

Will our children be **prepared** to
impact and **thrive in** the culture?

Wilmington Christian School's **Legacy, Challenge, and Bold Vision for the Future**



*"Students educated in traditional school systems
will find themselves very well equipped for a world
that no longer exists..."*





*...but those who learn
to discover, collaborate,
and create will be
prepared to influence the
world of tomorrow."*



What will our children need to **impact** and **thrive in** the culture they will inherit in a few short years?



**Commitment
to Christian
discipleship and a
Biblical worldview**



**Identity as
a servant-
leader**



**Habits of
a life-long
learner**



**Capacity to
create and
cultivate**



The Christian school is the ideal incubator for developing these attributes, in partnership with the church, the home, and the broader community.

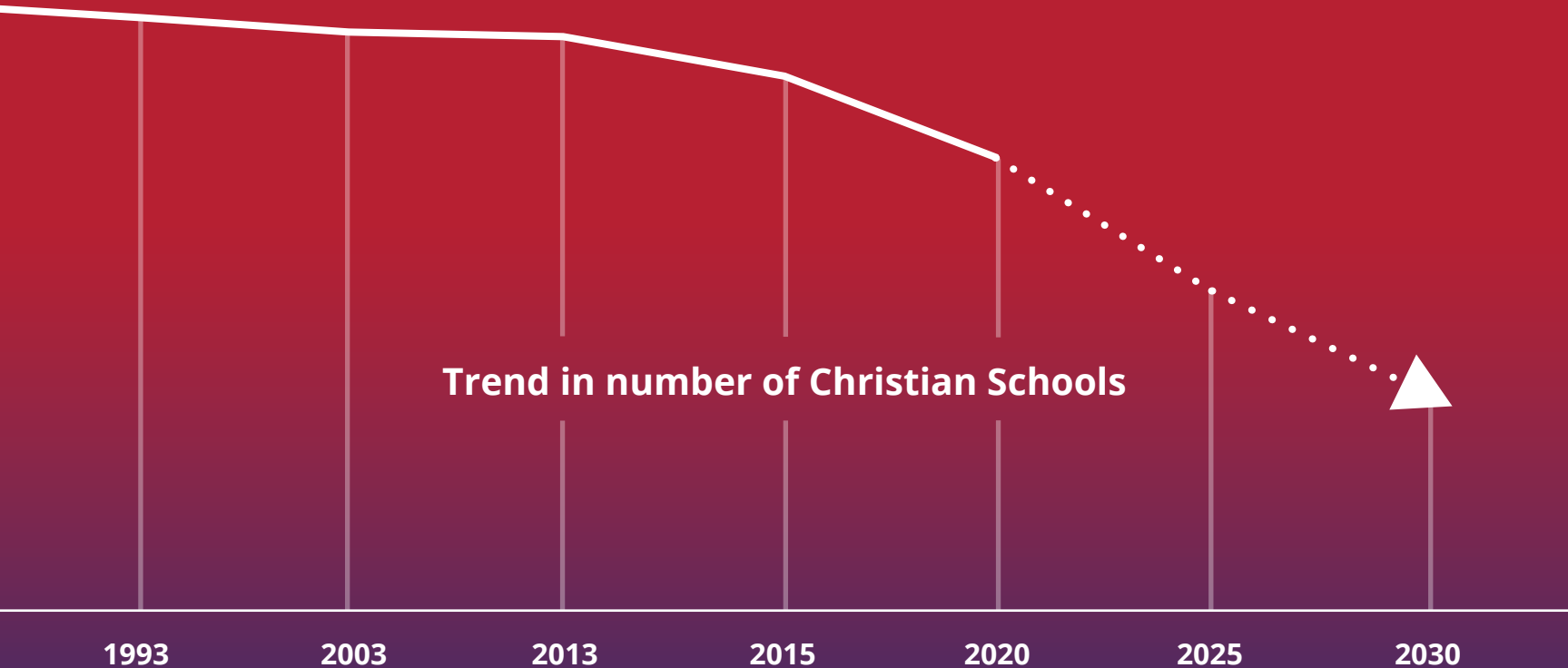
Legacy & Impact

Wilmington Christian School has a **strong legacy**.



Cultivating Godly Influencers for over 70 years

Our Challenge



Today, Christian schools are facing **significant challenges**.



Enrollment decline



**Many education
options for parents**



**Inadequate
business models**



**Non-supportive
churches**



**Antagonistic
culture**



**Failure to read &
respond to culture**

Funding & Stewardship

Since 2016, Wilmington Christian School has made tremendous progress in effectively stewarding our resources while continuing to deliver quality Christian education.



78%

Net Tuition
Revenue



30%

Expense
Reduction



470%

Increase in
Giving



22

Donor-Sponsored
Scholarships

But despite our diligent efforts, Wilmington Christian School continues to face the ongoing negative trends that are affecting Christian schools today.

Complex challenges spark **innovation**.

We must observe, learn, and create new solutions to the challenges we face.

Our Bold Vision for the Future

“The flourishing Christian school of tomorrow will look different from the school of today. Undoubtedly, a vision for the future of Christian education will require new ways of teaching and learning. Ultimately, it may transform the fundamental look and feel of classrooms and schools.”

— Dr. Lynn Swaner, in *Mindshift: Catalyzing Change in Christian Education*

While our mission remains the same...

We exist to cultivate ***Godly influencers.***



Faithful
Disciples of Christ



Servant
Leaders



Life-long
Learners



Creators &
Cultivators

...our future requires bold innovation.



Flexible, open-source
learning environment



Expanded enrollment
opportunities



New financial model
(balanced, sustainable,
affordable)



Meaningful mentoring
(spiritual & vocational)



Focus on leadership
development



Learning to serve,
serving to learn



Student ownership of
school culture



Genuine Biblical
worldview immersion



Faith and Liberty
Heritage Studies

Our Vision for Learning and the Student Journey at WCS

Elementary School

Learning is teacher-directed with fun, hands-on activities.

Young students establish strong competencies in foundational academic skills of reading, writing, and math.

Students experience an environment that nurtures an early relationship with Christ and provides the building blocks of a Biblical worldview.

Middle School

Students receive strong support as they **transition from teacher-directed learning to more personal ownership of their learning.**

Building on the foundations laid during elementary school, students grow in their abilities to think critically, solve real world problems, and engage the community in more sophisticated ways.

Students continue to grow in their relationship with Christ while developing a Biblical worldview.

High School

Students are ready to take on significant responsibility for their own learning.

Students understand their God-given design and will explore what God is calling them to do through extensive internships and other community partnerships.

Seniors complete a capstone research/service project and maybe even start and operate a profitable business with their peers.

Leveraging the power of technology, the wisdom of local mentors, and opportunities created by WCS, students create unique learning tracks that will involve them in deep learning and meaningful work.

Students graduate with a minimum of 12 college credits and with a robust academic and personal resumé.



Read: A Day in the Life of an 11th Grade WCS Student in 2025

Discover what a future WCS high school student's day might look like, including...

- Managing a student-run coffee shop
- Classes that prioritize student engagement
- Planning with other WCS students to serve an inner-city school

» Explore the full story and other resources at www.wilmingtonchristian.org/future-vision

A Flexible, Personalized Learning Environment

WCS will serve a broader population of students as we offer more non-traditional options for enrollment, including extensive homeschool programs and a full array of college-level general education courses. We will forge unique partnerships with mission-aligned organizations and businesses to expand our reach and our revenue. We will become more agile and responsive to individual student needs and the changes in the culture around us.

Committed to Cultivating Godly Influencers

We will maintain a steadfast commitment to distinctively Christian education, where we partner with Christian families, the church, and the community in our region to cultivate Godly influencers. Tomorrow's culture will need non-conforming, bold Christian leaders who have extraordinary character, competence, and connections.

Partner with WCS

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can partner with us as we turn our vision into reality.

Partner With Us Financially

- Funding innovation – Help fuel academic innovation or fund the Center for Community Engagement or the Leadership Center
- Funding scholarships to make a WCS education possible for more students

Invest your Time & Expertise

- We are looking for Christian community leaders to pour into our students as vocational and spiritual mentors
- Flexible commitment levels – From one-time guest teaching to a once-a-month mentoring relationship, we need your wisdom

Become a WCS Ambassador

- Advocate for WCS and the importance of Christian education in your personal communities, professional networks, and churches
- Join us in prayer Fridays (school days only) from 7:30 to 8:00 am at WCS

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Have questions? Please contact us at (302) 239-2121 or info@WilmingtonChristian.org

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