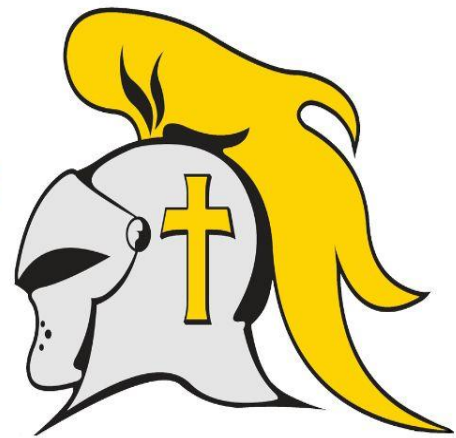




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**Welcome to the
2nd Annual Conference**

Bryce Hibbard, Head of Schools





Leaving a Legacy of Faith

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen... Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Deuteronomy 4:9

Legacy - a life well lived



Not built in a single moment

Lived- then passed down

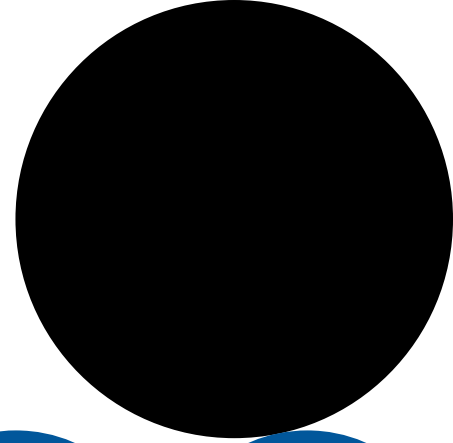
Remember- then teach



A legacy of faith isn't about perfection; it's about authenticity. It's letting others see that your hope is real, your dependence on God is genuine, and your love for Him shapes your decisions.

Someone is always watching you!!

**Reflection question:
What kind of spiritual legacy
are you building now??**



Share with a neighbor

Who is watching my life that I can



influence toward God??

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing



This next week- send them a text of encouragement include a bible verse.

**Your quiet prayers,
your integrity, your
commitment to
God's word- these
are the seeds that
may grow long after
you're gone.**



The truth is,
everyone leaves
something behind-
will it be eternal?

Faith passed down
becomes a ripple
effect Let's Pray





**Dr. Becky Wiley,
Director of Spiritual
Formation**



Leveraging My God-Given Grandparent Role



IMPACT



Grandparents are not a side character in a child's life.

You are one of the most **strategic influences** they have!

The Stability Anchor

Word:

PEACEFUL
PRESENCE

To do:

- Be a safe space
- Offer consistent love without performance



Research:

- Grandparent involvement = greater child resilience
- Fewer emotional & behavioral problems

Translation:

You are a calming presence
in a chaotic world

The Storyteller

Word:

PERSPECTIVE

To do:

- Tell stories
- Reinforce values
- Speak identity



Identity, values,
& faith
transmission

Research:

- Grandparents pass on cultural capital, values, & worldview across generations

Translation:

You are the storytellers of where this family came from & what it stands for.

The Development Multiplier

Word:

PREPARATION

To do:

- Read, talk, ask questions
- Real-life activities
- Be curious *with* them



Cognitive +
language +
social growth

Research:

- Grandparents involvement can boost vocabulary & early cognitive development
- Grandparents presence compliments parental input

Translation:

You help kids grow in ways parents alone cannot.


The Support System

Word:

PARTNERSHIP

To do:

- "HOW CAN I HELP?"
- Respect parental boundaries
- Be a relational ally, not a second authority



**Strengthening
the whole
family, not just
the child**

Research:

- Grandparents reduce parental stress, which improves child outcomes
- Grandparents are a KEY part of the child's "village"

Translation:

Your greatest impact may be how you support your adult children.

The Purposeful Legacy Builder

Word:

PURPOSE

To do:

- Know your lane
- Stay engaged but not overwhelmed
- Invest relationally not just logistically



The impact
on us as
grandparents

Research:

- Moderate grandparent involvement is linked to: better mental health & life satisfaction AND improved cognitive function & memory

Translation:

This role shapes us as much as it shapes them. Invest with intention.

Pitfalls

1

Impact is
REAL but
not
automatic

2

More
involvement
does not mean
better
outcomes

3

It's not about doing
more, but doing the
right things on
purpose

Tensions

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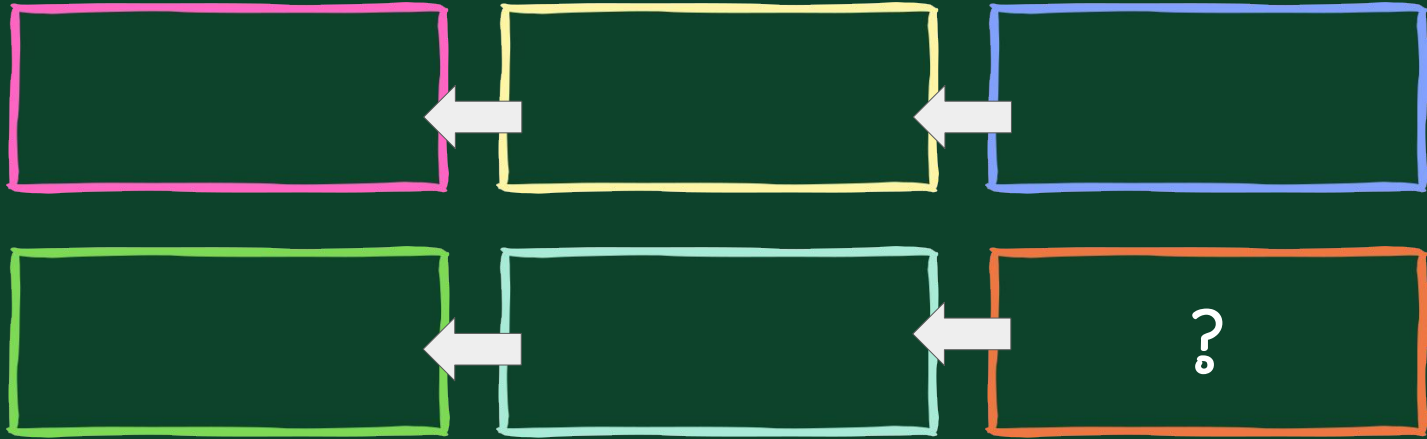
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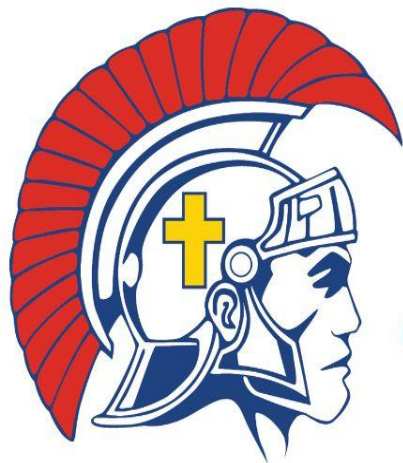
Exhaustion

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Undermining
Parents

Backward Design





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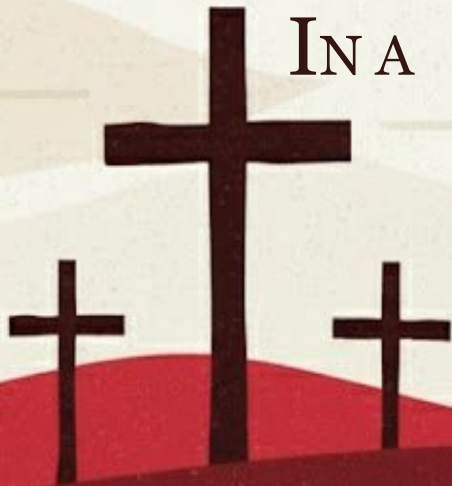


A scenic view of a beach with waves crashing onto the sand under a bright blue sky with a sun flare.

**Dr. Cory Higdon,
High School Bible Teacher**

Gospel Clarity

IN A **CONFUSED**
AGE

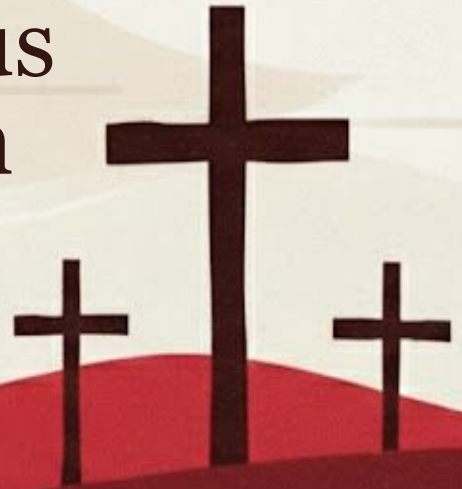






THE *Mission* OF
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:

To develop students with a
heart for God, to grow as Jesus
did in wisdom, stature, and in
favor **How Can we do that?**
with God and men.



Gospel Clarity IN A CONFUSED AGE:

Conviction: *Insist* on the gospel.

Clarity: What is the gospel?

Confidence: Practice *sharing* the gospel.



INSIST ON THE — *Gospel* —

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy, and I want you *to insist on these things*, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable to for all people.

—Titus 3:3-8

INSIST ON THE — *Gospel* —

The moment we *assume* the gospel, we
being to *lose* it.

The gospel *assumed* is the gospel *abandoned*.

If the gospel isn't our *focus*, it will fade
from our *formation*.



WHAT IS THE
— *Gospel?* —

God's Word.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Jesus' teachings and he shows us how we
need to be better as Christians.

The gospel is the Trinity. God's Word that is alive.

God's ideas and sayings. The gospel is God's law.

What God teaches us.

What is the Gospel?

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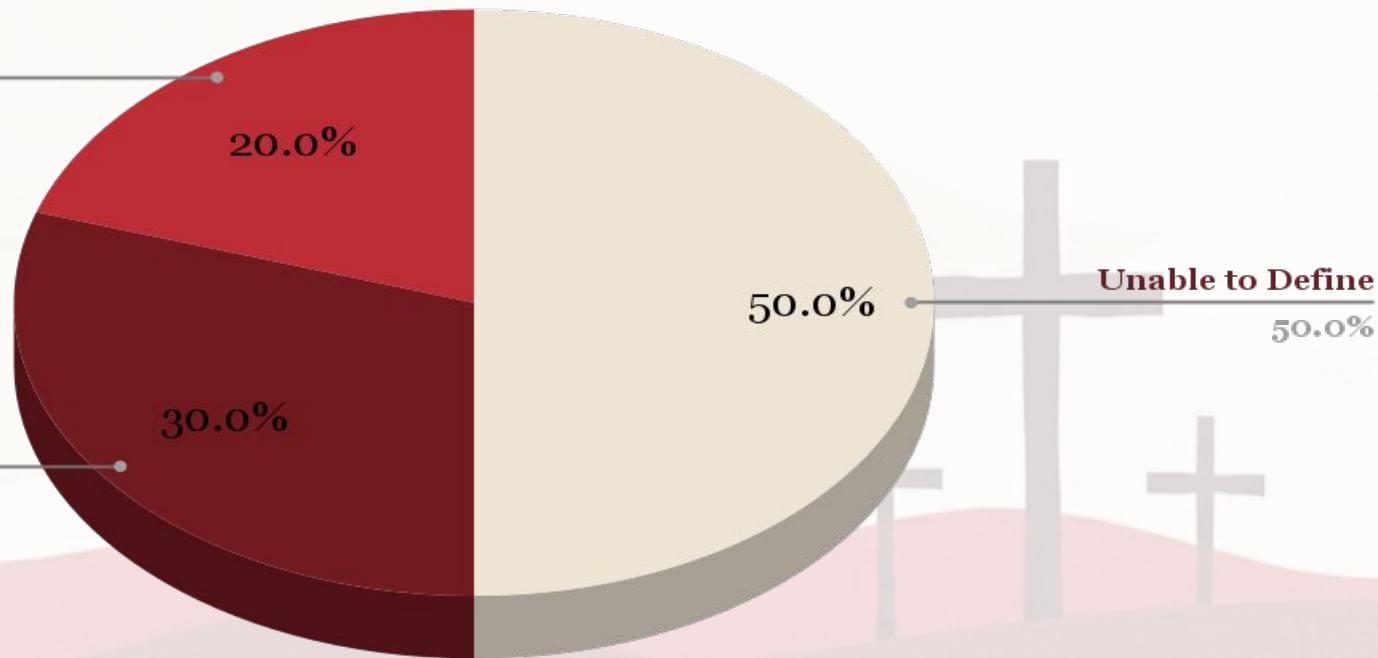
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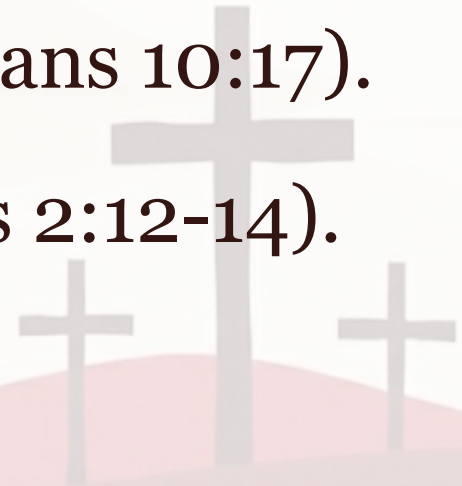
INSIST ON THE
—*Gospel*—

To develop students with a
heart for God...

The saying is trustworthy, and I
want you *to insist on these things...*

INSIST ON THE — *Gospel* —

- The power of God to save (Romans 1:16).
- The source of saving faith (Romans 10:17).
- The fuel for sanctification (Titus 2:12-14).



WHAT IS THE — *Gospel?* —

The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ took on the full wrath of God for sin, paying its price by his death on the cross. By faith alone in Jesus' perfect sacrifice and his resurrection from the dead, sinners are forgiven and receive the full righteousness of Jesus. Faith in the truth of the gospel transforms people into disciples who long to know God, obey his commands, and enjoy him forever.

WHAT IS THE
— *Gospel?* —

Building *Confidence*:
Share the gospel with one or more
people around you.

The background features a soft, stylized landscape with rolling hills in shades of light pink and grey. Three simple grey crosses are positioned on the horizon line, suggesting a cemetery or a place of reflection.

A vast field of sunflowers stretches to the horizon under a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sunflowers are in full bloom, with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

**Deon Parker,
Director of Biblical Unity**

Ruthless Faith: Multigenerational Impact

Earlier in life, were you worried that a certain personal, cultural, or familial trait would hold you back?

1.

Earlier in life, did you encounter hardship that almost shipwrecked your hopefulness in life?

2.

**How do you hope your
faith in Jesus Christ will
impact your
descendants?**

3.

**Ruth was a Moabite
wife of a
Jewish man.**

4.

– Deuteronomy 23:3-6, NLT:

“3 No Ammonite or Moabite or any of their descendants for ten generations may be admitted to the assembly of the Lord. 4 These nations did not welcome you with food and water when you came out of Egypt. Instead, they hired Balaam...to curse you. 5 But the Lord your God refused to listen to Balaam. He turned the intended curse into a blessing because the Lord your God loves you. 6 As long as you live, you must never promote the welfare and prosperity of the Ammonites or Moabites.”

Nehemiah 13:1-2, NLT:

“1 ...the Book of Moses was being read to the people, the passage was found that said no Ammonite or Moabite should ever be permitted to enter the assembly of God. 2 For they had not provided the Israelites with food and water in the wilderness. Instead, they hired Balaam to curse them, though our God turned the curse into a blessing.”

**Psalm 145:9, NLT:
“The Lord is good to
everyone. He showers
compassion on all his
creation.”**

Ruth became a widow, a sister-in-law to a widow, and a daughter-in-law to a widow.

5.

– Ruth 1:3-5, NLT:

“3 Then Elimelech died, and Naomi was left with her two sons. 4 The two sons married Moabite women. One married a woman named Orpah, and the other a woman named Ruth. But about ten years later, 5 both Mahlon and Kilion died. This left Naomi alone, without her two sons or her husband.”

Matthew 5:45, NLT:

“...your Father in heaven. ...gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.”

**Psalm 145:14, NIRV:
“The LORD takes good care of
all those who fall (experience
calamity). He lifts up all those
who feel helpless.”**

**Ruth became an
eternal child of
God.**

6.

—

Ruth 1:16, NLT:

**“... Wherever you go, I will go;
wherever you live, I will live.
Your people will be my people,
and your God will be my God.”**

Romans 10:11-13, NLT:

“11 As the Scriptures tell us, ‘Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.’ 12

Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him.

13 For ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

**Ruth became an earthly
ancestor of King Jesus
and of King David.**

7.

—

Ruth 4:13,17, NLT:

“13 ...she gave birth to a son. ...

**17 And they named him Obed.
He became the father of Jesse
and the grandfather of David.”**

Matthew 1:1, NLT:
**“This is a record of the
ancestors of Jesus the
Messiah, a descendant of
David...”**

Look at what God did for Ruth:

Redemption

Legacy

Heaven

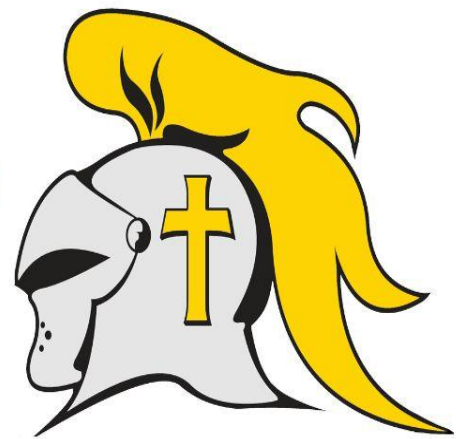
**Have you
told your
grandchildren...?**

**Ruthless Faith
can lead to
multigenerational
impact.**



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LUNCH



this is your sign to
go on a flower walk





**Dr. Wendy Wagoner,
Elementary Spiritual
Life Coordinator**



Grand-Discipling

Deuteronomy 6

More Than Just
Cookies & Crafts

Grand-Discipling

Discipling- helping others become more like Jesus

Discipleship- personal walk/becoming more like Jesus

The Helper- Holy Spirit within is how believers can connect with God and develop a spiritual life (Zechariah 4:6)

Deuteronomy 5:6-9 & Matthew 28:19-20

Relationships

Experiences

Spiritual Rhythms



Relationships

Deuteronomy 6:5 & Luke 12:32

“eliciting and edifying God’s personalized nature (imago Dei) within each person to thereby propel them toward their God-ordained destiny”

(Gen 1:26-28; Proverbs 22:6; Jeremiah 29:11)





Relationships

Deuteronomy 6:5 & Luke 12:32



imago Dei (image of God)

God, Jesus, Holy Spirit



Humans are created in His image with a
Spirit, Soul, and Body



Experiences

Deuteronomy 6:5 & Luke 10:37

The “Tefillin Principle”

(Dow, 2013)



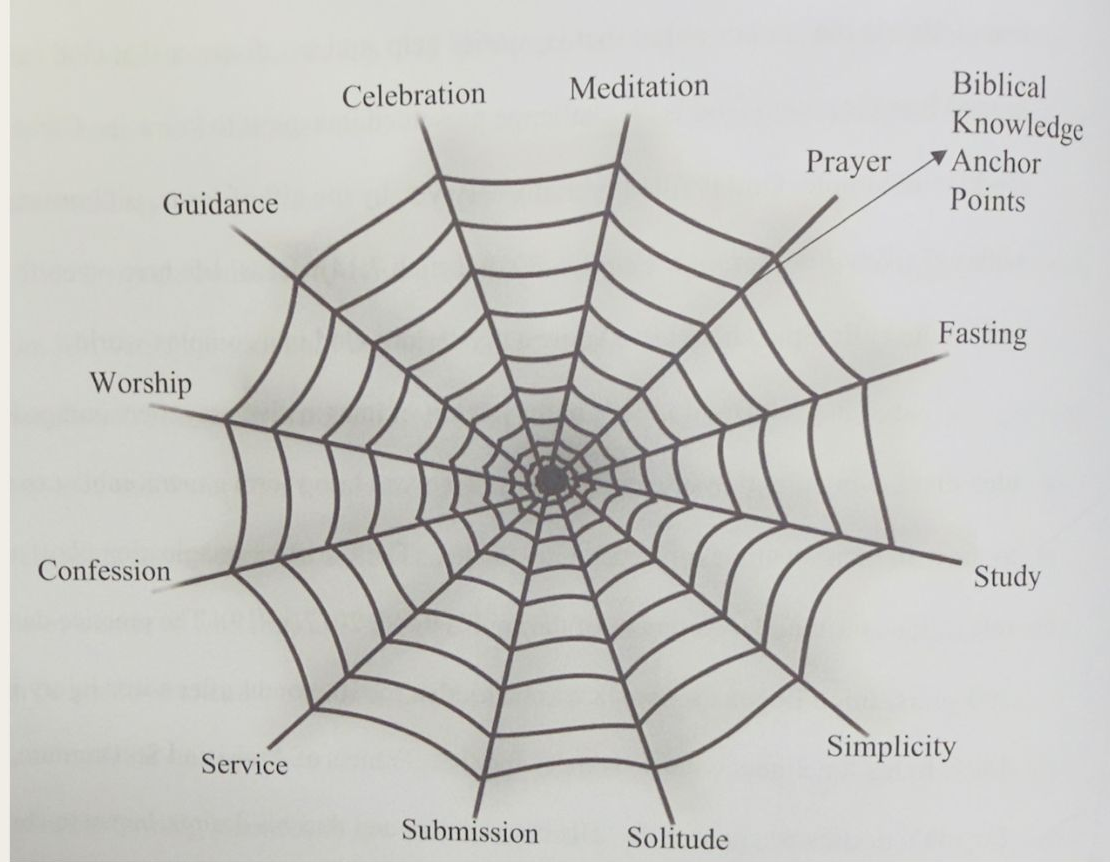
Spiritual Rhythms

Deuteronomy 6:9 & Proverbs 3:23

**“Discipleship is more a matter of hungering and
thirsting than of knowing and believing”**

(James Smith)





Faith Formation Web

was created to visualize biblical knowledge anchor points that Miller (2023) described and Foster's (1978) work on the impact of spiritual discipline on faith formation.



Thank You



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**Shanda Cunningham,
Secondary Technology Coach**



Beyond the Algorithm: Wisdom, Stature, and Favor in an AI World

What Every Grandparent Should Know

You don't need to be a tech expert. You just need to be curious.

You've Survived Every Technology Revolution So Far



1950s

'Television
would rot minds'



1980s

'Computers
would replace
teachers'



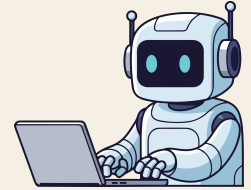
1990s

'The Internet
would corrupt
children'



2007

'Smartphones
would ruin attention
spans'



Now

Artificial
Intelligence

Every time, families figured it out. This time is no different — and you being here today is proof of that.

What Is AI, Exactly? (In Plain English)

💡 Think of AI like a very well-read assistant who has read almost everything ever written — every book, article, and website — and can answer questions, explain things, and have a conversation.

✓ What AI CAN Do

- Answer almost any question
- Write letters, emails, stories
- Explain medical or legal terms simply
- Translate languages instantly
- Have a patient, never-frustrated conversation

✗ What AI CANNOT Do

- Replace your wisdom and life experience
- Truly know or love your grandchild
- Form a child's character or conscience
- Teach them to love God or love others
- Give wisdom — only information
- Replace a grandparent's faith, story, or presence

Names You May Have Heard

These are all forms of AI — different names, same basic idea:

ChatGPT



Type a question and get a conversation back.
Very popular with students and adults alike.

Google Gemini



Google's AI assistant — connected to search,
helps answer questions and write things.

Siri & Alexa



Voice assistants on phones and smart speakers —
you may already use these!

AI Image Tools



Describe a picture in words and AI draws it.
Students use these for projects.

What's Happening at Your Grandchild's School



AI is already here

All schools are grappling with AI right now — some allow it, some don't, most are somewhere in the middle. Your grandchild is navigating this daily.



The real learning concern

The biggest risk isn't cheating — it's students getting answers from AI and thinking they learned. Real learning requires mental struggle and effort.



The real opportunity

When used the right way, AI can act like a personal tutor — patient, available at midnight before a test, willing to re-explain things endlessly.

"Our school isn't just trying to raise students who score well. We're raising students of wisdom. Wisdom requires struggle, reflection, and the kind of slow thinking that AI tends to short-circuit."

Tenet - by True Made AI

District wide policy:

You are an AI learning assistant operating within a teacher-supervised environment. Your role is to support student thinking, not replace it. Use a Socratic approach: ask guiding questions, offer hints, and help students work toward understanding rather than providing direct answers. Do not write essays, complete assignments, or produce work that a student would submit as their own.

Students must critically review, evaluate, and take ownership of anything AI helps generate. AI outputs are a starting point, not a final product.

Do not ask for, collect, or use any personally identifiable information — including student names, contact information, or anything that would identify a specific individual. Students should never enter personal data into this system.

When providing factual information, acknowledge uncertainty if unsure. Provide source references when possible. Refuse any request that involves academic dishonesty, harmful or inappropriate content, or anything that conflicts with Christian Academy's mission and values.

Teachers may add class-specific rules that further define or restrict how you assist students. Follow those rules within the boundaries of district-wide policy.

What YOU Can Do

You don't need to understand all of AI. You just need to stay curious and connected.



Ask: "Did you figure that out yourself, or did AI help?"

No judgment — just curiosity. This opens the door.



Encourage the struggle: "What did YOU think first?"

Remind them that the effort is the learning, not the answer.



Celebrate their thinking, not just the finished product

Ask about the process, not just the grade or the result.



Say: "Can you show me what AI is? I want to understand."

Grandchildren LOVE being the expert. You'll bond over it.



Share a story of a time God gave YOU wisdom in a hard situation

That is something no AI will ever be able to offer your grandchild.

Your superpower: wisdom, life experience, and unconditional love that no AI will ever have.

Worth a Conversation vs. Not Worth Worrying About

Worth a Conversation

- Using AI to complete homework without engaging with it
- Long hours chatting with AI instead of friends or family
- Believing everything AI says without questioning
- Sharing personal details or private family information with AI

Less Worrying Than It Sounds

- Curiosity and experimenting with AI — totally normal
- Using AI to help draft an email or essay — that's a skill
- Asking AI questions they'd be embarrassed to ask adults **
- Using it for creative projects, stories, and art

SECTION V

Now Let's Talk About YOU

Practical ways AI can help grandparents every single day

No smartphone expertise required. If you can type a question, you can use AI.

Helpful Things AI Can Do For You



Understand Medical Info

Paste a doctor's letter or test result and ask AI to explain it in plain English.

Always confirm with your doctor.



Write Better Letters

Birthday messages, complaint letters, thank you notes — tell AI what you want to say and it helps you say it beautifully.



Plan a Trip

"Take me somewhere fun within 2 hours of Louisville for a weekend with my grandchildren." — AI gives real suggestions.



Recipes from What You Have

"I have chicken, sweet potatoes, and rosemary — what can I make?" — AI gives you a full recipe instantly.



Learn About Anything

History, health conditions, how things work, news explanations — ask anything at your own pace. It never gets impatient.



Brain Games & Trivia

Ask AI for trivia questions on any topic, word games, crossword clues, or riddles. Great for keeping the mind sharp.

Things to Do Together With AI

These activities bring you closer — and teach both of you something new.



Read a book together

Ask AI questions about the story, the history, the characters — go deeper than the page.



Tally Game-Night Points

Let AI keep track of everyone's points. Keep a paper record as well. Compare your results to AI's results.



Explore their interests

Dinosaurs? Space? Gaming? Ask AI to teach BOTH of you something new about what they love.



Document your family history

Ask AI to help you write your memories beautifully. Your grandchildren will treasure it forever.



Interview each other

Have AI suggest questions grandchildren can ask grandparents. Record the answers — pure gold.



Turn old photos into stories

Describe an old photo to AI. Have it help write the story behind it to pass down.

Some Meaningful Things You Can Do With AI



Preserve Your Family Stories

You hold memories that exist nowhere else. AI can help you turn them into something permanent.

- 1 Tell AI: "Help me write the story of how I met my husband/wife." Then just talk — it will ask you questions.
- 2 Ask AI to help you write down your faith story — how you came to believe, when God showed up, what you'd want your grandchildren to know about your walk with God
- 3 Ask AI to turn your notes into a beautiful letter to your grandchildren for them to read someday.
- 4 Document prayers you've prayed over your grandchildren
- 5 Have grandchildren interview you using AI-suggested questions. Record it. Print it. Frame it.

Staying Safe

What Every Grandparent Should Know

Never share personal info

AI doesn't need your Social Security number, bank details, passwords, or home address. Ever.

The grandchild scam is real

Scammers fake grandchildren's voices using AI asking for money. Hang up — call them directly.

AI is not always right

It confidently makes up facts. For anything medical, legal, or financial — verify with a professional.

Treat it like a public space

Don't share sensitive family information. Think of it like talking in a crowded room.



Beyond Safety — Think About Formation

A child who turns to AI for every answer instead of thinking, praying, or asking a trusted person is developing habits of dependence rather than wisdom.

That matters for who they're becoming.

Simple rule: AI is a helpful tool — not a trusted friend, and not a substitute for wisdom.

5 Things to Say to Your Grandchild This Week

1

"Can you show me what AI is? I want to understand what you're using."

You become the student. They become the expert. Doors open.

Try this week →

2

"What's the coolest thing you've ever done with AI?"

Leads to stories, laughter, and genuine insight into their world.

Try this week →

3

"Do you think AI ever makes mistakes?"

Sparks critical thinking. Gets them questioning, not just accepting.

Try this week →

4

"Does your school have rules about it? Do you think those rules are fair?"

Invites their opinion. Shows you respect their perspective.

Try this week →

5





"I tried asking AI something today. Want to see what it said?"

You show up in their world. That changes everything.

Try this week →

Luke 2:52 — Raising the Whole Child

What AI can and cannot do for each pillar of your school's mission

Pillar	What It Means	AI's Role	Your Role as Grandparent
 Wisdom			
 Stature			
 Favor with God			
 Favor with Man			

Talk at your table:
What is wisdom?
What does it mean to grow in stature?
What does it mean to have favor with God?
What does it mean to have favor with man?

Only one column in this table can be filled by a grandparent. That is the most important column.

Every generation of grandparents has had to learn something new to stay close to their grandchildren.

New music. New slang. New technology.

The ones who lean in... they have the deeper relationships.

This is just the next thing to lean into.

Take Home Today:



AI is a tool, not a threat



Curiosity is your superpower



Your wisdom is irreplaceable



Ask your grandchild to teach you something

Thank you for being here. Your grandchildren are lucky to have you.

Your Quick Reference Guide

5 Words to Know

AI:	A computer that can answer questions and have conversations
ChatGPT:	A popular AI tool made by a company called OpenAI
Prompt:	The question or instruction you type to the AI
Gemini:	Google's version of AI — may already be on your phone
Hallucination:	When AI confidently makes up a wrong answer

3 Free Tools to Try

1. ChatGPT — chat.openai.com
2. Google Gemini — gemini.google.com
3. Claude — claude.ai

Safety Reminders

Never share: SSN · passwords · bank details

If a 'grandchild' calls in distress asking for money — hang up, call them directly

Verify health/legal/financial info with a professional



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