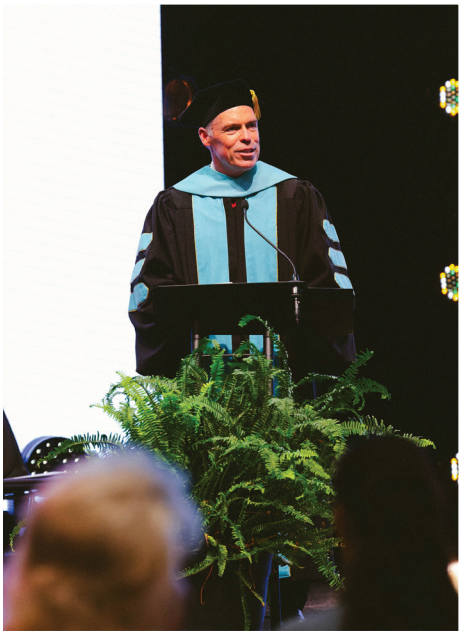


FWC

MINISTRY IMPACT REPORT 2025-26

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL
DR. TERRY RODGERS



Dear Fort Worth Christian Community,

The story of the 2025–26 school year is ultimately a story of God's faithfulness to Fort Worth Christian School. As we reflect on the year and celebrate what has been accomplished, we are reminded that every success, opportunity, and blessing is a gift from the Lord. This annual report highlights just a few of the ways God has continued to work through our students, families, faculty, staff, and supporters as we move Forward With Christ.

This year brought many reasons to celebrate. Enrollment reached 784 students, and we achieved an outstanding 95% re-enrollment rate, reflecting the confidence families place in the mission and ministry of FWC. Through the generosity of our community, we also experienced another strong year of support for our programs, facilities, and future initiatives, ensuring that Fort Worth Christian remains well-positioned to serve students for years to come.

Our students continued to excel in every area of school life. In Fine Arts, our band earned State honors, and the spring production of Peter Pan captivated audiences while showcasing the creativity, talent, and dedication of students across multiple grade levels. In Athletics, the boys track team captured the TAPPS State Championship, while our football, baseball, and softball teams all advanced to postseason play. These accomplishments are a reflection of the hard work, perseverance, and Christ-centered leadership demonstrated by our students and coaches.

Inside the classroom, students were challenged to grow academically while continuing to see learning through the lens of God's story. Through Teaching for Transformation and a commitment to academic excellence, students were equipped to think critically, serve faithfully, and pursue their God-given calling. The graduating Class of 2026 continued the tradition of excellence that has long defined Fort Worth Christian, earning college acceptances, scholarships, and college credit opportunities while preparing for the next chapter of their journeys.

One of the most meaningful milestones of the year was our 10th annual Cardinal Service Week. Students and faculty invested thousands of hours serving others locally, nationally, and internationally. These experiences embodied our vision of empowering students for a lifetime of faith, service, and leadership for Christ and remain one of the clearest examples of our mission in action.

As you read the pages that follow, I hope you are encouraged by the Lord's goodness to Fort Worth Christian School, inspired by the accomplishments of our students, and grateful for the dedicated faculty and staff who faithfully invest in the next generation every day. Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and partnership as we look ahead with confidence and continue moving Forward With Christ.

Dr. Terry Rodgers
President and Head of School

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The 2025-26 Fort Worth Christian School Ministry Report recognizes giving from July 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026. We are truly grateful for the generosity of each and every investor who advanced the School's mission last school year. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this report. Please accept our sincerest apologies for any errors or omissions, and kindly contact the Advancement Office at 817-520-6200 so we can update our records.

Known. Loved. Valued.

FISCAL ♥ YEAR

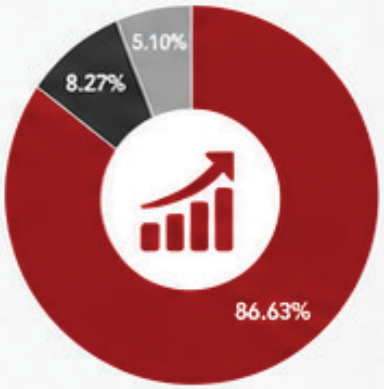
2025-26

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Because of you, we are able to provide extraordinary opportunities, invest in our people and facilities, and prepare our students for a Christ-centered future.

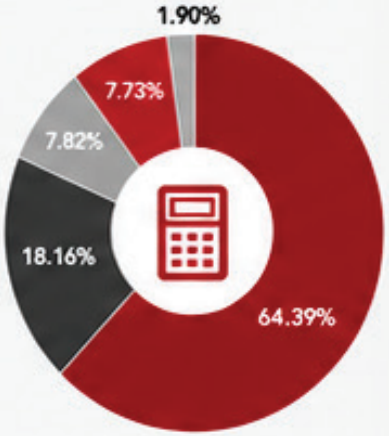
INCOME

TUITION AND FEES	86.63%
AUXILIARY AND OTHER	8.27%
GIFTS	5.10%



EXPENSES

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	7.73%
INSTRUCTIONAL & SCHOOL PROGRAM	64.39%
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	18.16%
PHYSICAL PLANT	7.82%
DEBT SERVICE	1.90%



Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.





GIVING SUMMARY

$360,201	$1,138,536	$44,811	$419,000	$319,000	$50,000	$420,978
Annual Giving Campaign	Designated Giving	Golf Tournament	Auction Gala	Corporate Sponsorship	Endowment	Capital Projects

TOTAL $2,752,526

BY THE NUMBERS

2,080	271	$180,000	$330,000
TOTAL DONORS	NEW DONORS	LARGEST GIFT	LARGEST ONE-DONOR GIFT

OUR COMMUNITY
MAKES AN IMPACT

2,080
TOTAL DONOR RELATIONSHIPS

$2.75M+

GIVING BY DONOR GROUP

PARENTS	$1,432,516
TRUSTEES	$700,145
GRANDPARENTS	$381,122
FOUNDATIONS	$65,500
COMPANIES	$70,123
FRIENDS	$41,969
FACULTY STAFF	$36,114
PARENTS OF ALUMNI	$14,848
ALUMNI	$10,187

Thank you for investing in the mission.



CLASS OF 2026 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Abilene Christian University
Angelo State University
American University
Arkansas Baptist University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Bethel University
Blinn College
Brigham Young University
Carroll University
Centre College
Chapman University
Clemson University
Coe College
College of Charleston
Colorado State University
Culver-Stockton College
Dallas Baptist University
Dallas Christian College
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Franklin University Switzerland
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Illinois State University
Kansas State University
Kansas Wesleyan University
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Midland University
Midwestern State University
Millikin University
Mississippi State University
Navarro College
Nelson University
Newman University
North Central Texas College
Oklahoma Baptist University
Oklahoma State University
Oklahoma State University - Tulsa
Oral Roberts University
Ottawa University
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Ravensbourne University London
Ripon College
Sam Houston State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Sewanee: University of the South
Snead State College
Southeastern University
Southwestern College
Southern Methodist University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Sul Ross State University
Tarleton State University
Tarrant County College
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
United States Merchant Marine Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arkansas
University of Georgia
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Mississippi
University of North Texas
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Austin
University of Oklahoma
University of South Florida
University of Tennessee
Wabash College
Wade College
Western Texas College
William Jewell College

FWC CLASS OF 2026

— BY THE NUMBERS —

$6.2M
TOTAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

$75K
AVERAGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

98%
COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE
98% college acceptance and other 2% entering the military or Mission Service Field

82%
AP TEST PASS RATE

17 +
COLLEGIATE ATHLETES
#2 MLB DRAFT PICK

763
DUAL CREDIT HOURS

5,300
SERVICE HOURS

100%
COMMITTED TO THEIR NEXT STEP





CLASS OF 2026

Harrison Allsup
Landon Alverson
Maxwell Anderson
Kason Anding
Antonio Andujar
Ethan Armenta
Robert Ashford
Henry Austin
Braxton Becker
Kendall Bedichek
Isaac Bernal
Adam Berns
Madelynn Bickford
Sophia Brown
Kane Bublitz
Christopher Caldwell
Griffin Carney
Jaxon Casselberry
Rowan Castillo
Sydney Chavez
Ava Chopra
Adeline Collins
Emily Dean
Ally Dodd
Grady Emerson
Andrew Farrell
Hector Fehribach
Samantha Felts
Nun Fretwell IV
Xavier Fuller
Jack Garza
Landon Gigliotta
Joana Gómez Mendoza
Nathaniel Gonzalez
Hayden Hall
Keaton Hayaux Du Tilly
Chloe Hughes
Braylen James
Grace Johnson
Ryan Kaase
Andrew Kang
Kara Kennedy
Abryelle Kidwell
Isabella Koedam
Kade Kropholler
Elijah Letz
Aiden Lockwood
Angelica Lyle
John Merris
Katelyn Miller
Manning Miller
Mary Miller
Riley Miller
Maurian MiShaw
Joshua Negron
Jake Parkerson
Jackson Perdue
Carter Pierson
Edward Pitre
Zachary Polak
Michael Ratterree
Andrew Ridgell
Luke Robinson
Benjamin Rodriguez
Madeline Rushing
Anya Short
Gregory Smeds
Graci Stubblefield
Lukas Taylor
Hayden Teel
Annie Tenery
Jackson Thannum
Nathan Turner II
Ansley Walton
Allison Whisenand
Zane Whites
William Williams IV
Sydney Wright
Owen Young

CARDINAL SERVICE WEEK

FORWARD WITH CHRIST

During the 2025-26 school year, Fort Worth Christian celebrated the 10th anniversary of Cardinal Service Week, one of the school's most distinctive programs and a powerful expression of its mission to develop students who are empowered by a biblical worldview and prepared for a lifetime of faith, service, and leadership for Christ.

This year, Upper School students and faculty sponsors served locally, nationally, and internationally through partnerships with nearly 30 ministries, churches, schools, and nonprofit organizations. Service teams traveled to Oklahoma, New Hampshire, Missouri, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Tanzania, and France, while local groups served throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area at organizations including Mission Arlington, Hope Farm, GRACE Grapevine, Buckner International, Christ's Haven for Children, Community Storehouse, and many others.

Collectively, students contributed more than 5,000 hours of service, meeting practical needs while sharing the love of Christ with communities both near and far. Projects included children's ministry, community outreach, vision clinics, painting and construction projects, church partnerships, family support programs, and service to vulnerable populations.

A special addition to Cardinal Service Week this year was the partnership between each travel team and a Lower School class. Throughout the week, students shared updates, photos, prayer requests, and stories from the field with their younger Cardinal partners. Lower School students followed their team's journey, prayed for them daily, and celebrated how God was working through their service. This connection helped foster a deeper sense of community across grade levels while inspiring younger students to begin developing hearts for service and missions.

Freshmen also participated in local service projects before concluding their week with a retreat experience at Camp Buckner, where they focused on spiritual growth, community building, and servant leadership.

While the impact on the communities served was significant, Cardinal Service Week continues to shape the lives of the students who participate. Through meaningful relationships, hands-on service, and opportunities to step outside their comfort zones, students gain a deeper understanding of God's calling and their role in His kingdom.

As Fort Worth Christian reflects on ten years of Cardinal Service Week, the program remains a powerful example of the school's vision that every student and graduate be empowered for a lifetime of faith, service, and leadership for Christ.

OUR PARTNERS IN PURPOSE

This incredible impact would not be possible without the trusted partners who welcomed our students with open arms and shared in the mission of restoration and hope. We are thankful to have walked beside the following organizations:

Cardinal Service Week
Travel Groups:
Pawnee, OK | Adventures in Missions -Camp Crossway & Churches
Manchester, NH | Adventures in Missions -Cafe 1269 Homeless Cafe
Kansas City, MO | Christ for the City Int.
La Fortuna, Costa Rica | Beyond the Known -vision clinic, painting
Dominican Republic | Joshua Expeditions
Arusha, Tanzania - Neema Village
Marseille, France | Let's Start Talking -local church

Local Groups:
Mission Arlington
Hope Farm
Southside Church of Christ
Allies in Youth Development
GRACE Grapevine
CEC
Christ's Haven for Children
The Clubhouse for Special Needs
Brother Bill's Helping Hand
Community Link
Buckner International
Project Home
Community Storehouse











FWC Golf Tournament

The Golf Club at Fossil Creek | September 30th

$70,590.00 GROSS
$44,811.00 NET









PRESENTING SPONSOR:

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HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SPECIALISTS

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Knight Development Group (Cardinal Champion)

SILVER
Walker Engineering
Clay Roark

BRONZE
Keiser Electric
Quantum
Duren Jenkins Agency

CAL SMALLWOOD – 2025 FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN ALUMNI OF THE YEAR



Cal Smallwood is a proud Fort Worth Christian alumnus, having attended FWC from Kindergarten through his graduation in 1998. A standout student-athlete, Cal graduated as Valedictorian of the Class of 1998 while excelling on the court and field, earning All-District honors in Basketball and All-State honors in Baseball. After FWC, Cal attended Texas A&M University, where he earned both a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Taxation. As a Certified Public Accountant, he began his career with Deloitte in Dallas and now owns and operates Smallwood & Associates, PLLC, a CPA firm with offices in Plano and Colleyville.

Deeply appreciative of his time at FWC, Cal served on the Board of Trustees for nine years, including a term as Board Chairman. His leadership, service, and dedication have left a lasting impact on the school community.

Reflecting on his years as a student, Cal shares:

> "At Fort Worth Christian, I was truly known, loved, and valued, and that fostered a level of confidence and perspective that set me up well for my lifetime. More importantly, FWC established a foundation in my walk with Christ that continues to this day."

Cal's love for Fort Worth Christian has only grown as a parent and alumni leader. He and his wife of 21 years, Sarah, are the proud parents of Savannah, a junior at FWC, and Connor, an 8th grader. Their family worships together at The Hills Church in Keller.

Throughout his journey, Cal has been especially shaped by the influence of teachers and mentors including John Anderson, Barbara Treat, Darren Edwards, and Christy Cate, whose guidance strengthened his relationship with Jesus and empowered him with a Biblical worldview.

Dr. Terry Rodgers, President and Head of School, shared:

> "Cal's faithful service and his support of the ministry of Fort Worth Christian have made a lasting impact on this community. He is a true example of what it means to live out our vision of faith, service, and leadership for Christ."

ALUMNI COUNCIL

Pat Adams '90, Stephen Bailey '88, James Bankes '68, Karen Bankes Miller '71, Jamie Bankes Ridgell '96, Caroline Barrow Barton '08
John Paul Brownlow '86, Roy Deaver '62, Terry Drake '78, Armando Fitz '17, Jenny Freytag '83, Jeff Garner '91, Suzan Jenkins '70, James Jennings '77
Mark McKinney '79, Rachel Rentschler McWilliams '07, Riley Thannum Olson '11, Marva Riddle '62, Lauren Smeds '96

GRANDPARENTS DAY AND GRANDPARENTS PRAY





ANNUAL
GIVING CAMPAIGN

The Annual Giving Campaign is your investment in the people and programs that make FWC excellent. Your tax-deductible gift supports our mission to provide competitive salaries, training, and technology for a dynamic learning environment, and critical need-based scholarships. Your generosity advances our mission and brings Christ-centered, college preparatory education to more students. Together, we make a difference.

Thank you for making an eternal impact at Fort Worth Christian.

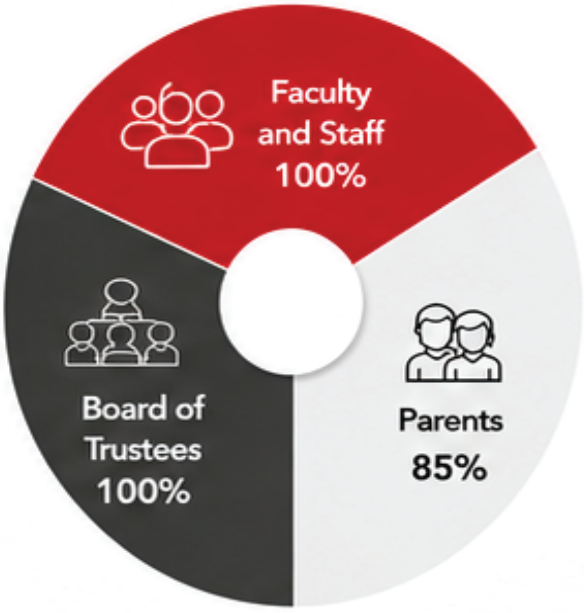
OVERALL PARENT PARTICIPATION
85.28%

LOWER SCHOOL PARTICIPATION
91.58%

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTICIPATION
86.06%

UPPER SCHOOL PARTICIPATION
72.10%

PARTICIPATION BY CONSTITUENTS



PARTICIPATION BY PARENTS

PS	88.57%	3rd	88.64%	8th	86.15%
PK/TK	72.73%	4th	97.44%	9th	76.56%
Kinder	100%	5th	95.65%	10th	80.30%
1st	100%	6th	82.22%	11th	70.27%
2nd	89.58%	7th	89.80%	12th	61.25%



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Faculty – Supports our commitment to attract and retain outstanding faculty by providing competitive salaries, training, and professional development.

Tech – Supports technology integration for an innovative and dynamic learning environment.

Need-Based Scholarships – Supports need-based tuition assistance for mission-fit students who demonstrate financial need and desire to be part of our Christ-centered, college preparatory school.

Athletics/Fine Arts – Supports the athletics/fine arts budget for all sports.

2025-26 Annual Giving Allocation

Area of Impact	Total
Technology	$1,508
Need-Based Scholarships	$60,530
Athletics	$7,000
Arts	$3,155
Faculty Salaries & Training	$288,966
Total	**$361,159**

THANK YOU! Your generosity is making a lasting impact on our students and school community. Together, we are shaping lives for eternity!

Investing in
EXCELLENCE

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Cardinal Gym	$121,646
Athletics Storage Bldg	$24,006
Lower School Facilities	$31,942
Softball Facilities	$140,000
Football Field Lights	$50,000
Baseball Facilities	$53,384
TOTAL	**$420,978**



DESIGNATED GIVING SUMMARY

Athletics	$545,141
Arts	$139,817
Campus Enhancement	$122,050
New Bus	$211,000
Faculty & Academics	$115,500
Other	$5,028
TOTAL	**$1,138,536**



DESIGNATED GIVING

Football	$108,151
Baseball	$142,565
Softball	$27,977
Athletic Training	$6,389
Girls Basketball	$504
Boys Basketball	$12,095
Track/CC	$7,793
Boys Soccer	$5,129
Girls Soccer	$4,824
Volleyball	$12,879
Golf	$6,012
Tennis	$921
Cheerleading	$32,787
Weight Room	$85,075
Theatre	$30,421
Band	$5,155
Guard	$2,302
Belles	$4,889
Fine Arts	$92,000
Campus Enhancements	$105,508
Campus Center	$17,000
PE	$12,000
Faculty	$3,500
Cardinal Learning Ctr	$75,000
Curriculum	$15,000
Investment Club	$10,000
Project Graduation	$4,678
Middle School	$350
New Bus	$211,000
Booster Club	$92,040
Cardinal Arts	$5,050
TOTAL	**$1,138,536**

A NIGHT THAT CHANGES LIVES

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our FWC community, the Tropical Royale Gala was an evening to remember and a mission that will impact generations.

Together, we're investing in excellence and shaping the future of Fort Worth Christian.

Thank you for being part of something eternal.

Tropical Royale

FWC Gala
April 18, 2026







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Day Tax Group

T Shirt Guys
Duren Jenkins Agency
Classic Chevrolet
Marsh McClennan Insurance

GALA BY THE NUMBERS

Sponsorship	$163,500
Tickets	$40,750
Live Auction	$137,000
Silent Auction	$86,979
Raffle, Casino, Misc	$36,505
Donations (Call from the Heart & Build The Basket)	$183,971
TOTAL RAISED	$648,705

Your generosity fuels our mission and transforms the lives of our students. *Thank you!*



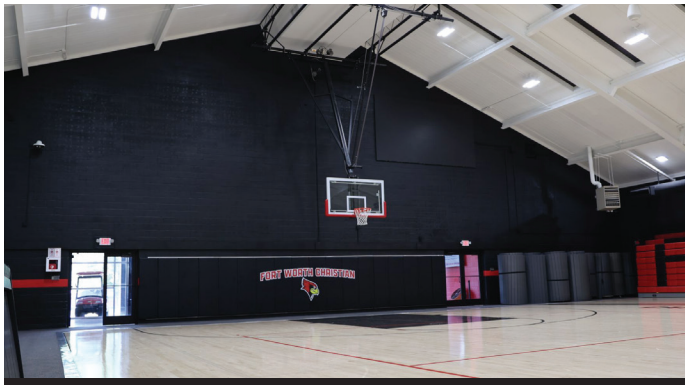




Forward with CHRIST

LOOK AT WHAT YOUR INVESTMENT HAS IMPROVED AROUND CAMPUS.

THESE GIFTS CAME FROM CAPITAL AND DESIGNATED GIVING.



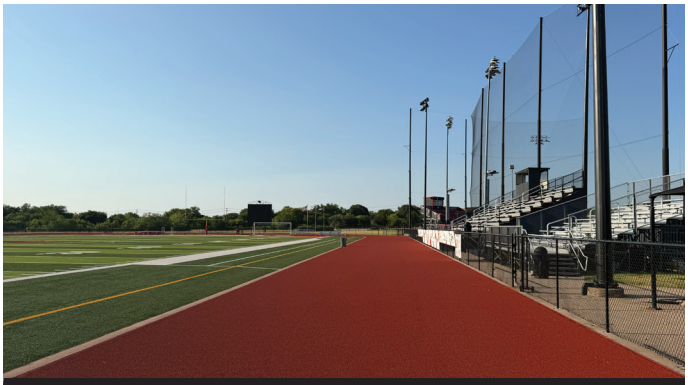
Paint Cardinal Gym



New Preschool Playground



Weight Room Flooring



Cardinal Track Resurfacing



Storage



19 Classrooms Updated



Teachers Lounge Lower School



Stone Pavers



Exterior Paint

A Living Legacy.

Faith,Family and Christian Eduction

THE BANKES/SHOEMAKER FAMIIY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

For James and Ann Bankes, the scholarship is not about recognition. It is an expression of gratitude and an opportunity to extend the blessing they received to others.

Reflecting on the four parents the scholarship honors, Ann Bankes said, *"Our parents were very humble people. The endowment is a way James and I can honor our parents for the sacrifices they made to send us to FWC and hopefully provide the same opportunity to other kids."*

"One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts."
-PSALM 145:4 (ESV)

From the Office of the President

The Bankes and Shoemaker families have faithfully invested in Fort Worth Christian for nearly six decades—not only through their generosity, but through their leadership, service, and unwavering commitment to Christian education. Their story reminds us that an endowment is far more than a financial gift; it is an investment in generations of students whose lives will be changed because someone chose to be faithful."

-Dr. Terry Rodgers President & Head of School

A Legacy Inherited

The story of the scholarship began long before the fund was created. It began in two homes grounded in faith, hard work, humility, and Christian education. James grew up as the son of a minister. His father, Robert Bankes, preached the Gospel for more than 60 years and also served on FWC's Board of Trustees. His mother, Myrle Bankes, modeled quiet generosity and unwavering faith.

Remembering the example set by his parents, James Bankes said,

"They demonstrated that the important things in life are valued more than money."

Ann's family shared that same foundation. After Ernie and Bess Shoemaker moved their family to North Richland Hills, they enrolled Ann and her brother, Rob, at FWC. School, church, and home soon became inseparable parts of their family's life. Bess later returned to FWC as the school librarian, investing in students with the same servant's heart she demonstrated at home.

Ann Bankes described the influence both sets of parents had on their family:

"Our parents instilled a strong work ethic. By their example, both in work and spiritually, we have had a lifetime of building on their example of putting the Lord first and giving back to those less fortunate."

Those values became part of the rhythm of James and Ann's own family. Their children did not simply hear about faithfulness and generosity. They watched those qualities lived out every day.

Rooted at Fort Worth Christian

James' commitment to FWC continued well beyond graduation. At only 25 years old, he began his first







term on the Board of Trustees, becoming one of the youngest trustees in the school's history. He later returned for a second term and ultimately served as president of the board, helping guide FWC through two important seasons of leadership.

When it was time to educate their own children, James and Ann knew where they wanted them to attend school. The Cardinal tradition continued through their children, Jamie Bankes Ridgell '96, Jeremy Bankes '98, and Jeffry Bankes '07. It grew when Jeremy married fellow FWC alumna Kelli Kauitzsch Bankes '99.

Today, a third generation is carrying the tradition forward: Anna Ridgell '24, Andrew Ridgell '26, James Bankes '28, Austin Ridgell '29, and Isaac Bankes '33.

The family's connection reaches even further. For decades, siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws have studied, taught, coached, volunteered, served on staff, and provided leadership at Fort Worth Christian.
For them, FWC has never been defined only by buildings or classrooms. It has been a place where faith is nurtured, relationships are formed, and one generation prepares the next to follow Christ.

Their daughter, Jamie Bankes Ridgell '96, described the influence of Christian education across the generations:

"When I think of my grandparents, parents, myself, and my children and the impact of Christian education, what I think of most is community and relationships. Community with the purpose of following Jesus and expanding His Kingdom, and relationships that have helped each generation of our family grow in our walk with the Lord."

Their son, Jeremy Bankes '98, sees the same thread running through the family's story:

"My parents met and fell in love at Fort Worth Christian, and years later Kelli and I did the same. When I look back, it's easy to see that Christian education has been woven into our family's story for generations."

Their youngest son, Jeffry Bankes '07, has never known life apart from that influence:

"All I have known my entire life is the impact of a Christian education. Now I can confidently look back and see the impact that started long before me and that will continue long after."

Passing the Blessing Forward

The Bankes/Shoemaker Family Endowed Scholarship Fund provides annual tuition assistance to students with demonstrated financial need. Priority is given to children of ministers, pastors, missionaries, or church staff who desire to attend FWC. If there is not sufficient need among ministry families, the fund may assist students of FWC alumni who demonstrate financial need.

The scholarship's priorities are deeply personal to James. As the son of a minister, he understands the financial sacrifices ministry families often make to provide a Christian education for their children.

James Bankes explained, ***"My father was a minister, so I'm aware of the financial sacrifice it is on a minister to send their kids to FWC."***

Because the fund is endowed, its impact will continue well beyond a single school year. James and Ann also hope others will join them in growing the fund and expanding its reach.

Speaking about their plans for the fund, James and Ann Bankes shared,

"We are grateful to establish this endowment, and we have plans to continue investing in its growth. We believe God will lead others to join us and magnify its perpetual impact."



Their greatest hope, however, reaches beyond financial assistance. They pray that every student who benefits from the scholarship will know Christ more deeply, follow Him faithfully, and influence the world for His Kingdom.
Ann Bankes said,

"If our endowment fund can help them, we give God all the glory for the blessing of being able to help."

Their daughter Jamie believes that perspective reflects the true heart of the Bankes and Shoemaker families.

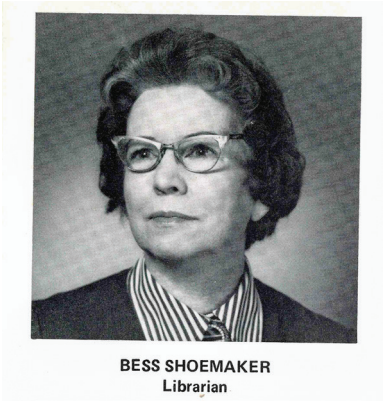
Jamie Bankes Ridgell explained, ***"When I see the names Bankes and Shoemaker together, I think of my grandparents and the humility in the way they lived and sacrificed. They would not want their names elevated, but the name of Jesus elevated. Their deepest desire would be for this scholarship to help point students and families to Jesus."***

Robert and Myrle Bankes and Ernie and Bess Shoemaker invested in their children. James and Ann invested in theirs. Now, through the Bankes/Shoemaker Family Endowed Scholarship Fund, that same investment will continue in the lives of students and families for generations.

Describing the purpose behind their gift, James and Ann Bankes shared this hope:

"***We wanted to pass on the blessing God has given us in a way that would encourage students to be strong in the Lord and courageous enough to go into the world and be a shining light for Christ—wherever He calls them."***

That is more than a scholarship.
That is a living legacy.



BESS SHOEMAKER
Librarian





THE CARDINAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Cardinal Education Foundation at Fort Worth Christian School's endowment impacting todays and future generations to come. The endowment secures the long-term financial sustainability of the school, enabling mission-driven decisions to be made with visionary planning for academic excellence.

TOTAL ENDOWMENT AS OF MAY 31, 2026:

$1,256,025

The endowment currently provides need-based scholarships. The school is seeking to grow need-based scholarship support as well as develop support for merit-based scholarships. In addition, our goal is to receive endowed gifts for the school's faculty fund to attract and retain outstanding teachers. The corpus of endowed gifts is invested with an independent investment firm with the oversight of the school administration and foundation board. The foundation distributes a percentage of the endowment earnings to the school to be used for the designated purpose of the endowed gift.

PAULINE AND ED SNELSON ENDOWED FUND

Fort Worth Christian School is grateful to Jim and Nancy Snelson for establishing the Pauline and Ed Snelson Endowed Fund that honors Jim's parents, who were both instrumental in the early years of Fort Worth Christian. Ed Snelson served as one of the school's first trustees and Pauline Snelson helped begin a group known as the Associated Women for Christian Education. This endowment honors them and supports need-based tuition assistance to qualified students and also supports salary needs to attract and retain outstanding faculty and staff. Mr. Snelson reflected on the endowment and said, *"In these turbulent and ever-changing times in which we live, investing in Christian education is paramount. Our children and grandchiidren need the faith-based education that Fort Worth Christian provides. FWC had a profound impact on me and Nancy as well as my parents and family. I hope others will join us in investing in Fort Worth Christian by supporting the Cardinal Education endowment and helping secure the long-term sustainability of this wonderful Christian school."*

MULHOLLAND FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Fort Worth Christian School is grateful to Ray and Jenifer Mulholland for establishing the Mulholland Family Endowed Scholarship in 2018. This Cardinal Education Foundation endowment provides need-based scholarship support. The annual scholarship recipient is a student in 7th-12th grade with demonstrated financial need who meets the academic and conduct requirements for FWC enrollment and is enrolled in Physical Education or a Physical Education alternative. The Mulhollands encourage others to join them in investing in Fort Worth Christian and securing the school's long-term sustainability through an endowed gift.

BANKES/SHOEMAKER FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

James and Ann Shoemaker Bankes, Fort Worth Christian School Class of 1968, are honoring the legacy of their parents, Robert and Myrle Bankes and Ernie and Bess Shoemaker, who made many personal sacrifices so that their children could receive a Christian education, by creating The Bankes/Shoemaker Family Endowed Scholarship Fund. This endowed fund was established in 2026 to provide tuition assistance to students of ministers, pastors, missionaries, or church staff who desire to attend FWC. If there is not sufficient need for students/families meeting these criteria, the endowment may be used to fund the need-based scholarships of students of FWC alumni.

FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN LEGACY SOCIETY

The Fort Worth Christian Legacy Society honors donors who inspire to leave a legacy by creating endowed support and ensuring the future of FWC with a gift to the endowment.

- Make a gift of $10,000 or more to the FWC endowment (payable over 2 years).
- The $10,000 gift may be invested and not spent.
- The donor may choose to contribute to the endowment with the goal of honoring it to $25,000 or more.
- Additional gifts can be made to the endowment throughout your life.

Named endowments can be established with a minimum threshold gift of $50,000 payable over three to five years while gifts of lesser amounts can be made to the school's general endowment.

Name Fort Worth Christian School in a planned gift vehicle that is valued at $10,000 or more. Planned gift vehicles include designating your named endowment account at FWC as a beneficiary:

- *Of your will(s)*
- *Of a life insurance policy*
- *Of a retirement plan or IRA*

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CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP SUMMARY

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$212,000	$177,500	$113,500	$9,500
9 SPONSORS	21 SPONSORS	22 SPONSORS	5 SPONSORS
$212,000 TOTAL AMOUNT	$177,500 TOTAL AMOUNT	$113,500 TOTAL AMOUNT	$9,500 TOTAL AMOUNT

TOTAL $512,500 TOTAL AMOUNT | 57 TOTAL SPONSORS

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2025-2026

BY THE NUMBERS

784
TOTAL ENROLLMENT

3,300+
ALUMNI

1958
ESTABLISHED IN

18
VARSITY SPORTS

1:1
TECHNOLOGY

38
CITIES REPRESENTED BY STUDENTS

40
ACRE CAMPUS

113
CHURCHES ATTENDED BY FWC FAMILIES

704
SEAT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

7
SCIENCE LABS

MISSION:

Fort Worth Christian is a Christ-centered, college preparatory school where every student is known, loved, and valued, taught excellence in and out of the classroom, and empowered by a biblical worldview.

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