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Greetings Landmark Community,

I am excited to continue on this amazing journey with you at Landmark Christian School. From its inception nearly 30 years ago, the founding fathers had the courageous vision to build a school that would raise the next generation of leaders to impact the world for Jesus Christ. And what a journey it's been.

From the beginning of time, the Lord has been helping man sort truth from non-truth, light from dark, wisdom from foolishness; and it is our goal to equip students with the truths they will need to navigate our ever changing and challenging world. Our school desires to partner with parents to help lay this foundation so we can equip and raise up confident young men and women who walk boldly with the Lord as they live and love like Jesus.

From an educational standpoint, I am excited by the solid academic foundation that's been established for

our students as they are challenged to think well about life and the world around them. Our faculty will engage students with a curriculum that helps them become the innovators, creators, problem-solvers, and servant-minded leaders the Lord desires of them. Each child is a precious creation with interesting talents and passions, and it is our goal to help draw those out of each child – and develop them for His utmost.

As Head of School, I desire for our Landmark to be a place where students can be kids – kids who love their school, enjoy their teachers, laugh and play, design and create, and build life-long friendships.

As a parent, I desire for Landmark to be a place where students' lives are not filled with overwhelming stress and anxiety, but where they are filled with wisdom and hope, and where they are encouraged to make healthy choices. As an educator, I desire a school that believes the best in each child and desires for each student to succeed. And when students fall short, our school will encourage them to persevere, to try again, and to learn that the Lord is always with them through the trials.

I am excited that my wife, Jenny, and I and our three daughters, Kaley (15), Allison (13), and Mary (3), will have the opportunity to live in the great state of Georgia and to grow at Landmark Christian School. We feel called to do something really special together with the community in these coming years!

I welcome anyone to call or meet with me over coffee to talk and pray together about our children's educational paths. We all want the very best for our children and it's my passion to give every student the best possible experience – and vast opportunities for growth.

The Lord is calling Landmark to continue to accomplish its core mission. I look forward to being part of such a tremendous faculty and staff who are committed to their academics, their arts, their athletics, and their passion to develop students with character who know God and make Him known.

Looking forward to an amazing new year!

Respectfully,
Dr. Jason McMaster

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Mission

Landmark Christian School partners with Christian families by equipping college bound students to embrace a Christ-centered worldview, grow as servant leaders, and steward God's unique purpose for their lives.

Vision

Every student prepared to impact the world for Jesus Christ

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Landmark Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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"We believe the Lord has called Dr. McMaster to Landmark, and uniquely gifted him with the experience and skills needed to value what is already remarkable about our school, while identifying new opportunities for innovation and growth."

Daniel Snead,
Chairman of the Board
of Trustees

is *personal*

Okay, so there's a new head of school in town—from California of all places. Naturally, the Landmark community is going to have a lot of questions. So, here's the first thing you need to know, Landmark community . . .

Get excited. *Get real excited.*

It was all in the Prayer Journal...

Picture it. Dr. Jason McMaster, his wife Jenny, and their three girls — Kaley, 15; Allison, 13; Mary, 3 — were all quite happy, splashing in the pool in their backyard in Thousand Oaks, California. They had family nearby and Jason had a great career as associate head of school at the dynamic Oaks Christian School in nearby Westlake Village.

What could be better, finer, more secure?

A year earlier, however, Jenny had mentioned to Jason that she'd been praying and believed God was preparing them to move to Georgia someday; she even made note of it in her prayer journal. The family had no connections in Georgia and knew no one in the Peach State.

Sure enough, schools began approaching Jason from various cities in California, as well as from Denver, Miami, and others. When Landmark reached out, Jason told Jenny about the school. "Sounds interesting. Where is it?" she asked. He hesitated, remembering the prayer journal. "Atlanta," he said. They looked at each other as if to say, "Could this be it?"

The next thing they knew they were in humid Atlanta on the Landmark campus. Jason was impressed by the school's courageous founders, its family feel, diverse community, and sheer potential.

"The Lord captured my heart and my wife's," says Jason, who admittedly has a competitive nature. "I passionately go after things and I think there's an opportunity to do something very special for the Lord at Landmark."

He's Seen the Finest

Jason knows what he wants to do at Landmark, and he's been around the world preparing for this opportunity. The board at Oaks Christian School, being extremely supportive and entrepreneurial, gave Jason time to travel around the globe to see, first-hand, the finest public and private schools — in Singapore, Thailand, Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark, Sweden, and across the U.S.

"I wanted to see the changes in education and what's going on at these schools, many of which are light years ahead of American schools," he says. "In my head I thought they must have some kind of incredible technology. But instead, I was fascinated by what they were doing with personalized learning."

At the Singapore American School, for instance, they were using educational concepts and philosophies that were centuries old and founded in biblical truth — all designed to unlock the God-given talents and passions within students. School leaders at the Singapore American School meet with parents and students early in their education to find out what is at the core of the student, the person. What are his or her passions, interests, challenges, dislikes, natural abilities, and gifts? "You love animation? Okay, we're going to have you working on animation as a seventh grader," Jason says. "This way, students often have a very good idea what they want to study when they get to college."

"These are the kinds of conversations I'm having with the administration and board at Landmark," Jason says. "We want to give students more opportunities to explore in middle school and high school. We're looking at changing the schedule to have four elective periods to offer more interactive learning in things like design, animation, film, robotics, dance, and theater. Who knows what skills and talents we can unlock?"

Goal: Eternal Impact

One of the reasons Jason attended UCLA when he graduated from high school was because he was basketball crazy and would have followed head coach John Wooden anywhere. Jason majored in biology at UCLA and thought he was going to be a doctor, until his senior year.

He'd been involved in the middle school ministry at the church where he grew up, and they offered him an internship right out of college. It was a tough decision, however, because Jason had a number of other attractive offers, from going right into medical school, to working for a large bio tech company, to working for the CEO of Kinkos, who'd taken Jason under his wing and promised an eye-popping salary.

"Finally I realized it wasn't my decision and I asked the

Lord what He wanted me to do. He made it abundantly clear He wanted me to do something eternal," Jason says.

Jason accepted the internship at the church and the program exploded. He and Jenny were in their early twenties, they had 30 to 40 volunteers their age, and the youth group grew to close to 1,000 kids. "I'd never been more excited about youth ministry. We were having a blast," Jason says.

Eventually working as the middle school pastor, Jason discovered he loved hearing questions the kids asked and he fell in love with education. "That had never been something I'd wanted to pursue. It changed the trajectory of my life," says Jason, who began pursuing his theology degree at Biola University.

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▼ Jason and his wife, Jenny, and their three daughters, Kaley (15), Allison (13), and Mary (3)





Stepping Stones

A man named David Price approached Jason and told him he wanted to build the best Christian school in the country for the next generation of leaders; he was interested in hiring Jason as a teacher. “I told him I didn’t want to be a teacher, but a youth pastor,” Jason says. “But they kept interviewing me anyway.”

Jason slowly began to realize that teaching mathematics and the sciences at Oaks Christian School would give him the opportunity to make learning come alive to students, because the founders of the school believed in hands-on, project-based learning. He took the job and fell in love with it, even though he says he had no idea what he was doing at first.

David Price saw potential in Jason and offered to pay for his master’s degree in education at California Lutheran University. Jason was fascinated to learn more about teaching, curriculum, and instruction. He ended up pursuing his doctorate degree as well.

“I wanted to learn what was it that drew people to private, Christian schools?” Jason says. “I wanted to understand all the changes in education and what made some private and public schools amazing, and others not so amazing. Why send your child to a Christian school and if a student left the school, why? I tried to understand all these dynamics.

“What I found is that the secret sauce is in your teachers,” Jason says. “More than facilities or sports or anything, it was the people who spoke into students’ lives that mattered and had an impact. So, to me, it’s all about having amazing teachers who love the Lord and who really know how to engage students with their discipline.”

At Oaks Christian School, Jason progressed from teacher to dean of academic development to associate head of school. His responsibilities included advancement, the arts, athletics, marketing, and the strategic development of new courses and programs. Jason led the school through its SALS accreditation renewal process and helped develop a 5-year strategic plan, which included significant reorganization for the middle school and high school. He also helped redesign the faculty and staff evaluation process, and built a Learning Center that serviced more than 800 students.

Now Up - Landmark

Jason has enjoyed working with former Head of School Mike Titus on the transition of power, and says he is anxious to build on the Landmark success.

“Walking the halls, listening to students, I love the things they are doing well at Landmark. I saw some incredible instruction, and I also saw things we can do differently. We need to be where education is heading. Kids need to know how to be collaborative, innovative, creative, to be able to work together. The school will also want to make the very most of opportunities to partner with the local community to build strategic relationships with local businesses. I saw that Landmark has the potential to be the best school in the state.

“On the flight back to California I knew in the core of my being Landmark was where the Lord was asking us to go,” Jason says. “God has us here for a reason.”

A reason to get excited.

Real excited.

be
believe. belong. become.
you



“What you are
is God’s gift to you. What you become
is your gift to God.”

A LABOR OF LOVE



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After 29 years of faithful service to Landmark Christian School — including the last five as head of school — Mike Titus passed the baton to new Head of School Dr. Jason McMaster in July 2018. In a different role, Mike will continue his love affair with the school he’s helped build from the ground up since 1989.

Mike Titus was born in upstate New York and grew up in northern Virginia, back in the days when kids spent most of their time outside from sun-up to sundown. You could say Mike lived the idyllic childhood. And he would be quick to tell you he’s lived the idyllic adulthood, as well.

“One of the biggest highlights has been the privilege God’s given me to work with the awesome kids at Landmark,” Mike says. “To have the opportunity, not only to influence their lives, but to be influenced by them and their commitment to Christ — it’s been the best thing for me.”

Adventures of Youth

Mike must’ve gotten his solid work ethic from his parents. His dad was a career IBM man and his mom was a nurse who worked the overnight shift so she could be home to send Mike and his three siblings off to school in the mornings. “She would rest during the day and be up when we got home from school,” he recalls.

Growing up in Virginia, Mike was a standout athlete and all-around American kid. “Those were times when your parents sent you out of the house and maybe you’d be back for lunch and maybe not,” he says. “We’d leave in the morning with a couple sandwiches and come home at night. I miss those days for our kids now, but times have changed.”

When he was 19 and a freshman at George Mason University, Mike met some friends who had something he didn’t — a relationship with Jesus Christ. “Through

▶ While serving as head of school Mike returned to the classroom to share his passion for teaching.



conversations with them I realized that knowing about God and going to church didn't make me a Christian; though I thought I was at the time," Mike recalls. "So I realized I needed to have a personal relationship with Him."

Mike fully surrendered his life to Christ that year and transferred to Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he played basketball and earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Stepping Stones

Following college, Mike took a job teaching math and coaching basketball at Temple Christian School in Indiana. Soon after starting there, Mike and wife Judy had their first child, Josh. "I realized if I was going to feed and support a family I needed to get into administration," Mike says.

In 1987, the family moved to Melbourne, Florida, where Mike began pursuing his master's degree while teaching math and coaching basketball at Brevard Christian School. In his second year, Mike became principal. He eventually earned his Masters in Educational Leadership from the Florida Institute of Technology.

In 1989, Mike got a call from his former college basketball coach, Fred Fuller, who'd become the first principal at the new Landmark Christian School in Atlanta. Fred explained to Mike that the school was starting as a high school and would be adding lower grades.

When Mike, Judy, and their growing family arrived in Fairburn, Georgia, the school was starting up in a warehouse in Fairburn with 180 students, which Mike considered quite remarkable for a new venture. His first job, once again, was teaching math and coaching basketball.

Hitting His Stride

Mike soon became the head of the math department at Landmark and continued working on his education, earning a Master of Education from Georgia State University. A lifelong learner, Mike's attended eight different colleges and universities.

In 2003, Mike was asked to become the dean of students at Landmark. "During that role I realized that we had great kids, but they weren't as effective leaders as they should be," he says. "We weren't teaching them principles and leadership skills. So that's when we started the Leadership Academy."

Mike is proud of the Leadership Academy, which has become a popular, voluntary program in which students learn specific leadership skills from community, church, and business leaders, who come in once a week to teach on leadership. Today about 75 percent of high school students participate in the program.

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Years Mike has completed at Landmark

9

Years Mike has led the student mission trip to Kenya

5

Years Mike has served as Head of School

14

Years Mike served as varsity basketball coach (1990-2004)

100%

College matriculation rate under Mike's tenure as Head of School



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"Mike has brought a Godly voice and strong character to the halls of Landmark."

— Daniel Snead, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Landmark





Going International

When Mike was asked to become the campus pastor at Landmark, new doors of opportunity opened and he began taking students on short-term mission trips to Kenya. Little did Mike know at the time that international missions would become one of his greatest passions.

Mike was 44 the first time he left the country to go to Kenya and he never expected the mission program to grow as it has. What began as one trip a year has increased to five, including Honduras, Mexico, Kenya, Haiti, and Romania.

"I love it, personally, and because of the impact it's had on our kids," Mike says. "It's so good for them to see first-hand how blessed they are living here in the US. And they deal with folks who are, in some cases, in extreme poverty. In Mexico we work and build houses for the poor; in Honduras we work with the Tolupan tribe, people who are living for survival and trying to raise enough crops to feed themselves."

Although Mike continued his role tutoring math students and overseeing the Landmark Leadership Academy and foreign trips, he went to work for Source of Light Ministries International from 2009 to 2013. During that time, he traveled to Kenya, Uganda, and Ethiopia each year to print and distribute Bible study materials, and worked with country leaders to raise funds and do strategic planning and training.

All In

In April 2013, Mike accepted the Landmark invitation to become its interim head of school, and in December of that year he was named head of school.

"Over the years, we've tried as best we could to seek God, seek where He's wanted us to go, and what He's wanted us to do; sometimes we've done that well, sometimes we haven't. But it's been an incredibly faith-building journey," Mike says. "The thing that has set Landmark apart and that has been most rewarding for me is the seriousness with which we've taken the spiritual component of the education — that has driven many of the decisions we've made."

From 180 students in grades 7-12 in 1989, Landmark has grown to 860 students in grades K-12, with campuses in Fairburn and Peachtree City.

"Mike has brought a Godly voice and strong character to the halls of Landmark," says Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Landmark, Daniel Snead. "As head of school, Mike has provided consistent leadership, brought about positive change, and led Landmark through a tremendous growth period, both academically and spiritually."

New Horizons

In fall 2018, Mike transitioned to teaching Christian Life classes at Landmark, tutoring math students in the Learning Center, overseeing student leadership, and coordinating international trips; he will continue leading the Kenya mission trip.

In addition to Mike's new role at Landmark, God has laid it upon his heart — as well some friends at the school — to start a school for orphans in Kenya. "We have more questions than we do answers right now," says Mike, who envisions the orphanage will become part of the Landmark Kenya trip once it is established.

Mike, it seems, will always have the best interest of Landmark in mind, no matter where God leads him. "I'm really excited about Dr. McMaster's role at Landmark. He has a lot of experience and he's got a passion for Christian education," Mike says. "His arrival has generated a lot of excitement here. He's got the experience and background to really take Landmark to the next level. I couldn't be more optimistic. I think our best days are ahead of us."

Mike Receives 'Cross of Nails' Award

As a symbol of how much Landmark has appreciated Mike for his servant leadership and extraordinary acts of kindness since the school's founding, Mike was presented with the "Cross of Nails" award.

"Over the past 29 years I have had a front row seat watching the Lord transform Mike Titus into one who is not only a hearer of the Word, but a doer of the Word," says Landmark Spiritual Life Head Fred Gilkeson. "Through Mike's obedience, the Lord has made him into a man of God who has truly 'washed our feet.' Mike has loved his God and has loved us well."



In Honor of Mike: Titus Fund for Missions

In commemoration of Mike's first 29 years of loyal service to Landmark Christian School, the Titus Fund for Missions was established in May 2018, to honor Mike for his noble service as head of school, teacher, coach, and campus pastor.

Members of the Landmark Christian School Board of Trustees, former Trustees, and friends recognize the powerful role Mike has played, consistently advocating for his fellow teachers and upholding and embracing the school's mission and vision. They also realize the impact Mike's emphasis on short-term international missions has had on the lives of Landmark students.

Under Mike's leadership, the Landmark short-term mission trips have prepared students to impact the world for Jesus Christ, while also enabling teachers to return to the classroom as energized, well-rounded educators, building lasting relationships, and having even broader discussions with their students.

The Titus Fund for Missions will be invested permanently in order to generate income that underwrites annual travel grants for Landmark teachers. So far, 27 donors have gifted

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Alongside Mike during the last 29 years, Fred Gilkeson has witnessed Mike petition, hear, and obey God's Word.

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donors to date have gifted \$159,075 to the Titus Fund for Missions.

\$159,075 to the Titus Fund for Missions. Recipients will be those who desire to participate in school mission trips and apply for trip assistance. Emphasis will be placed on increasing the number of teachers with Landmark mission trip experience.

The Titus Fund for Missions is expected to benefit Landmark teachers and the school's short-term missions program for years to come.

SHONEY'S



faith, hope & a cup of Joe

As the old saying goes, 'Don't start anything until you've had a good cup of coffee.'

On a fall morning in 1988, three gentlemen, Perry Duncan, Bill Thorn, and Eddie Waggoner, later to be named our founding fathers, met together for breakfast at Shoney's in Fayetteville, Georgia. They met to pray and share a dream of building a Christian school. It was because of that meeting that Landmark opened its doors in the fall of 1989. Fast-forward 25 years to the planning of the Landmark 25-year celebration in 2014. At the time, Head of School Mike Titus asked now Director of Marketing and Communications Paula Dobbs to create a video to share with guests at the celebration. She began to envision a video capturing the three original Landmark founders sitting and talking at that same Shoney's booth where they birthed the idea for the school 25 years earlier.

However, there was a small hiccup in the project. The

"We first met at Shoney's in Fayetteville to discuss and pray about starting a Christian high school that others said couldn't be done."

**—Bill Thorn
Founding Member, LCS**

Shoney's in Fayetteville had closed its doors years earlier, and other restaurants had purchased or leased the property since then. The building was vacant and listed for sale. Determined, Paula contacted the real estate professional representing the vacant restaurant and asked if the owner would be willing to grant Landmark access inside to film the video. It was a long shot but the building owner complied and Landmark set off to film its 25-year celebration video.

It's More than a Booth

When filming wrapped up on the Shoney's site four years ago, the agent was asked if she would inquire of the owner whether Landmark could purchase the booth where the three Landmark founders originally sat. It would make a great conversation and marketing piece.

The owner wasn't interested in selling the booth until the entire property sold, and years passed as the property remained on the market. The likelihood of the agent asking the owner, the owner agreeing to sell, and the agent remembering and actually calling Landmark became smaller every day. However, nearly five years later, in the fall of 2017, the agent did call. The building had sold and Landmark could retrieve the booth where the Legend of Landmark began.

Without hesitation, the Shoney's booth was brought back to Landmark, where it debuted at Homecoming 2017. The booth is now preserved on campus until a permanent display location is established.

◀ Thirty years later, Landmark founding father Bill Thorn revisits the Shoney's booth which is now preserved on the Landmark campus.



be true to God's purpose for you

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As Landmark seeks to serve more and more students and families, we must be able to articulate who we are in an authentic, relevant, succinct, and memorable way. Our brand is our image and our essence. It communicates who we are in a few words, distilled down to our very core.

We're pleased to reveal our new branding campaign: believe. belong. become. be you.

Believe – We are a body of believers; we believe Jesus Christ is our Savior. We believe in each other. We believe in our students. We believe God has gifted each for a unique purpose.

Belong – We belong together as the body of Christ. We belong together as family. Students belong at Landmark.

Become – We become as we progress from one point to the next. We educate the child in God's word so they become believers. Landmark encourages and assists students to hone their gifts and interests so they may become who God created them to be – scholars, performers, teachers, athletes, business leaders, mission workers, lawyers, artists, entrepreneurs, etc. The list is limitless.

Be you – We want each Landmark child to 'be you.' Be who God created you to be. Landmark encourages students to find God's unique purpose for their lives and eagerly follow that glorious path. "For whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all of your might."

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The new
Landmark
tagline

be
believe. belong. become.
you



confident



faithful



engaged

passionate



prepared



transformed



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Kathy Haney Celebrated: *Years of Service*

After a long career at Landmark Christian School, Kathy Haney retired as the administrative assistant in the main office in December 2017. A celebration was held in her honor on December 12.

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Kathy's journey with Landmark began in the summer of 1989, when she and her husband and two boys moved to a new home in Fayetteville, Georgia. The boys were entering ninth and tenth grade at Fayette County High School. They soon met two neighbor boys who would change the course of their lives.

As the story goes, Landmark Christian School was opening its doors for the first time that August, and summer strength and conditioning workouts had already begun. Those neighbor boys who Kathy's sons met were being conditioned for the first Landmark football team under the leadership of Coach Bill Thorn. Kathy's sons were invited to join the workouts and soon, they too caught the vision of this new Christian school. They wanted to attend Landmark.

People thought new schools could only be started at the elementary level, adding middle school and high school later rather than beginning with high school and 'growing' down to elementary, as Landmark was planning. But soon, administrators, teachers, students, and families embraced the excitement and anticipation for Landmark Christian School. "It really was a family affair to get the school ready for students," Kathy recalls.

Tuition for Landmark started at \$1,800 a year per student, with a \$100 discount if the tuition was paid in

full. When Kathy's husband, Phil, was preparing to write tuition checks for that first year, he asked Kathy if she thought they should pay the \$3,400 up front to save the \$200. "No way, this school could be out of business by Christmas!" Kathy quickly responded.

That first year, Kathy volunteered in the main office. The second year she was hired to be the middle school secretary. By that time, Landmark had already grown out of its facility with the middle school in trailers in the parking lot of Fayette Bible Church. When Landmark moved to Fairburn in the spring of 1991, Kathy became an administrative assistant in the main office.

Twenty-nine years later, Kathy fondly looks back on all of the amazing things God has done in and through the Landmark family, and all the ways that the Landmark family has impacted the world for Jesus Christ.

"Working at Landmark through the good times, tough times, and all the times, has been a pleasure and an adventure — just to see what God would do next," Kathy says. "The Landmark family has always been a team, being conditioned and strengthened for God's next big adventure. While the administrators of Landmark have changed, the Boss has been the same. God has worked in us, through us, with us and, at times, in spite of us, to accomplish what some said couldn't be done."

► Kelli Penn,
Elementary Principal
Peachtree City

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New home of the
Landmark campus in
Peachtree City



God Called, LANDMARK ANSWERED

Over the past 13 years, Landmark has had a wonderful partnership sharing a facility with Southside Church, originally Dogwood Church, in Peachtree City. However, as Southside expanded, so did its need for more space. After much prayer and consideration, it was decided that Landmark would seek space elsewhere in Peachtree City, allowing Southside to expand within its current facility.

As Landmark searched for new locations, its leaders felt an immediate connection with those from Evergreen Church in Peachtree City. Evergreen's leaders met with Landmark and described how the Lord had blessed them with a beautiful, large facility after having been in multiple locations as a start-up. Evergreen's leaders knew the pre-ordained meeting with Landmark was God calling them to share their facility, just as other churches had done for them.

In January, Landmark began renovation on the new Peachtree City campus. "Moving is a big deal, it can be stressful," says Elementary Principal Kelli Penn. "When I returned from pre-planning I challenged my staff to confirm that teaching at Landmark is their calling, because we

would have to be committed to obedience, loving each other, and being sacrificial. Between moving, packing, teaching, and grading, it might not bring out our best side. We agreed that, above all, we would confirm our call and really seek the Lord to ensure this is where we need to be. We then made the commitment to be tenaciously unified and hold each other up, and when things get crazy, keep reminding ourselves that God called us into this move."

Parents, grandparents, and teachers rallied and wholeheartedly supported the renovation through prayer chains, donations, and service. "It's been amazing to witness the body of Christ come together to get this project completed ahead of schedule. God has given us this beautiful campus, He has met the needs of Southside, Evergreen, and Landmark," says Kelli. "We have prayed for preparation, protection, peace, prosperity, His presence, and unity. We are very excited about what God is going to do there. When you walk on that campus, you just sense the Lord."

Angela Hopewell Brings Light to Landmark

Starting her career at the Landmark Peachtree City campus as an elementary educator nearly 10 years ago, Angela Hopewell has always had a passion for elementary children. In fact, she's taught every grade level with the exception of kindergarten. Recently, Angela felt the Lord stirring her heart toward leadership. When Peachtree City campus' Assistant Principal Gail Emmanuel announced her retirement at the beginning of last year, Angela interviewed for the position, along with other candidates. It soon became evident that Angela — both a Landmark teacher and parent — was the right person for the job. Kelli Penn says, "She loves the Lord, loves the people, loves Landmark, and understands that we are about preparing kingdom kids to impact the world for Jesus Christ. Because of that, she has been a beautiful addition to the campus."

► Angela Hopewell,
Assistant Principal,
Peachtree City







As tradition continues, when the Landmark community reunites at homecoming, it is an event to remember. The alumni enjoyed fellowship and a food truck picnic while cheering on the War Eagles. The senior girls were beautiful and we celebrated each as they walked onto the field. We welcomed home family and new guests in an atmosphere like no other. There is no place like home.

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◀ The 2017 homecoming queen was Anna Seppings; her court included Jamiah Campbell, Sarah Foreman, Carson Hebblethwaite, and Amelia Rivers.

You should have **been**
there

Impact[ing] Academics



Educational theories indicate that learning in diverse classrooms, where students from different backgrounds communicate their different experiences and perspectives, encourages students to think in more complex ways. Landmark seeks and embraces this diversity.

Cross-cultural Growth at Landmark

Landmark is actively providing its students with the tools and education they need to knock down language and cultural barriers in order to fully live out the Landmark shared mission to make a true global impact.

One 2018 Landmark graduate, Lauren Krotz, has dedicated her high school career to immersing herself in foreign studies (Mandarin). Lauren is using her passion for the Chinese language and culture to inspire others to expand their worldview and to foster an understanding of what it means to live in a multi-cultural world.

As a freshman at Landmark, Lauren became a Language Pioneer in the newly offered Mandarin class. The following year, she was one of 25 students nationwide to be selected for a full scholarship to attend the STARTALK Chinese Immersion Program at Furman University. The program, which focuses on improving foreign relations between the US and China, solidified Lauren's desire to study Mandarin and the Chinese culture.

Despite Mandarin classes being offered at Landmark, Lauren recognized the need for more emphasis on the Chinese culture and soon founded the Landmark Chinese Club. With her passion for cross-cultural growth continuing to bloom, Lauren and fellow classmate, Jacqueline Smith, started an after school Chinese class for Landmark elementary students. Lauren's fluency in Mandarin and

proven leadership abilities landed her a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to act as the student ambassador on a fully-funded, two-week trip to China to promote the Landmark International Student Program.

Accompanied by Director of Instructional Technology and physics teacher Mark Hossler, Lauren embarked on her journey to China where she met with potential students and their families to give a presentation on the American



high school student experience, with specific emphasis on Landmark. Additionally, Lauren shared her presentation at several agency events to generate interest and encourage Chinese students to consider joining the Landmark International Student Program.

Lauren credits her passion for Mandarin and the Chinese culture to the opportunities she received at Landmark. She is headed back to Furman University in the fall, this time as a student, to pursue her interests in international affairs, with plans to seek a career in international law.



Generating International Impact

Three years ago, the International Student Program started at Landmark with two Chinese students; today there are 14 participating in the program. As Landmark continues to grow, it hopes to bring more international students into the Landmark family.

Landmark has been pleased to see a mutually beneficial impact on the international students and the students at Landmark. Each has developed an appreciation for cultural diversity, worked side-by-side as recipients of cutting edge opportunities for academic growth, experienced teamwork on the field, performed together on the stage, and shared experiences of teenage life. Though we are from separate areas of the world, we are one War Eagle nation.

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▲ Students from the Landmark International Student Program

◀ Lauren Krotz '18

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Lauren was one of 25 students nationwide to be selected for a full scholarship to attend the STARTALK Chinese Immersion Program.



Preparing Kingdom Kids

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During the past year, Landmark has implemented reaccreditation, completed renovations and the relocation of the Peachtree City Campus, as well as completed a search for the new Head of School. In the midst of preparing for expansion of course offerings, growing enrollment, and updating the facilities, it was decided after much consideration and prayer that Dr. Wesche's heart for the Lord's work would make him the perfect candidate to assume the role of academic dean. In this role, Dr. Wesche partners with the principals and faculty to create learning environments where all students can thrive, he works with the Learning Center to ensure students receive appropriate support for academic success, and he helps guide the integration of research-based practices into the classroom. One of Dr. Wesche's goals will be to ensure the ongoing expertise of Landmark faculty in their subject areas, in their craft, in their connections, and in their influence on the lives of Landmark students.

The Many Hats of Dr. Wesche

Dr. Wesche has been an exemplary educator, pushing his students to be the best version of themselves, and continually pushing himself. In addition to holding a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies/History from Southeastern Bible College and a Master of Theological Studies degree from Samford University, he obtained his PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from Capella University. Dr. Wesche brings a wide range of experience and knowledge to his new role as academic dean in the areas of accreditation and academic success.

For nearly a year, Dr. Wesche worked diligently to prepare the school and employees for a successful reaccreditation visit with AdvancED and an additional accreditation with the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). SAIS accreditation places Landmark among the premier private schools in the nation and recognizes the school's

programmatic distinction and commitment to excellence. Dr. Wesche has served as a Landmark teacher, department chair, and principal. Additionally, he served as academic dean and head of school at Hilton Head Christian Academy in South Carolina. He was also a lead evaluator and member of the state governing council for AdvancED South Carolina.

▶ Landmark provides hands-on learning experiences to engage and challenge students. Engineering and robotics, film, and guitar have been added as course offerings for the fall of 2018.





Dennis Wilson: A Shining STAR

Being selected as STAR teacher is quite the honor. For Landmark math teacher Dennis Wilson, however, it's just another day in the life. For the fourth consecutive year and tenth time overall, Wilson has been selected as the STAR teacher at Landmark — the teacher that the STAR student, a senior scoring the highest on a single test date on the SAT, feels has impacted their lives the most. 2018 STAR student Brian Belveal says, "I chose Mr. Wilson because of his unwavering dedication to the betterment and success of his students. He is a man of God and displays his love for Him through his passion for mathematics. He has made a tremendous impact on my life."

Wilson is respected among his peers, too. When the Landmark math department attended the Georgia Mathematics Conference at Rock Eagle in October, Wilson presented for the ninth consecutive year. His presentation, "Making 'sense' of Functions," included strategies for teaching functions with concrete input and output using a microcontroller called the TI Innovator Hub. The idea stemmed from a presentation by Wilson at the Landmark summer camp on circuits and coding.

Due to Wilson's many achievements and leadership, it's no surprise he was selected as president of the Georgia Association of Advanced Placement Math Teachers. He was also a presenter at the Teachers Teaching with Technology International Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in March.

Over the past decade Wilson has proven himself as a teacher who is committed, not only in leading his peers and educating students, but also in preparing kingdom kids who are ready to go out and impact the world for Jesus Christ. Indeed, Wilson is a STAR among us.

Diving Deeper with Landmark Scholars

Learning how to solve problems and answer life's biggest questions while making an impact on the community and exploring true passions: these are the goals of the Landmark Scholars Program. Landmark Scholars provides Landmark seniors with the opportunity to propel further in their academic endeavors by engaging in a long-term capstone project which they spend their entire senior year researching and designing until they present their work at the conclusion of the school year.

The project topics from the Class of 2018 included the effects of music on the brain, mathematical models of chaos theory, international policy lessons from the Cold War, and music history pedagogy. Each project takes an in-depth dive into the topic chosen by the student.

Amelia Rivers stated, "The Landmark Scholars Program truly gifted me with the luxury of time. For one class period, I had time to explore something that fascinated me — the effect of music on the individual. This program gave me the time to delve deeply, create something of my own, and to look back with pride on my hard work!"

Students who successfully complete the Landmark Scholars Program receive special recognition at graduation, and are awarded "distinguished" status on their high school transcripts. But more than that, participating in the Landmark Scholars Program gives students experience with in-depth research, organizational skills, and other disciplines they will apply throughout their academic and professional careers. Additionally, students find out what makes them tick, and they take a step toward finding out how they have been uniquely equipped to impact the world for Jesus Christ. According to Dr. Daniel Wesche, who developed and leads the Landmark Scholars, this personal discovery is one of the remarkable outcomes of the program.



▲ 2018 Landmark graduate, Amelia Rivers conducted a year-long research project on the effects of music on the brain.



Technology: The Future of Education

There's no need to wonder what the future of education is, because it's already here. The future of education is technology. Incorporating technology into the classroom allows students to access a whole new world of opportunities. Over the past year, Landmark has embraced technology in the classroom and has taken major steps toward engaging students through technology by rolling out a Chromebook program for the 2018-2019 school year.

Director of Instructional Technology Mark Hossler explains how and why the Chromebook program evolved. "Our teachers were acquiring what they could, allowing students to utilize phones and personal devices, and using a random assortment of devices in their classrooms. As a technology department, we wanted to standardize the student experience and provide a secure and reliable method of incorporating technology into the classroom. My desire for the one-to-one program is to provide a device to each student at no additional cost to the families of Landmark."

While Landmark originally planned for the Chromebook program to roll out over several years, a Landmark parent and the CEO of Century Solutions Group, Jeff Wilder, reached out to Mark Hossler to discuss the possibilities of speeding up the roll out. After a few conversations, Jeff offered to expedite the process by donating devices to the school. Thanks to Century Solutions Group's generous donation, Landmark will not only roll the program out during the 2018-2019 school year, but it will expand it to include third through eighth grade students.



Elementary Digital Science Fair 2018

Technology is a major component of the curriculum in schools across the globe and is rapidly becoming more critical than ever. After Landmark elementary science teachers learned about the concept of the digital science fair during a professional development workshop, they created a plan of implementation. Landmark fourth and fifth grade students piloted an In-House Digital Science Fair, during which science teachers engaged them in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) project where they experienced the joy of discovery through scientific method and the engineering design process.

Taking a twist on the traditional science fair, all science experiments were displayed using PowerPoint presentations rather than antiquated tri-folds. The projects were completed primarily in class with teachers guiding students through independent scientific discovery, ensuring that their finished products were truly evidence of their learning. The project proved extremely valuable because it helped students take ownership of their work and become more confident and proficient in conducting research projects.

**Elementary,
middle, and high
school science
labs at Landmark
integrate
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and serve as
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Academic Notes



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1 After Landmark 6th graders complete a study on the Titanic in Mrs. Titus' history class, they culminate the study with "Titanic Day," where students dress in period clothing and enjoy a tea party. At the end of the day, students learn ballroom dancing from professional instructors. **2** Landmark 8th graders placed first at the Math Masters Competition at Columbus State University. Participants included: Jason Anderson, Avery Fuller, Payton Maddox, Luke Painter, Steven Samuels, Hannah Wilson, Emily Rocus, and Anna Sweitzer. **3** Congratulations to all Math Olympic participants and to the students who placed, including: Perry Kinane, Mary Drygas, Davis Parker, Jack Drygas, Jayden Head, Micah LeBoyd, Tate Bowen, Aubrey Creutzinger, Kate Sweitzer, Deji Omotoso, Brett Skinner, Tim Wilson, CJ Healy, Nathan Riediger, Avery Fuller, and Steven Samuels. **4** Spelling Bee: Congratulations to the following ACSI Spelling Bee Winners: Christina Chachere, Ayodeji Omotoso, Turner Guerard, Levi Trask, Tim Wilson, Melody Painter, Ava Stevens, Joshua Smith, and the overall winners: Tim Wilson, Ayodeji Omotoso, Avery Fuller, Turner Guerard, and Melody Painter. **5** Landmark 2nd graders participate in Poetry and Bible at the Speech Meet. **6** Landmark Leadership Academy enjoyed another successful year with the help of inspiring guest speakers, such as Rev. Milton Campbell. Students learned tools and skills to help them succeed in business and leadership.

National Merit Scholars

Carolyn Adams, Jack Drury, and Nick Gauthreaux were recognized as Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship program. They scored in the top 50,000 of more than 1.6 million entries.



Mock Trial Team

The Mock Trial Team won 3rd place at regionals and advanced to district competition. Anna Seppings and Lauren Krotz won Outstanding Attorney honors. Ben Chapman, Owen Connely, and Brian Belveal won Outstanding Witness awards. This was Brian Belveal's fourth year to receive the Outstanding Witness award.

Duke Tip

Of the 2018-2019 8th grade class, 63% qualified for Duke Tip by scoring at or above the 95th percentile.

Quiz Bowl

The varsity Quiz Bowl Team competed in the National Quiz Bowl Championship and finished with a record of 4-6. Josh Adair, Nicholas Gauthreaux, Greyson Korta, Jackson Patman, and Emma Wilson were members of the national team.



Landmark Christian School believes that creativity is God's gift to us all. What we do with it, however, is our gift to God. At Landmark, the arts thrive with this understanding.

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The Landmark Fine Arts program has a long history of providing students a dynamic experience that not only prepares them for pursuit of a collegiate and professional career in the arts, but also serves as a catalyst to develop undiscovered talent, build camaraderie, spark creativity, increase self-confidence, and develop strong communication skills.

Students Shine in

Once Upon a Mattress



During the 2017-18 school year, students had the opportunity to participate in a wide array of theatrical and choral performances. A fan favorite was the student-led spring musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*, which ran eight days in March at the Southside Theatre Guild.

Once Upon a Mattress is a fun and humorous spinoff of "The Princess and the Pea." In this rendition, Queen Aggravain—played by Carson Hebblethwaite—has implemented a rule whereby her son, Prince Dauntless—played by Chandler Rebel—must remain single; only the princess who has the ability to pass Queen Aggravain's many tests can marry her son. Much to the Queen's surprise, Lady Larken—played by Avery Johnson—comes along to pass every test.

Auditions for the musical began in November 2017, followed by rehearsals starting in January 2018. Commenting on the long and challenging rehearsal schedule, Avery Johnson says, "You're with these people you might not normally connect with for hours on end, rehearsing, and you build friendships. The friendships and musical aspects are my favorite parts of being in the show."

The *Once Upon a Mattress* cast featured a diverse body of students, some with little stage experience, and others who've starred in a variety of shows. It was Al Hogan's third time on the Landmark stage, this time playing the character of King Sextimus. His previous roles included

the character Dewey in *Legally Blonde* and a sailor in *South Pacific*. While participating in the productions hasn't persuaded Al to pursue an education in theatre or the arts, he says he now has a much greater respect and appreciation for the arts in general, and within the Landmark community. This fall, Al will attend Wofford as a student-athlete (football).

◀ The Landmark student-led musicals allow students to apply their interests to elements of musical production, including directing, performing, lighting, sound, stage crew, makeup, set building, costumes, and choreography.



The Cast

Minstrel – Emma Harvey
Wizard – Gator Wallace
Princess Number Twelve – Seiler Rivers
Lady Rowena – Jacqueline Smith
Lady Merrill – Mary Nichols Lollis
Prince Dauntless the Drab – Chandler Rebel
Queen Aggravain – Carson Hebblethwaite
Lady Lucille – Madison Brown
Lady Larken – Avery Johnson
Sir Studley – Anthony Velez
King Sextimus the Silent – Al Hogan
Jester – Emily Powers

Sir Harry – Tres Coleman
Princess Winnifred – Jessica Chunta
Sir Harold – Anthony Velez
Lady Beatrice – Grace Wade
Sir Luce – Sean McFarland
Lady Mabelle – Kenadee O’Neal
The Nightingale of Samarkand – Kaitlin Orsega
Knight – Justin Wu
Ladies in Waiting – Brooke Bauerkemper, Brooke Bridges, Lauren Collins, Isabelle Gustafson, Lizzie Monk, Ellin Richardson, Ameila Rivers, Emily Sheffield, Isabella Weissflog

▲ Grace Wade, Jacqueline Smith, Madison Brown, Mary Nichols Lollis, and Jessica Chunta captivate the audience with their performances.



▲ The Landmark cast for Once Upon a Mattress



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1 Elementary Art Night is a fun and exciting event where elementary students celebrate their artistic talents and show off their artwork. **2** Two Landmark students won Digital Photography awards at the Peachtree City Kiwanis 33rd Annual Art & Music Showcase. Sean Tolman took first place, winning \$150 for his Rusted Car in the Forest piece, and Sarah Foreman took second place, winning \$100 for her AP Art Lightbulb and Mirror piece. Also included were Cassidy King, Julia Binegar, and Morgan Smith. **3** Grace Wade and Seiler Rivers represented Landmark as part of the Student Ensemble at the 2018 Shuler Hensley Awards (Georgia High School Musical Theatre Awards). The Ensemble is comprised of two representatives from each school cast that participated throughout the state of Georgia. **4** A brand new Landmark Chapter of the International Thespian Society was established this year. It is an organization that honors high school theatre students for their achievements in the Theatre Arts. The Chapter initiated nine Centre Stage members into its first troupe. **5** The Landmark Black Box Theater received a new solid surface floor in 2017. Additions also included 130 new guest chairs, purchased with funds raised by The Great Give Campaign over the past two years. Thank you so much to our chair donors: Rusty and Janet Bridges, Ms. Valeria Bridges, Richard and Susan Chunta, The Delta Airlines Foundation, Jimmy and Jennifer Franklin, Gary and Regina May, Mike and Kristina Orsega, Keith and Nicole Parker, Ed and Belinda Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Armin Steinke, John and Lisa Wettstein, and Scott and Kim Wilke. **6** Bethany Gibson, Emily Moye, and Emily Powers were accepted into the GMEA All-State Chorus event. Over 7,000 students set out to make the final performance choirs, and these three Landmark students were among the 1,500 to be selected. It was the fifth year in a row Emily Powers was chosen.



2018 Graduates Pursuing The Arts In College

◀ **Lauren Collins**
LaGrange College:
Major: Music Education
(received \$7,000/year music scholarship)



◀ **Sarah Foreman**
Savannah College of Art & Design:
Major: Graphic Design/
Minor in Photography
(received full athletic scholarship)



◀ **Carson Hebblethwaite**
Coastal Carolina University:
Major: Acting
(received Honors College presidential scholarship)



◀ **Amelia Rivers**
Mercer University:
Double major: Piano Performance & English
(received full tuition presidential scholarship)



◀ **Jacqueline Smith**
University of North Georgia: Double major: Chinese & Marketing/
Minor in Theatre
(Honors College)

Impact[ing] Athletics



Under the leadership of Christian coaches, Landmark athletes build character and learn skills that prepare them for success on and off the field.

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Donald Payne: Landmark Legend

Many children dream of playing professional football in the NFL, but it's rare for that dream to become a reality. When Donald Payne first began his football career at Landmark in 2008, he played safety and running back. Donald dedicated his high school career to athletics, even playing on the baseball team. However, there was (and still is) more to Donald than scoring touchdowns, breaking rushing records, and being the recipient of the U.S. Army National Scholar Athlete Award. During his time at Landmark, Donald was an honor roll student and man of the Lord, laser-focused on his education and relationship with God.

After graduating from Landmark in 2012, Donald played football for Stetson University. During the course of his college career, he was the recipient of many awards and honors, including: 2013 Pioneer Football League Defensive Freshman of the Year, Hatters' Defensive Player of the Week (six times during his sophomore year), and Defensive Player



▼ After graduation from Landmark in 2012, Donald played for Stetson University before joining the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2017.

► During a home football game in the fall of 2017, Donald Payne's jersey was retired. Shown with Donald is Durand Rice, Athletic Director and Landmark football coach.



of the Year (multiple times). Throughout the success of his college football career, Donald had no idea God would be steering him down a path coveted by so many – a path to the NFL.

Turning Dreams into Reality

After a successful college career both in athletics and academics, Donald earned his bachelor's degree in finance in 2016, and became the first Stetson Hatter to sign with an NFL team in the modern era. After playing the preseason with the Baltimore Ravens, Donald was signed to the final 53-man roster of the Jacksonville Jaguars as an outside linebacker. It wasn't long before Donald Payne became a hometown hero and even greater role model for Landmark students, alumni, and the community.

Seeing a former Landmark student playing in the NFL has become a source of inspiration for Landmark football players. Indeed, their hopes of rising to the NFL ranks have become a possibility rather than a pipe dream, thanks to Donald.

Honoring Donald

In honor of Donald's success in high school, college, and his professional career, Landmark retired his War Eagle jersey in the fall as a reminder that dreams do come true. Landmark welcomed Donald and his family back to his Landmark stomping grounds for the jersey retirement ceremony. While at Landmark, Donald graciously gave the Landmark varsity football players an inspirational pre-game, pep talk in the locker room. The school and local community came together to cheer on Donald and the War Eagles, while Donald humbly participated in the ceremony, watched the game, and chatted with players, fans, and family.

Donald Payne is just one of many examples of how God gives each individual a special talent and of how, if we allow him, He will use those talents to take us to heights we could never imagine.



Veteran Coach Tapped to Lead War Eagles' Football

With 15 years of football coaching experience, accolades, and collegiate playing experience, Joseph Scott joined the Landmark family as the new head football coach. Joseph helped lead South Paulding High School to three consecutive state playoff appearances as defensive coordinator and special teams coordinator, and was recently nominated as the Region 5-AAAAA Assistant Football Coach of the Year. Additionally, he was the head track coach at South Paulding High School and played football for Georgia Southern University (1997-2002).

Joseph's arrival generated a lot of excitement and anticipation, even before the season was underway. "The interview panel and I were thoroughly impressed by Coach Scott's character, commitment to community, and record of leadership," says Landmark High school Principal Dr. Mike Bedosky. "We believe Coach Scott's passion to develop character as well as athletic ability will help continue the Landmark football tradition of success."

In addition to athletics, Joseph has a passion for education. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Master of Education in general science degree from Cambridge College, as well as a Specialist of Education

degree from the University of West Alabama. Throughout his career, Joseph has taught special education science, physical science, zoology, and biology.

Joseph and wife Shamela have three children: Joseph Jr., Benjamin, and Angelina. They attend Rainey Road Church of Christ, where he leads weekly Bible studies. He also gives back to the community through participation in clothing and food drives, and has been a featured speaker at Fellowship of Christian Athletes' events.

Landmark fans aren't the only ones excited about this new chapter. Joseph says, "I am super excited to be the head football coach at Landmark Christian. What a blessing to be able to impact the world for Jesus Christ and impact the lives of the young men and women at such a great place. My life's mission is to be a servant-leader and guide others to a life of righteousness, honor, and grace. The game of football is a great way to experience growth in every aspect of life, and we plan to live as champions at Landmark."

Coach Joseph Scott and the War Eagles will play their first home game of the 2018 season on Friday, August 24 and Homecoming is September 21. See the website and calendar for a complete schedule.

the **next** level

While only a small number of high school athletes are afforded an opportunity to play at the collegiate level, Landmark has numerous student-athletes who dedicate countless hours to being their best.

This year, 14 percent of the Landmark Class of 2018 signed to continue their athletic careers after high school. God has truly blessed these students with amazing talents and is about to take them on a wonderful journey over the next four years. We look forward to cheering for them at the next level.



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of the Class of 2018 signed to play at the collegiate level.

2018 Collegiate Signees



Mitchell Riggs
Berry College, Basketball



Kyle Carrera
Berry College, Football



Micah Burdette
Point University,
Cross Country and Track



Al Hogan
Wofford College, Football



Sarah Foreman
Savannah College of Art
and Design, Cross Country
and Track



Cameron Daniel
Dalton State College, Golf



Mary Kellison Thorne
Samford University,
Cross Country and Track



Lindsey Biggar
Samford University,
Cross Country and Track



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Landmark Cross-Country



Another impressive year for the Landmark cross-country teams is in the books and the Landmark community has much to celebrate.

The girls' cross-country team had an outstanding year, not only becoming the Region 5-A Cross-Country Region Champions, but also winning the 1-A Private Girls Cross-Country State Championship for the fourth year in a row. Their win marked the 41st state championship title for Landmark.

Mary Kellison Thorne ranked highest of all girls at state, becoming the individual 1-A Private Girls Cross-Country State Champion. On signing day, she committed to run cross-country and track at Samford University, along with teammate Lindsey Biggar. Sarah Foreman committed to run cross-country and track at Savannah College of Art and Design. During the post season, the Atlanta Track Club selected Erin Fegans, Sarah Foreman, and Mary Kellison Thorne to the 2017 All-Metro High School Cross-Country Team.

The boys' cross-country team had its own share of victories.. They took the Boys Region 5-A Cross-Country Region Championship and competed in the 1-A Private Boys Cross-Country State meet where they finished a solid runner-up. Micah Burdette signed his letter of intent to run



cross-country for Point University in fall 2018.

The middle school state cross-country teams are primed to follow in the successful steps of varsity. State results: Girls placed 2nd of 24 teams with Maggie Jones placing 3rd and Turner Guerard placing 9th. Boys placed 7th of 26 teams with Jacob Eldridge finishing 4th and Michael Butler finishing 9th. Jackson Ross finished 1st of all boys in 5th grade.

A Good Track Record

Not to be over-shadowed, the Landmark track team enjoyed a number of shining accomplishments as well. Both the girls' and boys' track teams were named Area 3-A Track and Field Champions. Zack Truitt and Erin Fegans not only helped carry their teams to victory, they were each named Private 3200 Meter State Champions in the boys and girls categories.

Elizabeth Gibbs also broke her own school record and became the Girls Private A Discus State Champion, winning the High Point Award.

The Landmark cross-country and track and field teams pushed themselves to the limit this year and their work paid off. The school and community recognize the talent, great effort, and sacrifice of these student-athletes and coaches, and are eager to enjoy their future successes.

◀ Landmark girls won the 1-A Private Girls Corss-Country Championship for the fourth year in a row.

▼ The future is bright. Landmark middle school girls took the top medals at the JV meet at Boundary Waters.



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The 2017 cross-country team's first place medal marked the school's 41st overall state championship.



1 The youth football team scored a touchdown and extra point with under two minutes remaining to beat Holy Spirit Prep School in the Peach Bowl. **2** The high school swim team placed second at the Douglas County Invite. Kathryn Clark took home second place in the 500 Free, and Brandon Dean placed in the top five in the 100 Breast Stroke. **3** Golfer Cameron Daniel was this year's single A private school State Champion, shooting 79 on day one and an amazing 3-under 69 on day two. She was also selected GHSGCA Girls 1A Private Player of the Year. **4** Landmark added three 1,000-point basketball scorers to the 1,000 Point Club. Congratulations to Elizabeth Gibbs, Paige Aronhalt, and Micah McAllister on this outstanding career achievement.



Athletic Notes



Soccer

The varsity soccer girls finished their regular season 12-2 and competed in the state tournament. Players to earn 4A All-Area soccer honors included: Boys – Hayden Hall. Girls – Erin Colston, Lydia Ruane, Maddi Schultz, Haylee Stephens. Honorable Mention – Reagan Martin.



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Basketball

Varsity basketball player Micah McAllister was selected as GHSA Best Shooter in the State.

The Landmark girls' basketball team competed in the Sweet 16 of the state tournament. The varsity boys also made an appearance at state.

Football

Members of the All-Region football team included Kyle Carrera, Al Hogan (First Team), Greyson Korta, Donavan Pickett, Bernard Turner, Renzy Wilke (Second Team), and Anthony Valez (Honorable Mention).

Golf

With excellent rounds at the area tournament in Tucker, Jake Allgood, Johnathan Hampton, and Cameron Daniel qualified for the state golf tournament at Heron Bay. Cameron Daniel won an individual state championship and was selected as GHSGCA Girls 1A Private Player of the Year.

Softball

The varsity softball team ended a successful 2017 season by competing in the second round of the state playoffs. Three War Eagles received All-Region honors: Katelyn Lee, 1st Team All-Region; Julia Allen, Emily Abernathy, 2nd Team All-Region.

Swim

The Landmark middle school swim team won 1st place in the 200 freestyle competition at Woodward Academy. Members included Michael Echols, Kyle Krotz, Alex Larsh, and Josh Truong. Madi Beall placed 1st in the freestyle.

Volleyball

The varsity volleyball team ended its successful season by playing in the second round of the state playoffs.

Wrestling

Trey Bedosky, Braxton Brown, Zach Thoman, and Bryce Williamson competed in the Traditional Wrestling Sectionals, where Braxton earned a spot to compete in the state wrestling meet. Bryce Williamson was an alternate at state.

Track

Landmark boys and girls captured first place at the Perimeter Track Meet (3rd - 6th grade).

Impact[ing] Lives



Landmark is intentional in building servant-leaders. Our students, faculty, staff, and volunteers go into the world as the hands and feet of Christ in many different ways. They serve locally, regionally, and globally.

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Him *serving* by *serving* His people

Whether through local efforts or international mission trips, Landmark is comprised of individuals who are determined to make an impact, serve others, and spread the love of Jesus Christ. Over the past year, with support from Landmark troops on the ground, that's exactly what's happened as Landmark students, teachers, and alumni travelled to Mexico, Romania, Kenya, and Honduras to lend a helping hand and share the Word of God.

Winter Break in Mexico and Romania

Over February break, students, teachers, and alumni embarked on the school's fourth trip to Juarez, Mexico, where they built a home for a needy family. "We were amazed at how our efforts could change lives in only three days," said Landmark mathematics teacher Connie Fragoso. It was the fifth house built in Juarez by Landmark teams.

While international mission trips are helping Landmark make a huge impact, it's not just the high school travel

teams that are making a difference. Here at home a group of fifth graders raised \$300 to help contribute building supplies to the Juarez home. And, since 2006, through the love and leadership of fourth grade teachers, students, and parents, the Landmark elementary school has raised approximately \$12,000 during its Bake Sales for Romania. These proceeds support Hands of Hope, Inc., a non-profit organization founded by Landmark teacher, Katie Cusumano, and her family, by providing hats, mittens, socks, underwear, school supplies, toiletry items, and gifts to orphaned children. Funds also provided a feast for the children, including pizzas, cakes, and delicious fruits, rarely received at home. Hands of Hope, Inc. supports the ministry Vesti Bune Romania, made up of Christ-followers who were called to love and lead orphaned children into the arms of Christ.

This year, a team of 13 Landmark students and adults traveled to Romania to participate in another successful discipleship weekend in the mountains, as well as several day camps.

Spring Break in Honduras and Kenya

Elementary students were instrumental to the success of the spring break trips, too. They helped raise money to create packets for Honduran students, which included school supplies and encouraging letters; they were delivered during a Landmark mission trip to Honduras over Spring Break.

Upon arrival in Honduras, Spiritual Life Head Fred Gilkeson, a team of students, teachers, and alumni offered to help the Tolupan Indians with anything they needed, from medical needs to hauling firewood and corn. They contributed to the economy by purchasing mass quantities of coffee beans, selling them, and returning the profits to the Flower Mountain community in Honduras. While serving in Honduras, the Landmark team diligently shared the Gospel and worked to meet the needs of the impoverished community.





Landmark students have discovered a passion in serving others in teams and on their own. Inspired by a Landmark mission trip to Kenya, one Landmark third grade student decided to raise money to benefit girls in Kenya, proving it's never too early to impact the world for Jesus Christ. Head of School Mike Titus has travelled to Kenya with Landmark students 11 times over the past 14 years. "I love taking students to Kenya. I love the impact it has on the high school students we visit and minister to, and on our own Landmark students. They see first-hand what it looks like to live in real poverty. At the same time, they see an unexplainable joy despite the poor living conditions. They learn that real joy is not measured in how much we have, but rather in how strong our relationship is with Jesus Christ," says Mike.

◀ Fourteen Landmark students and seven adults traveled to Juarez, Mexico, to build a home in two and a half days. This is the fourth trip to Mexico and the fifth home Landmark has built.

▲ High school students and faculty traveled to Honduras equipped with school supplies provided by our elementary school and with prayers from our entire Landmark community. They traveled high into the rugged mountains of Honduras to serve and witness to the native Tolan people.

▶ In Kenya, Landmark students and adults shared the love of Christ with those in prison.





God's heart and His plan for us don't always make sense. When Landmark parent Heather MacHarg thought her six-year-old daughter Molly was coming down with strep throat, she scheduled an appointment with a nurse. After listening to her heart, the nurse asked if the family was aware that Molly, a Landmark student, had a heart murmur? Molly had never shown symptoms of heart trouble and appeared perfectly healthy. Heather followed up as directed and it was revealed that Molly had an atrial septum defect (ASD) and needed open-heart surgery.

Family, friends, and the entire Landmark community rallied around Molly and her family as she underwent open-heart surgery during February break. Molly's teacher, Heather Gunn, gathered students around Molly and prayed over her. "I'm so thankful to be part of a school that will do that," said Heather. Following the procedure, goody bags full of handwritten cards, candy, and games made their way to

Molly's house. Several months later, Molly was back at school being her normal, happy, and energetic self. Little did Molly know that God would soon use her to bless a friend.

After her return, another Landmark student, Stella Nadreau, was about to undergo open-heart surgery. Stella's big brother, Elliot, was scared, sad, and worried about his sister. That's when Landmark Elementary Guidance Counselor Tammy McCurry remembered Molly's story and took Molly to console Elliot. After praying with Elliot, Molly revealed that she'd had open-heart surgery, and even showed Elliot her scar. Molly was able to share with Elliot that her brother had been scared too, when she was heading into her surgery, and that Elliot's sister Stella would be fine, too.

Afterward, Tammy said to Elliot, "Do you see how much the Lord loves you that he has provided someone who has gone slightly ahead of you to comfort you?" She then turned to Molly and said, "Do you see how much the Lord loves you, because he's already using your story to encourage and comfort others?" God is always present. He sees. He cares. He often uses our struggles to impact the world for Jesus Christ, just like He did with Molly and Elliot.

Mission

Notes



- 1** Landmark middle and high school Bible classes packed 'Blessing Bags' with snacks and meals for 50 Campbell Elementary School students to take home each Friday to ensure their families had food for the weekend. Additionally, Landmark elementary student Addi McLachlan organized a food drive to help support the ministry.
- 2** Each year Landmark sponsors a field day for students from Campbell Elementary School where Campbell students parade from their school to Landmark for half-day of games, laughter, food, and fun.
- 3** Elementary, middle, and high school students gathered weekly to worship together. The elementary chapel theme was, "You Were Made for So Much More," while the middle and high school chapel theme was, "Our Story, His Story."
- 4** Landmark 4th and 5th graders from the Peachtree City Campus served at the Real Life Center
- 5** With the help of Chick-Fil-A and Better Way Ministries, the Landmark middle school softball team built a "Little Library" for the Fairburn community where residents can donate and borrow books.
- 6** Landmark 6th grade students shopped for gifts and filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Partnering with Samaritan's Purse, the shoeboxes were shipped to children in need around the world.

Spirit of Giving

With donations from Landmark families, Landmark students hosted a shopping trip for 95 students from Campbell Elementary to purchase outfits for the Campbell students and Christmas gifts for the Campbell students' families.

180

Boxes of Love

Thanksgiving Feast

In November 2017, Landmark students made and distributed 180 'Boxes of Love,' containing complete Thanksgiving meals for community members in need.

A Quick Study

Elementary students enjoyed a five-week Bible study on the topic of wisdom — making the right choice at the right time. The study focused on the verse, "The instructions of the Lord are perfect... making wise the simple (Psalm 19: 7)."

Time Well Served

Elementary students helped serve at the Midwest Food Bank by packaging food being sent to organizations within the community.

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The college in bold denotes
where the graduate is attending.

Impact[ing] The Future



Landmark Christian School has a 100% college matriculation rate. A total of \$7.4 million in financial aid and scholarships was offered to our 57 seniors in 2018.

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Where they're going means the world

CLASS OF 2018 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Emily Elise Abernathy

The Lord is my Protector. Is. 40:31 **Auburn University**;
Georgia Southern University; Mississippi State University;
University of Alabama; University of Mississippi; University of
Tennessee; HOPE Scholarship

Carolyn Grace Adams

The Lord is my Sanctification. Rom. 8:28 **University of
Alabama** – Honors College: Presidential Scholarship –
\$100,000; College of Charleston – Honors College, Academic
Merit \$75,552, International Studies Scholarship – \$22,000;
Georgia Institute of Technology; Zell Miller Scholarship

Abigail Caroline Apter

The Lord is my Safeguard. Ps. 37:23-24 **Centre College**: Colonel
Scholarship – \$92,000; University of Georgia; Zell Miller
Scholarship

Brooke Nicole Bauerkemper

The Lord is my Fire. Ps. 46:5 **University of Georgia**; Georgia
Institute of Technology; Auburn University; University
of Alabama: Collegiate Scholar – \$24,000; University of
Alabama-Birmingham – Honors College: Blazer Gold –
\$48,000; Baylor University: Academic Merit – \$64,000;
Mississippi State University: Freshman Academic Excellence

– \$12,000, Colvard Future Leader – \$6,000, Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship – \$38,000; Samford University: Academic Merit – \$45,560; University of Tennessee: UT Volunteer – \$40,000; Zell Miller Scholarship

Brian Conrad Belveal

The Lord is my Conductor. 1 Sam. 17:37 **Auburn University:** Presidential Scholarship – \$72,000, Joe W. Forehand, Jr. Endowed Scholarship for Engineering – \$20,000; University of Alabama: Presidential Scholarship – \$100,000, Engineering Scholarship – \$10,000; University of Georgia: Honors Program; Georgia Institute of Technology; Mercer University: Academic Merit – \$80,000; Zell Miller Scholarship

Lindsey Rebecca Biggar

The Lord is my Endurance. Ps. 119:32 **Samford University:** Academic Scholarship – \$32,000, Leadership Scholarship – \$8,000, Athletic Scholarship – \$40,000; University of Georgia; Zell Miller Scholarship

Julia Demmery Binegar

The Lord is my Wisdom. 1 Thess. 5:16-18 **Georgia Institute of Technology** – Honors Program; University of Georgia – Honors Program; Auburn University: Academic Heritage Scholarship – \$52,000; University of South Carolina: Academic Scholar Excellence Award – \$88,400; Zell Miller Scholarship

John Thurman Bonner

The Lord is my Sword and Shield. Gal. 3:28 **Mercer University** – Honors Program: Josiah Penfield Scholarship – \$92,000; Auburn University, Academic Charter Scholarship – \$32,000; University of Alabama: Foundation in Excellence Scholarship – \$52,000; Samford University: Academic Merit – \$57,200; HOPE Scholarship

William Marshall Breit

The Lord is my Light. Eph. 5:15-16 **Point University;** Clayton State University; Columbus State University; Valdosta State University; University of West Georgia

Austin Leonardo Brooks

The Lord is my Salvation. Ecc. 9:11 **Mercer University:** Academic Merit – \$72,000, Mercer Scholarship for Engineering Education – \$14,000, Georgia Equalization Grant – \$3,800; Florida International University: Gold & Blue Achievement Award – \$20,000; The Citadel; Clemson University; Florida A&M University; Georgia Southern University; Hampton University: Academic Merit – \$60,000; Kennesaw State University: Honors College; Texas A & M

University; Texas Christian University: Founder's Scholarship – \$40,000; Texas Tech University; University of Florida; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University: Provost Achievement Scholarship – \$16,000, R.B. Pamplin Scholarship – \$8,000; Zell Miller Scholarship

Micah Stephen Burdette

The Lord is my Delight. Gal. 2:20 **Point University:** Athletic Scholarship – \$22,000, Academic Merit – \$20,000; HOPE Scholarship

57

graduating seniors in
the class of 2018

87

acceptances to colleges
and universities

Jamiah London Campbell

The Lord is my Shield. 1 John 5:4 **Georgia Institute of Technology;** Auburn University; Clemson University; Spelman College; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University: Pamplin Freshman Scholarship – \$8,000; University of Miami: Canes Achievement Award – \$50,000; HOPE Scholarship

Jonathan Kyle Carrera

The Lord is my Ocean. Joshua 1:9 **Berry College:** Academic Merit Scholarship; Butler University – Bulldog Achievement Scholarship; Reinhardt University: Academic Achievement Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship; Culver-Stockton College; LaGrange College; Wingate University – Presidential Scholarship; HOPE Scholarship

Lauren Catherine Collins

The Lord is my Song of Victory. Heb. 11:1 **LaGrange College:** Fellows Scholarship – \$60,000, LaGrange College Music Award – \$28,000; Mercer University: Academic Merit – \$80,000, Music Scholarship – \$18,000; Georgia College and State University; Kennesaw State University: School of Music Scholarship – \$6,000; Samford University: Dean's Scholarship – \$38,000, Leadership Scholarship – \$8,000, School of Arts Scholarship – \$6,000; University of North Georgia; University of West Georgia: UWG Vocal Scholarship – \$4,000, Housing Ambassador Award – \$1,000; HOPE Scholarship

Erin Elizabeth Colston

The Lord is my Joy. Prov. 19:21 **Samford University:** Dean's Scholarship – \$37,600, Leadership Scholarship – \$8,000; School of Arts Scholarship – \$8,000, Legacy Scholarship – \$4,000; Anderson University: Provost Scholarship – \$36,000, Out of State Grant – \$12,000, Baptist Scholarship – \$1,200; Auburn University; Georgia Southern University; Mississippi State University: Key Club – \$1,000, Academic Excellence – \$6,000; Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship – \$30,000; University of North Georgia; University of Tennessee; HOPE Scholarship

Lesley Denise Cosby

The Lord is my Hope. Jer. 29:11 **Oglethorpe University:** Presidential Scholar w/Recognition – \$84,000; Georgia State University; Georgia College and State University; Zell Miller Scholarship

Cameron Renee Daniel

The Lord is my Strength. Jer. 29:11 **Dalton State College:** Athletic Scholarship – \$20,000; HOPE Scholarship

Parker William Dean

The Lord is my Reason. Phil. 4:13 **Gulf Coast State College;** Auburn University; Georgia Southern University; Marshall University; HOPE Scholarship

Jon Everett Drury

The Lord is my Inspiration. Phil.3:13-14 **University of South Carolina** – Honors College: Academic Scholar Excellence Award – \$88,400; Georgia Institute of Technology; University of California Santa Barbara; University of Colorado Boulder: Honors Program, Chancellor's Achievement Award – \$100,000; Zell Miller Scholarship

Sarah Jane Foreman

The Lord is my Promise Keeper. James 1:12 **Savannah College of Art and Design:** Athletic Scholarship – \$51,059; HOPE Scholarship

Nicholas Wilson Gauthreaux

The Lord is my Reason. Prov. 3:1-2 **Georgia Institute of Technology** – Honors Program; Mercer University – Honors Program: Jesse Mercer Scholar – \$96,000, Scholarship for Engineering Education – \$14,000, Ga Tuition Equalization Grant – \$3,800; Samford University: Academic Scholarship – \$66,800; University of Georgia – Honors Program; Zell Miller Scholarship

Taylor James Gauthreaux

The Lord is my Lens. Ps. 46:10 **Mercer University:** Adiel Sherwood Academic Scholarship – \$88,000; Birmingham-Southern College: Trustee Scholarship – \$20,000; Samford

University: Academic Scholarship – \$51,200, Leadership Scholarship – \$8,000, Journalism Scholarship – \$4,000; Sewanee: The University of the South: Gill Award – \$72,000, Belk Family Scholarship – \$12,000, Ga 4 Scholarship – \$16,000; HOPE Scholarship

Noemi Neve Gentzke

The Lord is my Compass. Ps. 56:3 **Georgia College and State University;** Auburn University; Berry College: Academic Merit – \$28,000; College of Charleston; University of Tennessee; HOPE Scholarship

Taylor Nicole Hanson

The Lord is my Hope. Jer. 29:11 **Kennesaw State University;** University of Alabama; HOPE Scholarship

Carson Nicole Hebblethwaite

The Lord is my Storyteller. Eph. 3:16-18 **Coastal Carolina University** – Honors Program: President's Scholar Award – \$46,568; Belhaven University: Academic Achievement Scholarship – \$42,000, Residence Hall Grant – \$14,000, Distinguished Arts Scholarship – \$8,000; Pace University: Pforzheimer Honors College: Honors Scholarship – \$60,000, Honors Opportunity Scholarship – \$50,000; Syracuse University: Syracuse University Grant – \$32,000; Texas State University: Texas State Achievement Scholarship – \$16,000, Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship – \$50,000; University of Kentucky: Lewis Honors College: Arts Administration Scholarship – \$3,400, Bluegrass Spirit Scholarship for Non-Residents – \$40,000; Elon University; Florida State University; Savannah College of Art and Design: SCAD Achievement Honors Scholarship – \$26,000, SCAD Academic Honors Scholarship – \$40,000; Zell Miller Scholarship

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The number of different institutions the 2018
graduating class will actually attend

Alfred Ernest Hogan, III

The Lord is my Strength. Prov. 13:1 **Wofford College:** Full Athletic Scholarship – \$226,120; HOPE Scholarship

Greyson Morgan Korta

The Lord is my Touchstone. Prov. 10:9 **Georgia State University** – Honors College; University of Minnesota; Zell Miller Scholarship

Lauren Dooley Krotz

The Lord is my Peace. 2 Tim. 1:7 **Furman University:** Bell Tower Scholarship – \$80,000; Furman Grant – \$3,216; Georgia Southern University; University of Georgia; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University: Burruss Scholarship – \$16,000, Tailhook Educational Foundation Scholarship – \$10,000, St. Julian's Episcopal Church Youth Service Scholarship – \$250; Zell Miller Scholarship

Jonathan Brett Lauria

The Lord is my Everything. 1 John 4:17 **Emory University:** Emory College Grant – \$178,120, Dean's Grant – \$11,648, Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant – \$3,800; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Carolina Research Scholars Program; Georgia Institute of Technology; Hillsdale College: Academic Merit – \$74,000; University of Georgia; University of South Carolina – Honors College: Academic Scholar Excellence Award – \$88,400; Villanova University: University Grant – \$4,000, Kiwanis Club of Peachtree City – Academic and Service Award for Outstanding Senior – \$1,000; Zell Miller Scholarship

Cali Payton McCabe

The Lord is my Fulfillment. Ps. 55:22 **University of South Carolina;** Auburn University; Baylor University: Academic Merit – \$52,000; Texas Christian University; University of Mississippi: Academic Excellence Scholarship – \$6,000; West Virginia University, Chick-Fil-A Remarkable Futures Scholarship – \$2,500; HOPE Scholarship

Preston Cole Millican

The Lord is my Sail. Ps. 46:2-3 **Point University;** University of Tennessee-Chattanooga; Western Carolina University

Charles Hamilton Moeling, Jr.

The Lord is my Shelter. Matt. 7:13-14 **Davidson College;** Furman University: Bell Tower Scholarship – \$92,000; University of Georgia; Zell Miller Scholarship

Hannah Claire Morris

The Lord is my Comforter. Prov. 16:3 **Mississippi State University:** Alumni Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship – \$16,000; Auburn University Montgomery: AUM State

8
Students accepted offers to play
collegiate level athletics.

Scholarship – \$40,768, AUM Opportunity Scholarship – \$4,000; Samford University: Dean's Scholarship – \$34,000; University of Alabama; Georgia Southern University; HOPE Scholarship

Morgan Ayanna Philip

The Lord is my Compassionate Father. Ps. 139:13-14 **Kennesaw State University;** Columbus State University; Georgia College & State University; Georgia State University; Hampton University; Mercer University: Academic Merit – \$68,000; Spelman College; Delta Sigma Theta East Point/College Park Alumnae Chapter Scholarship – \$2,817; HOPE Scholarship

Danielle Cartier Pollard

The Lord is my Strength. Ps. 73:26 **Clark Atlanta University;** Columbus State University; Wingate University: Academic Merit – \$84,000; HOPE Scholarship

Mario Giovanni Reid

The Lord is my Encourager. John 3:16 **Georgia Institute of Technology;** Binghamton University; Clemson University – Calhoun Honors College: Out of State Academic – \$30,000, Non-Resident Grant – \$10,000, Dr. C.W. Carraway, Jr. Scholarship – \$2,000, Orange Carpet – \$30,000; Villanova University, American Association of Blacks and Energy Scholarship – \$1,000; Zell Miller Scholarship

Ellin Lauren Richardson

The Lord is my Comforter. Ps. 5:11 **Mississippi State University:** Freshman Academic Scholarship – \$4,000, Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship – \$28,000, Key Club Scholarship – \$1,000; Auburn University; Louisiana State University; University of Tampa: Dean's Scholarship – \$48,000; University of Tennessee; University of Florida – PaCE; HOPE Scholarship

Joseph Mitchell Riggs

The Lord is my Strength and Peace. Phil. 4:6 **Berry College:** Academic Merit – \$50,000, Berry Competitive Award – \$10,000, Berry Scholarship from Alumni & Friends – \$21,480; Bellarmine University: Monsignor Treece Scholarship – \$96,000, Trustee Scholarship – \$6,000; Centre College: Alumni Award – \$20,000, Endowment Grant – \$76,400; Mercer University: Academic Merit – \$68,000; HOPE Scholarship

Caitlin Michele Riopel

The Lord is my Protector. Ps. 91:4 **University of North Georgia**; Georgia College & State University; Mercer University: Academic Merit – \$68,000; University of West Georgia; HOPE Scholarship

Amelia Banks Rivers

The Lord is my Master. Hab. 3:19 **Mercer University** – Honors Program: Presidential Scholarship, Townsend School of Music Scholarship; Baylor University: President's Gold Scholarship; Birmingham Southern University: Presidential Scholarship; Davidson College; Emory University; Furman University: Bell Tower Scholarship; Georgia College & State University; Sewanee: The University of The South: Wilkins Scholarship, Ga4 Scholarship; St. John's College: Trustee Scholarship, Summer Academy Scholarship; University of Georgia; Zell Miller Scholarship

Shelby Elizabeth Seagraves

The Lord is my Encourager. Col. 1:10 **Kennesaw State University**; Georgia College & State University; Georgia Southern University; HOPE Scholarship

Anna Susan Seppings

The Lord is my Knight. Ps. 62:1-2 **Georgia Institute of Technology**; University of Georgia; Purdue University; University of Minnesota: University of Minnesota National Scholarship – \$20,000; Zell Miller Scholarship

Samantha Valencia Simpson

The Lord is my Lighthouse. Phil. 4:13 **Georgia College & State University** – Bridge Scholars Program; Covenant College: Trustees' Scholarship – \$18,000; Mercer University: Academic Merit – \$56,000; Reinhardt University: Reinhardt Achievement Scholarship – \$24,000, Hudson Family Foundation Scholarship – \$3,000, Stay the Course Scholarship – \$3000; HOPE Scholarship

Jacqueline Marie Smith

The Lord is my Eternal Fire. Eph. 4:1-3 **University of North Georgia** – Honors Program: Leadership Scholarship – \$2,000; Mercer University: Academic Merit – \$80,000, Abby's Angels Foundation Scholarship – \$1,000; HOPE Scholarship

Morgan Adelaide Smith

The Lord is my Healer. Ps. 119:105 **Georgia Southern University**; Augusta University; Georgia College & State University; Kennesaw State University; University of North Georgia; Valdosta State University; Zell Miller Scholarship

Kayla Ann Sullivan

The Lord is my Rock. Ps. 27:5 **Clayton State University**; Georgia State University; Jacksonville State University; College of Charleston; Judson College: Judson Academic Scholarship – \$39,980; Spring Hill College: Gautrelet Award – \$72,000; University of West Georgia; HOPE Scholarship

Merigan Ansley Thomas

The Lord is my Friend. Phil. 1:6 **University of North Georgia**; Georgia Southern University; Mississippi State University; University of West Georgia; HOPE Scholarship

Mary Kellison Thorne

The Lord is my Peace. Ps. 18:32 **Samford University**: Academic Scholarship – \$57,200, Leadership Scholarship – \$8,000, University Grant – \$8,000, Athletic Scholarship – \$87,000; University of Georgia; Georgia Institute of Technology: Athletic Award – \$28,000, Atlanta Track Club Scholarship – \$500; Zell Miller Scholarship

Sean Travis Tolman

The Lord is my Shepherd. Ps. 23:6 **University of North Georgia**; Georgia College & State University; Zell Miller Scholarship

Mary Kate Tucker

The Lord is my Healer. Phil. 2:3-4 **LaGrange College**: Towers Scholarship – \$52,000; Birmingham Southern College: Greensboro Scholarship – \$12,000, Owenton Scholarship – \$12,000; Georgia College & State University; Mississippi State University; Samford University: Dean's Scholarship – \$36,800, Leadership Scholarship – \$8,000; University of Mississippi; HOPE Scholarship

Luke Anthony Turkiewicz

The Lord is my Protector. Eph. 5:1-2 **Berry College**: Academic Scholarship – \$28,000; Savannah College of Art and Design, SCAD Achievement Honor Scholarship On Campus – \$3,000, SCAD Achievement Honor Scholarship – \$7,000, Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant – \$3,800; Full Sail University; HOPE Scholarship

Christina Lauren Valencia

The Lord is my Defender. Rom. 8:38-39 **University of Georgia;** Auburn University; Clemson University; Mercer University: Academic Merit Engineering Scholarship – \$80,000; Samford University: Academic Merit – \$60,000; Kennesaw State University; University of West Georgia; Georgia College & State University; University of North Georgia; Wofford College: Academic Merit – \$64,000, Coweta-Fayette EMC Melissa Segars Scholarship – \$3,000; Zell Miller Scholarship

Lailah Keliah Walker

The Lord is my Provider. Ps. 126:2 **Biola University;** Azusa Pacific University; Wingate University: Academic Merit – \$84,000; HOPE Scholarship

Mason Lee Wallace

The Lord is my Protector. Jer. 29:11 **Georgia Southern University** – Honors Program; Auburn University; Mercer University: Academic Merit – \$68,000, Engineering Scholarship – \$68,000; Mississippi State: Freshman Academic Excellence – \$6,000, Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship – \$30,000; University of Alabama; HOPE Scholarship

Lorenz William Wilke, II

The Lord is my Peace. Ps. 34:4 **Georgia Institute of Technology;** Baylor University: President's Gold – \$76,000; Butler University: Academic Merit – \$76,000; University of Georgia; Stetson University: Presidential Scholarship – \$140,000; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University: VT Scholar Renewable Scholarship – \$20,000, Emerging Leader Scholarship – \$12,000, Army ROTC Scholarship – \$114,504; Zell Miller Scholarship

Emma Dianne Wilson

The Lord is my Guide. Phil. 4:8 **Georgia Institute of Technology** – Honors Program: Ivan Allen College Dean's Grant – \$10,000, Ivan Allen College Dean's Internship – \$10,000; Georgia College and State University; Mercer University: Josiah Penfield Scholarship – \$92,000; Samford University: Academic Scholarship – \$59,600, Leadership Scholarship – \$8,000; University of Georgia; Zell Miller Scholarship

James Evan Ziegler

The Lord is my Deliverer. Prov. 17:17 **Georgia Southern University;** Coastal Carolina University; Jacksonville State University; HOPE Scholarship

\$7,362,192

in total scholarship dollars have been offered to the class of 2018 (as of May 14, 2018).

22

Honors College acceptances were received.

\$490,679

in athletic scholarships offered.

81%

of the class of 2018 received scholarship offers.

\$81,400

in fine arts scholarships were offered.

7

Presidential Scholarship offers were received.

\$6,760,000

in Merit scholarships, excluding Zell Miller, HOPE, and Georgia Tuition Equalization Grants.

four-year ROTC scholarship offered.



Adams



Binegar



Drury



Tucker



Wilke



Lauria



Rivers



Millican



Belveal



Senior Awards

Valedictorian: Carolyn Adams

Co-Salutatorians: Julia Binegar and Jack Drury

Mike Titus Christian Service Award: Mary Kate Tucker

Headmaster Leadership Award: Renzy Wilke

Isaiah Award: Jonathan Lauria and Amelia Rivers

Rak Khazak Award: Preston Millican

STAR Student Award: Brian Belveal



2018 Eagle Award Recipients

These students earned all As during their high school careers

Carolyn Adams
 Abigail Apter
 Brian Belveal
 Julia Binegar
 Jon Drury
 Amelia Rivers
 Mary Kellison Thorne

the best
 is yet to come!

Impact[ful] Alumni



The two most important days of your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. – **Mark Twain**
Landmark helps students discover their talents and steward God's unique purpose for their lives.

Dear Landmark War Eagles,

The summer months are a perfect time for reflection. As a Christ-follower, I know to be a “doer of the word, not just a hearer.” That discipline drives my personal life as well as my professional life. Since I work at Landmark, I asked myself who were the “doers” who helped to bring the school’s mission and vision to life during this past academic year? Here are the people that came to my mind.

I shout “Kudos!” to Landmark teachers and staff, as they poured themselves into every student like my son, Mitchell, and the rest of the Class of 2018. He and his classmates are ready to impact the world for Jesus Christ, and ready for college. To them I say, “Keep up the good work!” Graduation in May was the culmination of years of partnership between our faculty and parents. **Our teachers are doers!**

Thanks to those who donated their time and money to Landmark. Everyone benefitted! A financial aid beneficiary recently wrote, “Our son’s K4 to 12th grade years at Landmark have been even more enriching, given the consistently advancing level of quality that characterizes the school. But over the past two and one-half years our family has endured some rough spots... It is difficult to put into words the gratitude we feel toward the school and its supporters for the financial assistance you have provided. It has been an outpouring of God’s grace.” **Donors and volunteers — you are doers!**



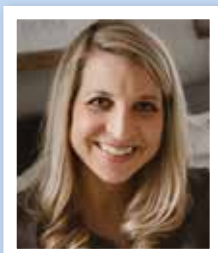
Glory to God as He changed the lives of five dozen Landmark students and parents inside nine humbling days in Honduras. We lived very simply during Spring Break 2018, as we traveled to Flower Mountain on a mission trip. Our team of healthcare professionals, students, missionaries, and ordinary people like me served the poorest of the poor, and everyone including our students did so with a smile on their faces and zero complaints — despite the Third World conditions. I was so proud of everyone. God changed us, too, as we loved on the Tolupan villagers. During the year, Landmark also traveled to Romania, Kenya, and Mexico spreading God’s Word and love. **Landmark students are doers!**

Finally, three cheers for our former Head of School Mike Titus and recently seated leader Dr. Jason McMaster. Mike’s selfless service to others is a choice that he makes every day, and is worthy of our admiration. Mike “set the table” for new Head of School Dr. Jason McMaster. Jason will lead the institution forward, enabling us to prepare students to impact the world for Jesus Christ like never before. **Mike and Jason are doers!**

Enjoy the time with your family. Thanks again for your ongoing support of Landmark Christian School.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Riggs, IAP
Director of Advancement



It has truly been a pleasure to reconnect with so many alumni, hear your accomplishments, and see your photos over the course of the year. We love hearing the news of your graduation, job success,

wedding, new baby or other life achievement, and we celebrate with you.

This year marks reunions for the classes of 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, and 2013. We hope all alumni will return to campus for Homecoming on Friday, September 21, 2018. We are in the process of working toward making this Homecoming one to remember. The Sweet Auburn Barbecue food truck will cater the alumni event. Be on the lookout for your invitation in the mail with RSVP instructions. It is always wonderful to reconnect with our alumni and welcome you back to Landmark.

Please keep us informed of your life milestones...we love to celebrate with you! At the top of the Landmark website home page (landmarkchristianschool.org) you'll see a link to the Alumni portal labeled "Alumni." On this page you will be able to update your contact information, share news with us, and read other alumni happenings. You can also find us on Facebook under Eagle Nest to stay up to date on alumni news.

—CJ Harris, Alumni Manager
cjharris@landmark-cs.org

Class Notes

'92

Lance Duncan

Resides in Branson, Missouri, where he teaches sports performance physical education and coaches football and track in the Brandon School District. His wife Rebecca is the director of health services for Kanakuk Kamps. Lance's daughter McKenzie graduated from high school May 2018 and has committed to play soccer at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Daughter Molly won the MSHSAA athlete of the year award and will start her freshman year of high school in fall 2018. Lance's son Coleman will start 7th grade in the fall; he participates in football, basketball, track, and is in the gifted education program.

'95

Robyn Davis Honeycutt

Robyn, husband Justin, and daughter Kaitlyn Honeycutt welcomed baby girl Hannah Marie on September 17, 2016. Hannah Marie was delivered via C-section and remained in the NICU for one month; she is now happy and healthy.

'98

Laura Glass-Hess

Laura has started her own law practice, Glass Hess Law, LLC, specializing in immigration and criminal defense.

Kathryn McAllan Hodgson

After residing in Seattle, Washington, Kathryn and her husband moved back to Atlanta in March 2018.

Kristen Luellen Murphy

Graduated May 2017 from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law with a Juris Doctorate.

'01

CJ Eisenburg Harris

CJ and her husband James welcomed their third child, Kathryn "Ryn" Joy Harris, on February 7, 2018. Ryn joins siblings Sutton and Hudson. The family resides in Peachtree City, Georgia. CJ is the alumni manager and special events coordinator at Landmark.



'04

Emily Wood Marziliano

Welcomed a new baby, Harper Camp Marziliano, on September 15, 2016.

'05

Jennifer Ballard Barrow

Welcomed new daughter, Lillian Denise Barrow, on August 4, 2017. Lillian joins big brother Laken, 2.



Justin Miller

In November 2017, Justin and his wife Lindsay welcomed their second child, Logan.

Mary Grace Kimsey Richter

Mary Grace and her husband Ben have three children: Eisley, 5, Lenna, 3, and Wesley, 4 months. The family resides in Woodstock, Georgia, where they serve in the worship ministry at Sojourn Woodstock. Mary Grace is a stay at home mom. Their family travels the US with their band, The Museum, leading worship for youth conferences, camps, and ministries. Ben also owns a local woodworking business called The Woodstock Wood Stock.



'06

Rachael Mirabella Boyd

Rachael and her husband welcomed their first child, Raleigh Mirabella Boyd, in May 2017.



Amanda Hale

Started her own company, Amanda Hale Media, specializing in website design, social media management, and brand development.

'07

Ashley Chastain

Ashley joined the athletic staff at the University of Mississippi in November 2017 as the assistant coach and pitching coach after serving in a similar role at Michigan State University. Ashley earned her bachelor's degree in history in 2011 and her master's degree in secondary education in 2012 from the University of South Carolina, where she played softball for the Gamecocks.



Mike Geeslin

Mike and his wife Jayme welcomed their first child, Benjamin Michael, on April 16, 2017. They reside in Tyrone, Georgia. Mike is a CPA working at Geeslin Group LLC with his brother, Will Geeslin (class of 2007), and his father, Dale. Jayme works as an independent college counselor.

Hannah Penn Siler

Hannah and her husband Jared welcomed a sweet baby boy, Wyatt Joseph. Hannah and Jared are both teachers in Douglas County and look forward to spending summers together with their little family.

**'08****Katherine Strickland Abernathy**

Married Cole Abernathy (attended Landmark until 2008).



Pictured along with Katherine and Cole are: Best man Craig Abernathy (class of 2010) and Maids of honor — Meghan Strickland Hanes (2004), Jessica Belcher (2008), Trey Strickland (2007), John Murphy (2009), Blake Wyatt (2009), Cook Crook (2009), Robert Waters (2009), and Emily Abernathy (2018).

Laura Cooper Beckwith

Welcomed her son Madden in March 2017. Madden was born with congenital heart defects. He spent many weeks at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Egleston Hospital in his first year of life. He has had two cardiac catheterization procedures, multiple echocardiograms, and EKGs. In December 2017, he had his first open heart surgery. As of this printing, Madden's heart is functioning well and is not expected to have further surgeries for several years. To keep up with Madden's story, follow "Madden's Heart Journey" on Facebook.

Kassi Deel McCoy

Kassi is going on six years of marriage to her college sweetheart, Matt, and raising two sweet boys, Kade, 2, and Kason, 8 months. Both Kassi and Matt work at City of Refuge in downtown Atlanta, helping bring light, hope, and transformation to the city. Kassi and Matt live in Fairburn, Georgia, and look forward to sending their boys to Landmark and raising them as War Eagles — ready to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

Samuel Ogden

After completing his undergraduate degree at Jacksonville State University in Alabama with a major in communications broadcasting and a minor in English, Samuel obtained his master's degree in sports management. Samuel was hired at the University of South Alabama as the youngest director of film services in D1 football at age 22. He moved to Dallas, Texas, in 2015, where he is the director of film services for SMU football.

'09**Cody Crook**

Cody is a teacher at Chapel Hill Middle School in Douglasville, Georgia, and is the assistant football coach at Chapel Hill High School.

'10**Hannah Troyer**

Moved to the island of Grenada in January 2018 to attend medical school at St. George's University School of Medicine.

Taylor Bailey White 2010

Taylor married Chase White on March 25, 2017, and the couple is excited to embark on its first adventure together as they move to Fairburn, Georgia.

'11

Dustin Brantley 2011

Lives in Senoia, Georgia, and works for Edward Jones Investment, where he's been employed since fall 2016.

Amanda Chastain

Amanda is in her first year as a compliance specialist at Towson University in Maryland. She monitors recruiting, playing and practice seasons, and developing rules and education for coaches and staff. Amanda earned her master's degree in recreation and sports



management from the University of Tennessee in 2017. Amanda and her dog Tobey live in Maryland.

Jillian Lee Cochran

Jillian currently resides in Connecticut with her husband Seth and their dog, Lucy. Seth recently returned home from a six-month deployment on the USS San Juan as a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy. Jillian received her Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Yale in May 2017.

Peyton Jenkins Wessinger

After graduating from Landmark in 2011, Peyton worked in an emergency room in Douglasville, Georgia. Peyton married in 2015 and welcomed a baby boy, Kade, in 2017. Peyton is now a stay at home mom and loving every minute of it.

'12

Jeff Hannah

Jeff and wife Callie Thompson Hannah (class of 2012) were married March 24, 2018, and reside in Palmetto, Georgia. Jeff works for Trane Inc., and Callie is employed by a design firm in Atlanta.

'14

Caroline Lane Roberts

Caroline was recently married and had a baby boy, Judson, in November 2017. She and her family reside in Colorado where she is attending school to become an air traffic controller.

'15

Jade Nelson

Jade is currently a junior at Tuskegee University, where she's been inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society, the National Society of Leadership and Success, and the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta. Jade is applying to veterinary schools in August 2018.

'17

Cameron Dobbs

Cameron completed her freshman year as a Broadcast Journalism student and athlete at the University of Miami (UM) with all As and selection to the Presidential Honor Roll. She played for the Hurricanes as an outside hitter and helped contribute to their second round appearance of the NCAA Volleyball Tournament. Cameron hosted a weekly sports TV segment for UMTV called, Head to Head. She is on the executive board of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) at UM and is the UM SAAC representative for the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). She is a leader of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and recently spoke alongside Hurricanes coach Mark Richt to encourage growth of the UM FCA.

**William O'Neal II**

Completed his freshman year at Florida State University and self-published an intimately soul-baring collection of poetry entitled, "In Between Winter and Dawn." William is looking forward to an exciting career in the university's prestigious School of Motion Picture Arts.





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