

IN TOUCH

BLAIR CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY

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After Celebrating 25 years, **the Journey Continues: GOD is Faithful...**



Prayer Clinic, Inc.,
1943 Hunting Park Ave
BCA's First Location

The philosopher Thoreau once wrote, "No one ever takes a journey. The journey takes you." In regards to Blair Christian Academy, our journey continues along a path of faith and trust and leaning on God for his goodness and mercy.

With that in mind, we have acquired five and one-half acres of property adjacent to our existing space at 101 and 201 W. Johnson Street. The property consists of two buildings with a combined total of approximately 84,000 square feet. We plan to use that space for special events, the expansion of our offices and high school, and are looking to develop a full-scale library, cafeteria, science lab, music room, gymnasium and auditorium. The expansion will be done in phases starting early next year.



5918 Park Avenue,
3-Story Home-Converted
BCA's Second Location



1814 East Chelton Avenue,
Former Catholic School-Converted
BCA's Third Location

We have come a long way from our humble beginnings in one room of a small storefront church on Hunting Park Avenue. With the continued support of our parents, students and staff, we will continue to be prayerful as God directs our path on a journey to where He wants us to be.



220 West Upsal Street
BCA's Current Location



101 and 201 West Johnson Street
Blair Christian Academy Expansion Project

Blair Christian Academy...the School Children Call Home.

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SAVE THE DATE

1/2 Day for Elementary & Pre-school
December 24th

Academy Closed
December 25-January 2nd

Preschool Closed
December 25 & 26; January 2nd

1/2 Day for Preschool
December 31st

Middle & High School Science Fair
January 16th

Martin Luther King Holiday
January 20th

Parent/Teacher Conferences
1/2 Day Grades 1-12th
January 28th

Elementary Science Fair
January 30th

Parent/Teacher Conferences
1/2 Day Grades 7-12th
January 30th

President's Day
Preschool & Elementary Closed
February 17th

Black History Bee
February 23rd



Joseph Blake, Chairman of the BCA Board,
In a Kenya classroom

OUR MISSION... TO TOUCH THE NATIONS

At Blair Christian Academy, the students learn about the blessings associated with giving – not just through what they are told – but also through the opportunities that they have to experience it first-hand.

Every year, Blair students take on several missions and community service projects. In November, BCA's Prayer Club collected toys, hygiene items, school supplies and other items for children in war-torn, poverty-stricken nations. After praying over the gifts, the students wrapped them in shoe boxes and shipped them off in time to arrive for Christmas. A canned food drive spearheaded by our preschool students this December was so successful that the name was changed from the "100 Can Challenge" to the "1,000 Can Challenge." Canned goods are still being collected for this cause.

"We know that Blair Christian Academy has been called to touched the nations," said Dr. Karen R.S. Jenkins, executive administrator of BCA. "We are training up world changers and so we must help stir up in them a compassion for hurting people and teach them the importance of giving."

The offering raised at this year's Grandparents' Day program was doubled by Blair Christian Academy and used to support our missions project in India. Our current missions focus is to assist a school in Kenya, Africa, where some BCA students and staff visited this past summer. The offering taken at this year's Christmas program will start off collections for this project.

OUR FOCUS...



The Prayer Club...harvesting Operation Christmas Child

One WORD from GOD...by Dr. Karen R.S. Jenkins

Transformation is Forever

Our goal in life is to become like Jesus. Change is inevitable and something that we find around us constantly. Sometimes the changes we experience are nearly unnoticeable while others are overwhelming and difficult to handle.

The dictionary defines the word "transform" as follows: to change in composition or structure; to change the outward form or appearance of; to change in character or condition; to convert.

Romans 12:2 says "...and be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

I believe that by taking a closer look at what is happening to us during times of change, you and I can learn how to cooperate with the Lord and be obedient to His Word so what seems like a mess can actually become a miracle.