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“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

“The Barna Group research is a wakeup call – only 1/4 of all believers converted after age 21. By his measure, adult conversion is rare.”

[*https://ministry-to-children.com/childrens-ministry-statistics/](https://ministry-to-children.com/childrens-ministry-statistics/)

Why is Christian Education so Critical for our Children?

Christian education takes a lot of dedication and commitment on the part of the parents, the church family, and the educational team. Sometimes it may seem like it's more work and investment than it's worth.

But the Bible tells us the training people receive as children is the foundation on which they build the rest of their life and most importantly *eternity*.

Studies confirm what Proverbs 22:6 has already told us. The vast majority of people who give their lives to Christ do it when they are still children and youth. While the numbers vary slightly depending on the study, almost 85% of Christians in America first gave their lives to Christ under the age of 20. Only about 10% became Christians during their 20s, and that number drops to around 5%

after the age of 30.* Wow! Reread that and let it sink in! For the church, this means children are our most fruitful field of evangelism. For parents, this means prioritizing to make sure our children are receiving a foundation critical to their salvation!

This is why people who want to revolutionize or change society focus on children and youth! And believe me, they are! The question is, are we? Our children are our most vulnerable and promising members. It is our duty to protect, guide, and train them at all cost!

What are they learning at school? Is a foundation for a life dedicated to Christ being laid in their education day by day, or are seeds of doubt being sown, counteracting the very work Christian parents desire for their children? If you are providing a Christian education for your children, praise God! If not, please consider Greenbrier Valley Academy.



Ways You Can Help

Moving is exciting, but it's also a big task. Below are a few ways you can help the school with this exciting endeavor. Please also let us know if you have other ways you'd like to partner with us in ministry.

LABOR

The first step is doing some remodeling to meet the needs of the school. Then we will need to move supplies from the church to the new school. Volunteers for both are appreciated.

FINANCIAL

We will need to purchase some items that the school has been sharing with the church: phone, router, whiteboards, TV, etc.

New School Building!

Greenbrier Valley Academy is moving to a new location! We have been generously offered the use of the Home Care Plus building in Greyrock Professional Park. The upper level is a nice facility with plenty of room for growth. There is a large field connected with the building so the students will have ample space to run and play!

David and Pam Wigglesworth have been a true blessing for GVA many times through the years, and recently Pam has felt God moving upon her heart to offer the building for the school's use with the hopes of drawing in more families.

She had other renters lined up for the building, but when they backed out, she felt this was God's leading and that the time

for growth is now. It is a prime time with everything that is going on around us, families are looking for other options for their children – safer alternatives with quality education.

We're excited about this move. It is a great place for the children to learn and play. Some benefits beyond the room for growth is the location. We hope that being close to the Ronceverte Elementary school, Greenbrier Middle school, the hospital, and several churches will help raise awareness of our presence in the community. And we'll be within walking distance of the Brier, allowing community outreach opportunities for the students.

View our school Website or Facebook page to keep up with the latest information about our move and progress as we set up the new location.

Of course there will be additional supplies needed as we proceed.

While we have the use of the building rent-free for 3 years, we still have to pay for utilities (\$1000-1500/month).

To aid and promote the growth of the school, we would like to bring on a second full-time teacher. We need to raise funds for a second teacher's salary.

PRAYER

Above all, we ask for your sincere prayers. We need prayer warriors because our success comes from God! For specific request, feel free to contact us.

GOD'S PROMISE

While this may seem like a big list, we serve a BIG God! He is more than able to help us.

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”

Ephesians 3:20

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