



God's Amazing Provision for a New Classroom Wing



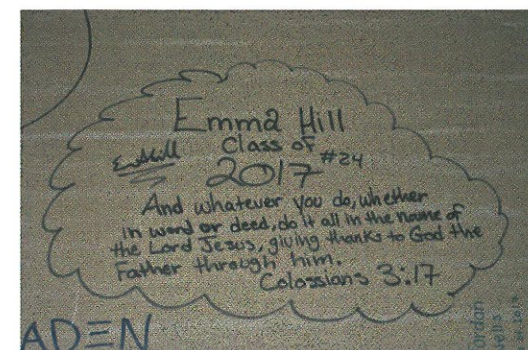
Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Look to the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.
Remember the wonders he has done. Psalm 105:1-5a

As we moved into our new campus on Westport Road in 2012, we knew that we would need to add more instructional space fairly soon if our numbers increased at all.

Our enrollment did increase, and in July 2015 the PCS Board of Directors **STEPPED OUT IN FAITH** again and made the decision to begin the process of building four new classrooms, even though at the time we did not know how we were going to pay for them. We did not have time to run a capital campaign and we could not take on any more debt, so this was a step of faith.



But as He has done so many times, **GOD AMAZED US** with His provision. He raised up God's people to give, including some extraordinary gifts that we did not expect. The smallest gift was \$2 and the largest was \$200,000! All of these gifts given in Jesus' name are of equal blessing. Then in April of this year we received the final gift that paid off the cost of building those classrooms in full even before they were officially completed. We say thank you to our Heavenly Father for His abundant provision and we praise His Name!



THANK YOU to all who gave gifts along the way in any amount. Each of you has invested in the future generations of students who will be instructed in these new classrooms.

Celebration Dinner 2017 at The Olmsted

Ruth Graham gave a strong appeal for all to support God's work at Portland Christian School. She encouraged us to not look down on the small things, whether the size of the school or the size of their gift, using the example of the widow's offering from Luke 21. Over 300 guests were treated to a wonderful evening of fellowship, food, music, a PCS video and Ruth's inspirational message. This year the PCS Parent-Teacher Fellowship hosted a successful silent auction that earned them funds for their activities and provided a fun atmosphere of fellowship before dinner began. Many thanks to all who attended and to those who generously gave towards the ministry of PCS! We are also grateful to our generous sponsors and ask that you consider giving them your business.



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PCS First Fall Festival

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The campus began to fill up by the opening of the event at 9:00 a.m. and by noon, all available parking spaces had been filled and vehicles were being parked on the front hillsides. During the day over 500 vehicles entered our campus!

While the event was a chance for our alumni association, PTF, and 10th, 11th and 12th grades to raise funds for their activities this school year, the primary goal was to provide an event that would bring the PCS Family together for fellowship and fun.

Judging by the smiling faces and the large crowd that stuck around for several hours, it appears that goal was met. Benjamin Miller, Class of 1999, may have summed up the day with his online post, "Had a blast at the Portland Christian School Fall Festival."

Thank God for His goodness in giving great weather and a beautiful campus to host such an event.

Portland property

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Seay said the Portland community has a rich heritage.

"Portland functions as a village," she said. Everybody pitches in for the kids. Businesses such as Shaheens Department Store worked with me when I had children without coats or clothes. The community will love this."

The ministry will be called Meredith House after late PCS basketball coach Joe Meredith. "Joe let anybody play basketball," Josie said. "He loved every kid. His big heart for kids is a huge part of what we'll be doing here." Joe's wife Sherry works at PCS. "It took a few days to sink in," she said. "Joe graduated from Shawnee High School, then served as the coach at PCS. I've always known Joe was special. I've learned that Joe just being Joe had a big impact. Everyone at the school was so good to us when Joe was sick. They held fundraisers, provided gift cards and donated frequent flyer miles so we could get to M.D. Anderson in Texas for treatment. This is a great honor."

Josie said the school is move-in ready except for some painting. Meredith House will open early in 2018 with an early childhood development program, AAU athletics, after-school programs, Math and Science initiatives, K-5 programming and educational support as well as a food program that will give kids three healthy meals a day.