



SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

CHAPEL *in the pac*

Over the past two years, Boyd-Buchanan’s Chapel and Spiritual Life program has been shaped by the themes “His Purpose” and, most recently, “Chosen.” These themes have influenced chapel programming, speaker selection, and broader spiritual formation across campus, helping students reflect deeply on their identity in Christ and the calling He places on their lives. This year marked the first full year of chapel in the Performing Arts Center, a space that has transformed our gatherings by offering an intentional setting for worship. In this environment, students are better able to quiet distractions and lift their hearts and voices fully to God, making chapel a more focused and reverent experience.

The speaker lineup reflected our diverse faith community, featuring local ministers, faculty and staff, and alumni, including a powerful alumni panel sharing stories of faith beyond high school. We were also honored to welcome speakers from outside of the Chattanooga area like David Skidmore from North Boulevard Church of Christ in Murfreesboro, TN, whose message resonated deeply with students, and David Francisco who shared

his powerful testimony about overcoming adversity through God’s forgiveness and love.

Looking ahead, the program continues to grow with the addition of Wednesday morning devotionals for athletic teams and monthly summer worship nights that invite students to gather in praise beyond the school day. The direction of the program is rooted in creating more spaces for connection, reflection, and student leadership. Whether through peer-led devotionals, service projects, or small group discipleship, our goal is to help students understand and live out their faith with boldness.

Spiritual life at Boyd-Buchanan is becoming increasingly integrated into every aspect of school culture, from the stage in chapel to the sidelines of athletic fields, and everywhere in between. These efforts reflect a continued commitment to spiritual growth that is joyful, guided by wisdom, and boldly directed toward Christ, a vision that perfectly reflects the heart of The Compass.



SPIRITUALLY *growing*

We are excited to share an important update regarding spiritual leadership for the 2025-2026 school year. As we continue to strengthen our commitment to the spiritual growth of our students and community, we are pleased to announce two key appointments:

Ross Wortman will serve as our new Spiritual Life Director. A 2017 Boyd-Buchanan alumnus, Ross has served in the BBS Math Department since 2021. He holds a degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, along with additional training in campus ministry. Ross brings a deep passion for mentoring students and fostering spiritual growth across all grade levels.

“My time at Boyd-Buchanan as a student had a large part in shaping my spiritual journey,” Ross said. “I am so excited to be serving BBS in this way.”

Anna McClung will take on the role of Spiritual Curriculum Coordinator. Anna brings a strong background in both ministry and education, with experience teaching Bible history to middle school students and writing Bible study curriculum for youth at Precept International Ministries. She holds a Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University and a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Samford University, both magna cum laude. Anna has also led worship, coordinated spiritual retreats, and provided pastoral care in various ministry settings.

Anna said, “Working at BBS this year has renewed my spirit in a way that I didn’t expect. I’m honored to be given the opportunity



to help foster a community where the presence of Jesus is felt, His characteristics are displayed among His people, and discipling under Him is taken seriously.”

Together, Ross and Anna will work closely with students and families to ensure our spiritual life programs continue to foster growth, community, and faith. They will also provide resources and support for families seeking spiritual growth tools at home, collaborate with the Lower School to facilitate mentorship programs, assist with PreK-5 curriculum development, and offer pastoral care campus-wide.

Both of these roles are essential as we seek to nurture the spiritual development of every student and maintain a Christ-centered environment on campus. Please join us in congratulating Ross and Anna on these new positions! We are confident that their leadership and passion for spiritual growth will continue to bless and strengthen our school community.



GHANA *mission*

“I recently returned from a life-changing mission trip to Ghana, Africa. Our team traveled through several cities, staying at the Village of Hope and the Pearl House—two places that serve children facing incredibly difficult circumstances, such as poverty, orphanhood, and abuse.

Despite these hardships, the children were full of love, faith, and gratitude. Living among them opened my eyes to how blessed I am and showed me the importance of community, faith, and simplicity. At the Village of Hope, I formed deep connections with the children and was especially impacted by a girl named Grace, whom my family now sponsors.

Our time at the Pearl House involved service projects, such as painting and organizing, while witnessing the strength and resilience of the girls being given a second chance at life.

This experience taught me to slow down, disconnect from distractions, and draw closer to God.”

- Evie Winn

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24-26

Me nyame ye!

(Ghanaian for “My Lord is Good”)