

Christian Life Connect

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2nd Edition

Principal's Corner

I can't believe another school year is over! One of the highlights for me this year



was seeing some of you during the Alumni Christmas event. Being able to talk

with you again and hear what is going on in your lives means a lot to me. Many of you are finishing up degrees and moving on to the next phase of life. Some are getting married and having children--the most exciting phase of them all! Please, continue to be involved here at CLS. You are a valuable part of the ministry here!

During our athletic seasons, we invite you to come and cheer on CLS during sports. Log on to www.highschoolsports.net



Christie, Andy and Joelle

Her father often joked as she went off to college about coming back and working at CLS. Nine years after graduation...the jokes became reality!

Alumni Christie Blount-Gould 1996

Ask any elementary student, they will gladly tell you who Mrs. Gould is—their very own principal. Post CLS Christie majored in elementary education at Evangel University. From there she worked in Texas as a third grade teacher, basketball and track coach. In Racine she taught at a charter school and completed her masters at Carthage College. With her dad (Mr. Paul Blount) as administrator during her CLS years, you would think she never got in trouble—wrong! A portion of the school's second floor was unfinished and empty during the day. Christie and other students (you know who you are) made a fort opposite the gym wall for use during senior study hall. Using the electricity from the gym's scoreboard they hung lights, had a cot for a couch and even positioned a mirror just right to see anyone coming. As you can guess, they got busted. During the exodus, Mr. Tennyson escorted a long line of somber seniors to their fate, each carrying an item from their private hideaway. Great friends, wonderful memories, a heart full of love and respect for learning is what she says CLS gave her. Citing education—a fortifier of her faith. With Joelle's birth, love is deeper and moments precious. This year she completed classes and received her pastoral license. The Gould's expect baby number two next month. Congratulations Christie!

Alumni David Nelson 1993

Students were ROFL during a pep rally junior year when the basketball team was given the opportunity of a lifetime—a kiss from a cheerleader. The catch: parents picked the girl. Certain they would choose his good friend, with blindfold on, Dave gave her a kiss. He joked, “She tried slipping me the tongue!” Laughter echoed as the blindfold slid from his eyes. Smiling from ear to ear stood the receiver—his mother! From life at CLS, Dave attended North Central University. He has served in churches as a youth pastor in Minnesota, Chicago, California, North Carolina and as co-pastor in Seattle. In 2006 he felt called to move home and start a church in Kenosha, but decided not to. Never did he imagine that a short time later he would return home and speak during his brother (continued)



The Nelson family

for the schedule.

Please remember, you are always welcome. If you aren't able to visit in person, always remember I'm only an email away: ttennyson@kclsed.org.

For those of you graduating. Congratulations for all your hard work. Please, visit the CLS website and sign up as an alumnus. We want to hear from you and want you to know as well as our existing alumni—we want to continue to be a part of your lives.

Looking forward to staying in touch alumni—don't be a stranger. God Bless,

—Troy Tennyson



Athletic Director Coach Steven Powell

His advice for alumni: "Do everything you do to the praise and glory of God"

—Ephesians 1:11

Ricky's (2003) funeral. While serving in Iraq a roadside bomb took the life of Ricky and one other marine. Back in Seattle, Dave confided in a friend about the "tug" he felt to start a church. When fear was revealed as the reason for not coming, he decided to put his trust in the Lord. With the pain of loss still fresh, Dave returned with his church vision. On February 8th, Great Lakes Church held its first service, 623 people attended. GLC is experiencing a growth unimaginable to Dave and his wife Rindy, who now reside in Kenosha with their three children. We can remind him often about that embarrassing pep rally! -Dave, we are glad you're back and we'll be praying for you and Great Lakes Church. www.greatlakeschurch.com

Mrs. Nelson, Administrator aka kiss thief-->

Do you know alumni not on our list? If so, please remind them to register www.kclsed.org



Alumni William Meyer 1991



While many of his classmates were going off to college, he made his way to Ft. Benning, Georgia for basic training. In the infantry he was able to work with the 101st Airborne Unit, Rangers, Special Forces and Special Operations until an injury ended his military career. He went into the IT field and God began opening doors. For years Bill and his wife Sharrece (1993) felt they were going to live outside the United States. They struggled with this call until they put it before the Lord. Afterward the feeling he had to go was strong. Not going scared him. "I can relate to Adam hiding after the 'apple incident' or Jonah going to Nineveh." Doors opened and the favor they found by taking that step of faith is something he wouldn't trade for the world. Life in New Zealand is good, but he makes it clear life where God wants you is even better! Bill and Sharrece are the proud parents of three children and take in other kids as foster parents. Will would like say to Mr. Shillinger and Mr. Griffy (no longer teaching at CLS): "You have both played a part in my life long past CLS. It has been my honor to have known you." To his alumni friends and students still at CLS, "Take the Word of God- believe it! Take it in your heart, live on faith, no plan B, just God. I promise you cannot even imagine what will come." -Will, stay in touch we are only a click away!



Athletic director Coach Steven Powell



Alumni often have memorable memories of sports and fond ones of Coach Powell. In the fall of 1997 Coach Powell came to CLS. There were only 110 High School students. Since his own graduation from St. Paul Bible College, Coach Powell felt the leading of the Lord to do what he is doing. He pursued his teaching certification and Master's Degree in education. Feeling God calling him into Christian education, he began working in Christian schools in 1978. He says one of the greatest blessings in his life is to teach and watch someone reach their potential. "As a coach there is nothing better than watching a team play for 'Praise Performance' during a game. I have seen God bless an athlete and their ability enhanced as they play for His glory." One of his dreams has been to win a state championship while coaching basketball. In 1998 the boy's team finished second during the WISAA tournament—Coach says this made his dream a reality. In 2006 the girl's team won the WIAA regional championship, another memorable moment. He's blessed working with students and doubly blessed working with their children.