WBA Family Focus

Board Notes

We are saddened by the news that St. Alban's Memorial School will be closing at the end of next month after almost 60 years of operation in Waco. Our hearts go out the children, families and employees of St. Alban's as they grieve the loss of community in their school. Please pray for these families through this time of transition.

WBA has received a number of inquiries from parents of St. Alban's students, several have taken tours, and we have already enrolled two new students. At the request of Marcia Anderson, St. Alban's principal, we have composed a letter to the families of St. Alban's expressing our condolences on the loss of their school and welcoming them to consider becoming a part of the WBA family. If you know families at St. Alban's, please reach out to them and recommend WBA as they evaluate their school options.

In addition to new students from St. Alban's we have also enrolled 7 current students since the first day of the school year. Please join me in making all of these new families feel welcome and a part of our school community.

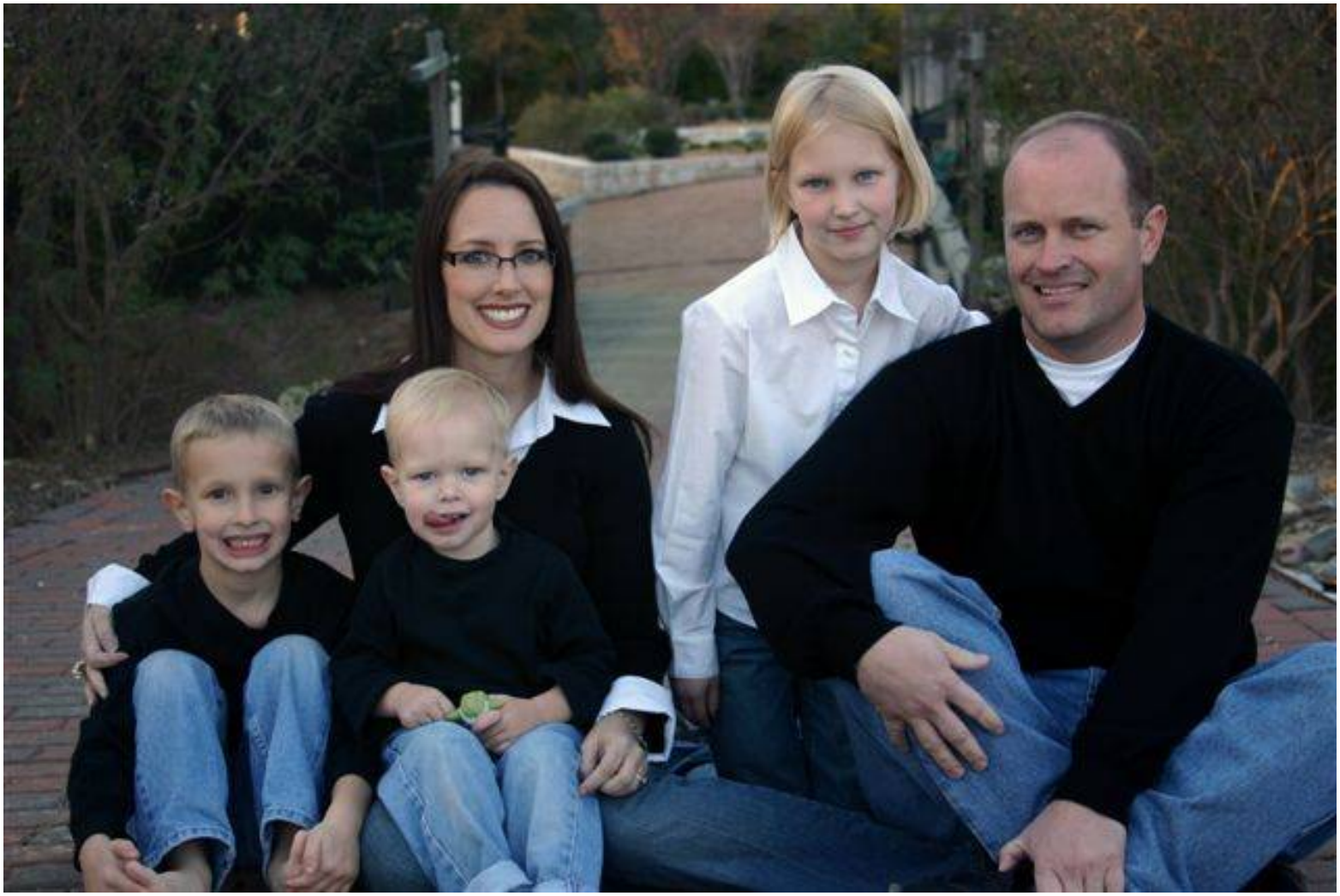
Did You Know?

In its very first year, the Jog-A-Thon will be WBA's most successful fund raiser in more than 3 years, grossing over $20,000 for the school! Thanks again to all who helped make it an exciting and profitable event. I certainly enjoyed jogging some laps with both the 2nd and 3rd grades and watching all of the classes participate in the wide variety of fun activities that were a part of the day.

The income from Jog-A-Thon is vitally important to WBA since the tuition dollars all of us pay do not cover all of the operating expenses for the school. Consequently, funds collected from the Jog-A-Thon, other school fund raisers and private donations remain an important source of income for WBA. [We're always looking to visit with those who might have an interest in supporting Christian education by giving to WBA, so please let us know if there is someone you know who might be willing to talk with us about contributing to the school in some way.]

Family Spotlight

Meet one of our first year families to WBA, the Hodges: Ken, Kristen, Hardin (4th grade) and little brothers Peyton and Carson. Ken is lobbyist for a local company and Kristen is a stay at home mom with lots of artistic talent. Our thanks to Ken for taking time to respond to our questions.



What is your favorite thing about WBA? "God. While God is alive and at work in public schools, many seek to deny or explain away our Creators existence. However, at WBA there is a loving embrace between God, the students and the school."

How did your family choose WBA? "Prayer, Christian counsel and evaluation. Through seeking God's guidance, we found peace in enrolling Hardin at WBA. It was very comforting having strong Christian friends who were actively engaged in the WBA community who provided a positive testimony. We were also very impressed with the level of work WBA students achieve."

What do you want others to know about WBA? "Academic quality. While God's presence and influence are obvious, you can look closer to observe the strong quality of WBA's teachers, students and programs."

How has WBA impacted your child? "Shared values, education and friendships. The Christian influence, appropriate dress code and honesty of fellow students provide a healthy environment. The level of instruction and ability to focus on each child – not just the problem few – promotes academic achievement. Also, having so many fun kids that accepted Hardin by welcoming her to the school and becoming good friends has helped her to grow so much personally."

Can you share a favorite WBA moment? "The Variety Show. Watching the kids use their God given talents and passion for life in their performances, and seeing the love and pride of parents and friends in the audience was awesome. Watching our daughter move across the stage like a

graceful butterfly was an incredible blessing."