You've heard me say that my wife and I are passionate about Christian education. It occurred to us that the best people to talk to you about its benefits would be those who had experienced a Christ-centered education themselves. We decided to ask our three grown children, who had the privilege of attending Christian school from preschool on into college, what came to mind when asked, "What were some of the greatest benefits you received as a result of your Christian education?"

- I was able to learn about the world from a Christ-centered perspective.
- 2. I was surrounded by trustworthy and like-minded mentors, families, and friends who spurred me on during my most formative years. The ease of finding Christian mentors who challenged me and became sources of Christ-centered and vocational encouragement was an invaluable part of the experience. These people remain friends and mentors to this day.
- **3.** There was a consistent reinforcement at school of the **values** taught at home.
- 4. I was able to learn in an environment where Christ is preeminent, which added a measure of excellence in my desire to grow intellectually and spiritually. I was able to exercise my mind as a service and sacrifice to Jesus, enabling me to better represent Him to the world.

- **5.** There was constant encouragement to pursue and **develop my spiritual gifts** and begin to discover God's plan for my life.
- 6. Participating in a daily academic, spiritual, and social journey with fellow Christians created a deeper and more meaningful sense of community. Being in this community spurred me on to good works as a response to the love of Christ.
- 7. The encouragement to pursue depth in my relationship with Jesus, the love of my neighbor, and the understanding of Scripture, created habits and practices that have remained and will continue to be essential in my life.

As parents, and now grandparents, we know that Christian education requires a strong commitment on the part of families. We want you to know that we are doing everything we can to make the ACA experience the most fruitful and valuable education possible. Karen and I have personally invested in Christian education for over 30 years in the lives of our own children and countless others. It is by far the greatest investment we have made, and one that has brought great joy.



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I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

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