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ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA

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Bob Jones University 2 years

Granite City Baptist Academy is about to embark on the 2015-2016 school year. We have a number of prospects that we are communicating with and trusting they will see the need for Christian education. The Bible says in Proverbs 19:27 "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge." Jeremiah 10:2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them." The Bible is clear that our children are not to go to the heathen or unsaved to receive their education. Children are to be taught the Word of God from morning until night.

Marlin Moddoux, former host of Point of View, radio talk show wrote a book on his experience as a radio talk show host. He said, "The public school system is controlled by atheists, socialists, and liberals from kindergarten through University. It is the most anti God, anti Christian, anti moral and anti American environment that our tax dollars pay for. 75% of evangelical Christian homes that have children attending public schools will turn their back on the Christian faith... We could never teach Christianity like schools teach the Muslim religion. We can't even mention the name of Jesus in public schools... John Dewey's goal was to transform America into an atheistic, socialistic society... Dr. Francis Schaeffer pointed out that Dewey was an atheist and socialist that realized that they could get the masses to embrace socialism by revolutionizing the education system... George William Frierich Hegel, in the early 1800's, a German philosopher, believed there was no God, no moral absolutes, no eternal truth, and that all things are relative. His philosophy is in the classroom today. What is going on is a process of deception, coercion, and mind control... The greatest murderers of the 20th century – Hitler, Mao Tse-tung, and Stalin – were socialists, humanists, and believers in Darwin evolution... Government Education

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Miss Kristen Stoliker

Granite City Baptist Church &
Academy Secretary
Serving since May 2015

My name is Kristen Stoliker and I am the new secretary at Granite City Baptist Church and Academy. I am excited about this upcoming school year and working in the academy as a monitor.

I was born in February of 1993 in Albany, New York and was raised in a Christian home despite the fact that both of my parents were raised in non-religious homes. My mother, Kim, went to church with a neighbor when she was young and was saved at the age of 12. However, when her neighbors moved away, she stopped going to church. My father, Douglas, grew up in a home where playing sports was their god. He played many sports through the years; during college he focused on basketball.

My parents met in college and eventually became engaged. While my mother was at college, my grandmother had received Christ as her Savior and began attending a local Baptist church. She requested that my mother and father have her pastor perform their wedding. My parents agreed and began premarital counseling with Pastor James Kelly. He explained to my parents that he could not perform their wedding because my mother was saved and my father was not. Praise the Lord that he continued to counsel with them and was able to lead my father to the Lord! My parents were married in August of 1988.

I was homeschooled from kindergarten through my senior year of high school. My mother was my full-time teacher and she used that position as an opportunity to constantly plant the seeds of the gospel in my mind. An older lady in our church had recently passed away, and she explained that one day we would see her in heaven because she was saved. I had the misconception that if I asked Jesus to save my soul I would immediately die and go to heaven. As a five year old, that idea terrified me and I put off making the decision to get saved. My parents eventually realized what I was thinking and quickly explained that I was wrong.

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follows philosophy of NEA.

They have a monopoly on left wing liberal ideas: Socialism, Secular Humanism, Materialism, Atheism, Agnosticism, and Evolution, sympathetic with Moslem, Hindu, Buddhist religions but not Christian – no Christmas, Easter, little discipline, poor dress code, ungodly music, and few morals in regards to fornication, abortion, gay rights, and poor academics.”

Our theme this year for Granite City Baptist Academy is gratefulness. Gratefulness is a feeling of thankful appreciation to God and others for favors or benefits received, warm appreciative response to kindness in my life.

An ungrateful person is insecure and he fails to express appreciation. Nine of the ten lepers that Jesus healed were ungrateful. Luke 17:12, 15&16 “And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: . . . And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.”

An ungrateful person will be grumbling and complaining. Philippians 2:14&15 “Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;”

A grateful person will be content. Philippians 4:11 “Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.” Many parents neglect their family, home, church, the Word of God, and prayer because they are seeking contentment in a new home, car, TCV, computer, boat, cabin or camper.

A grateful person that is filled with the Holy Spirit will always be thankful. Ephesians 5:20 “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;”

We need to be grateful to God for creation, redemption, His sustaining power, love, patience, goodness, Word, church, promise of eternal life and the assurance of His return. We need to express thankfulness for significant people such as parents, pastors, teachers, doctors, employees, friends, neighbors, patriots, and all spiritual leaders. Have you developed an attitude of gratefulness in your life?

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On December 4, 1998, I was in the kitchen making Christmas cookies with my mother and I began asking questions about salvation. She answered my questions and by the end of our discussion, I knelt by my bed, repented of my sins and placed my faith in the finished work of Christ on

the cross. I was baptized by Pastor Joseph Roof at Calvary Baptist Church on Mother’s Day of 1999.

In July of 2005, my family moved to Shelby, North Carolina for my father to attend Ambassador Baptist College. We joined Emmanuel Baptist Church and through a terrific youth group, the Lord taught me a lot! I can point back to a specific spiritual lesson I learned every year from 7th to 12th grade. We teens were encouraged to serve in the church in many capacities and given the opportunities to go to the Wilds Christian Camp and on missions trips as well. The Lord used each of these events to work in my heart and life.

Toward the end of my freshman year of high school, I began to feel that the Lord was calling me to serve him in the area of church secretarial work. I was able to help in the church office on Wednesdays for three summers and the Lord used the hands-on experience to confirm that He was indeed calling me to that area of full-time Christian service.

The Lord led me to attend Ambassador Baptist College to finish my education. I graduated May 2, 2014 with my associate’s degree in church secretarial studies. I was hoping that the Lord would place me into a ministry right away, but that was not His plan. I was contacted by three other churches before I received a phone call from Mrs. Schill toward the end of last year. However, the Lord clearly shut the door on those other ministries. I was confused as to why He was making me wait to start serving Him in the specific area for which I had been trained. I know now that no matter how long the wait, it is always best to wait for God to lead because there is no better place to be than in the center of His will!

I am excited to be here and I am enjoying my job and getting to know everyone. I am sure this school year will hold exciting new experiences for the students and me. May we all be looking toward our Savior and striving to please Him in all we say and do!

COMING EVENTS	
Pre-season Soccer/VB Practice	August 20, 25
New Student Testing	August 24 & 25
Monitor Review Training	August 27 & 28
GCBA Begins	August 31
Parent Orientation	August 31

