continue our **30th anniversary celebration** with festive display of the fine arts on **May 1-3**. Mark your calendar.

LITTLE ROCK CHRISTIAN ATHLETICS

Check our school website <http://www.littlerockchristian.com/athletics/basketball.aspx> or school calendar for **Warrior basketball**, boys and girls. You'll stand to your feet as our players compete at home and away to the glory of God. I'll see you there.

Coach Dewey Pennell is a basketball legend. Coach Pennell led the Warriors to a State Championship in **2005** and **brings out the best play and character in his team year after year**. He has served his teams and his peers well and has been a great colleague to me during my first season with LRCA. If you know Coach Pennell, you have been challenged to keep up with his personal fitness, disciplined mind and Christian heart.

With **Coach Dewey Pennell's well-earned retirement** on the horizon and ever grateful for his **fruitful championship tenure as AD, I have been interviewing candidates for his successor**. Multiple candidates have been screened and interviewed - from Arkansas, Alabama, Texas and North Carolina. I appointed a task force to prepare a demanding profile and establish criteria for suitability. The committee interviewed a handful of qualified candidates with me. **Multiple interviews, prayer and wise deliberation have brought me to a point of decision**. Join me in welcoming one of our own, Coach **Johnny Watson**, to advance the mission of the school with us as Athletic Director, effective July 1, 2008. Please pray for this man as he enters a new season of professional and spiritual growth.

In His service, at your service,

Gary B. Arnold

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