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P1 NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL & NEW PRINCIPAL



Family Church Executive Pastor Terry Taylor named Head of School at Claiborne Christian

At Claiborne Christian School, we believe that Kingdom focused education plays a critical role in the lives of your children. Especially in the forming of a future built on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. CCS desires to partner with parents and church in providing students with a foundation which gives them the greatest opportunity for success.

This is an incredible time for Claiborne Christian, and we want you to be part of it. CCS is in a season of transition, one which we believe will bring greater connection between the ministries of Family Church and CCS. We believe that our greatest years lie ahead of us!

Part of this transition is a new leadership structure at CCS, with Pastor Terry Taylor serving as Head of School and Amy Brooks as Principal.

Terry Taylor is the Executive Pastor at Family Church. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Education from Regent University. As Head of School, Pastor Taylor will set the course and provide leadership for

the administration and faculty. He will also form a greater cohesion between the church and school, along with the implementation of increased training for parents.

Amy Brooks is transitioning from Assistant Principal to Principal. Amy has a Master's Degree in Education and has worked at CCS for fourteen years. She has three daughters who attend Claiborne Christian. Amy will be serving as the point person and will be responsible for teacher supervision/evaluation, implementing of curriculum, and the handling of the day to day administration of the school.

We believe these two changes are just the tip of the iceberg. In this brochure and brochures to come, we will highlight some returning, as well as some new faces that are on board for the 2008-2009 school year. We believe all of these will make Claiborne Christian better than it has ever been.

What greater investment can we make than to sow into the lives of our children by joining with Family Church and Claiborne Christian School in training up the next generation of Fully Devoted Disciples of Christ!

Assistant Principal Amy Brooks named Principal of Claiborne Christian





Chad and Nicki Olinde enjoy a fun day with their son, Griffith on the ULM football field

Nicki also graduated from ULM in 1996 with a B.A. in English Education. She has five years experience as a classroom teacher, spanning grades 4-12. Nicki's passion is making things come alive for students in the classroom, especially the Word of God. She wants young people to know God, not just know about Him.

That same month, the Olinde's began teaching/coaching at CCS. "The three years we spent here were sweet. God allowed us to be a part of what He was doing in many amazing kids' lives."

For the past ten years, the Olinde's have lived in Baton Rouge where Chad worked in the insurance and financial services business and Nicki was a stay-at-home mom with Griffith. Then, they began to sense God calling them back to school. "Although we began teaching and coaching at other schools in South Louisiana, a part of our hearts was always in West Monroe at Family Church and CCS."

The Olinde's attend Family Church, and Griffith is entering the 4th grade at CCS.



"We are thrilled that God has called us not only back to school ministry, but also 'back home' to Claiborne Christian School!"

CCS is excited to welcome back Chad and Nicki Olinde. Chad will be the Head of Discipline, Athletic Director, and Head Baseball Coach. Nicki will be teaching middle school Bible and 8th grade Language Arts.

After growing up in the Baton Rouge area, Chad and Nicki came to ULM in 1991 on baseball and academic scholarships. The summer after their junior year, Chad was drafted by the Chicago Cubs; they were married; and spent two years traveling in the Cubs minor league baseball organization. During that time, both realized their need for a Savior and gave their hearts and lives to Christ. After a shoulder injury ended Chad's baseball career, they returned to Monroe to finish their degrees.

In August of 1996, Chad graduated from ULM with a B.S. in Physical Education. He has seven years experience as a high school head coach and has taught P.E. His passion is the pursuit of excellence in all areas of school ministry: in the classroom, and across the board in the Athletic Department.

