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From its inception, McCallie has been an educational community informed by a clear vision derived from the Christian faith. Thus, the response to the Westminster Shorter Catechism's first question, "What is the chief end of man?" is the cornerstone of the school's life.

Since McCallie's founding in 1905, the prominence of this simple, yet profound, sentence has been deliberate and purposeful. Etched into the stonework at the school's entrance and displayed in the Upper School Chapel, Middle School Forum, and the Dining Hall, these words inspire us to imagine our campus and community as a sacred space where we seek to positively impact the whole student – heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Today, the conviction expressed in the motto is more often felt, sensed or intuited than articulated explicitly, but it continues to inform McCallie's educational mission in ways that permeate the life of the school community, shape the lives of its members, and equip the school to incorporate its Christian heritage effectively in a contemporary context. This means that we seek to have in our community a substantial number of persons to whom God matters a great deal, not so much in a confessional sense as in their commitment to developing relationships in which love—of God and all other persons—is paramount.

The twofold structure of the Motto, to glorify God, and to enjoy God, gives purpose and meaning to our pursuit of academic excellence within a college preparatory environment.

At McCallie, to **GLORIFY** God is to:

- Acknowledge that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves. Our lives serve a larger and more lasting purpose.
- Embrace the truth that our students are created in the image of God. Therefore, each person's life has a value equal to that of every other person, regardless of any specific feature of an individual's identity or social standing. All students are wholeheartedly welcomed into the community as fellow image-bearers, worthy of respect and valued as fellow learners on the journey of life.
- Accept the responsibility – in our thoughts, speech, and treatment of others – to treat all others as we ourselves would want to be treated. Gratitude for what God has done for us forms the basis of an earnest desire to rise to this calling.
- Seek out opportunities to serve, both within and beyond Chattanooga, where our students tangibly care for the needs of others in the larger human community.
- Laugh and cry with one another; support and care for one another; encourage and challenge one another; hold each other accountable; truly love one another.

At McCallie, to **ENJOY** God is to:

- Celebrate and appreciate the beauty, both in other people and the natural world that is all around us in God's good creation.
- Experience the joy, the adventure, and the passion of learning and discovery in academics, athletics, the arts, and a wide range of extracurricular activities.
- Create an irresistible environment that draws others to come to McCallie and ask, "What is the reason for your joy?"

Most people are not willing or able to believe an assertion of faith solely on the basis of someone else's report. People need to see, touch, and experience the reality to which words bear witness. It is experience that often makes the truth of any words credible. We trust that the manner in which we live out our common calling at McCallie gives glory to God and joy to all in our midst.