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The Grapevine

I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit: apart from Me you can do nothing.
John 15:5

My Plans are not like Your Plans

By Butch Hage
Facilities Director

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind can conceive the plans God has for those who love Him." *(1st Corinthians 2:9)*

I spent a lot of my youth trying to figure out how to get out of school. I would even daydream about one day becoming a teacher just so that I could declare "NO HOME-WORK!" As life unfolded for me, I found myself attending Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, a private Christian boarding school near the Minnesota/North Dakota border. The Lord used my 12th-grade year to begin a change in my life and a change in the direction of the course I had set for myself.

After spending a few years seeking the Lord's plan for my life, I wound up at Capernwray Bible School in Carnforth, England. I was so excited for the opportunity and all that I was going to learn so that I could then go do something for God. Only a week or two into the start of the school year, I heard the best message I have ever heard, which was; "Christ In You, the Hope of Glory." It is no longer about what I need to do but rather what He has done. The idea of experiencing the Living God and participating in His victory became my new direction.

> **"Christ In You, the Hope of Glory"**

At the beginning of the second semester, a new girl named Kristen Eastvold showed up. We became close friends and I was determined to guard against anything more. I was looking forward to heading back to Minnesota where everything I loved was and I couldn't figure out how dating a girl from California would work. But, as The Lord has shown me time and time again, my plans are not always the same as His. After Bible school, Kristen attended Azusa Pacific University to get her Masters while I worked for Whiting Turner, a large construction company, as a project engineer in Simi Valley. As our relationship grew, Kristen's parents would come down to visit from time to time. On one such visit, they actually stopped by the Simi Valley Town Center where I was working in the construction trailer. They asked for a tour of the site, so off we went. We finished our time with an invitation from Carl to join them at Bradshaw Christian School to oversee the development and construction of the high school campus. I was quick to point out, "I am not qualified to do something like that!", to which Carl responded "Great! That's what we need then. Someone that will depend on the Lord!"

However, what was most impactful to me was that the same message of "Christ our Life" being lived out in my life was the whole reason Bradshaw Christian existed. A growing relationship with the Lord is given highest priority at BCS. This gave me great hope for my future as I desired to know God in a deeper way. I thought it was too good to be true. But as God's plan unfolded, in 2006, Kristen and I were engaged and I began working at BCS overseeing construction of the high school campus.

To this day, I am still directly involved with the development of the entire campus. Most currently, we are in the middle of a road construction project as required by the County while planning for our next phase of building. After the completion of the first

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School Founder Highlight: Maureen Eastvold

- Raised in a Christian home and came to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ by way of the "Jesus Movement" during the 70s
- Met future husband, Carl Eastvold, through "Lutheran Youth Alive" ministry, married in 1974
- Moved to Sacramento in 1979
- Trained as an RN and then became an "stay at home" mom of three
- Home-schooled her three children for 2 years before moving into the ranch home on Bradshaw Rd. (preschool office) when establishing Bradshaw Christian School
- Served in many capacities over the last 30 years; van driver, preschool teacher, chapel worship leader, "Readers Club" teacher, 2nd grade teacher, school board, webmaster

Did you Know...we're the largest PK-12th private school?

Bradshaw Christian School is the largest PK-12 private school in the Sacramento area and within the top 10 largest of all private Christian schools in California?! As friends and family of BCS, you know how much we've grown over the last few years, especially since the COVID pandemic. We worked hard to get our waiver, in order to have in-person classes to be able to teach and reach the students who really needed the personal interaction during that stressful time in our history. We're also working hard to create a learning environment where the spiritual meets academic, creative and athletic excellence. Our aim is to make this education as affordable as possible to the community we serve.

Thank you! End of the Year Giving

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the many families that generously contributed to our Club Pride Annual Fund in December. These tax-deductible donations play a direct and impactful role in benefiting students, staff, facilities, resources, and financial aid.

If you share our commitment to enhancing the educational experience for every student, we invite you to join Club Pride by making a contribution to the Annual Fund today. Your support will make a meaningful difference.

Thank you for your generosity and dedication to our educational community!

Learn more on our website!

Bradshaw Family Reflections: The Romo Family

Monette, Angelo, and Ron Romo

Our family has been part of the Bradshaw Christian community since 2014. Our son, Angelo Romo, started his educational career in 2014 at the age of 3 in the school's wonderful preschool program. As a young family with Christian values, BCS fulfilled all of our expectations as a Jesus-centered program and a loving environment. Now in middle school, we still experience the love and grace from our school community with the strong foundation that was set in the elementary school. We have also had the pleasure of building strong friendships with wonderful families through the years.

As the Jr. Pride President, it is an honor to be involved with such a great organization. This past season, the Jr. Pride program was able to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our Jr. Pride players each week and give them the option of being baptized at the end of the season. This was a huge success that could not have happened without the help of our Jr. Pride Families and our partnership with LifePoint Christian Church. As a result, six players and one coach accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and were baptized right here at BCS!!

It's truly great to see our BCS community grow in the Lord, and I can't wait to see what the future holds!

-Ron Romo

Alumni Feature: Looking Forward Looking Back

Class of 2021
Jacob Russo

My time at Bradshaw began in 5th grade and ended when I graduated in 2021. I quickly grew in my relationships with my peers and the community throughout the years I was there, participating in different sports and groups. It was a blessing to go through the school's football program, from junior pride to varsity, which helped prepare those in it not just for a game but for life. Many life lessons learned in the sport, including the value of hard work, perseverance, and integrity, translate to life. The teaching staff at Bradshaw is the most caring and passionate group of teachers I have ever met. The staff cares about every student's success and will not give up on you if you try your best. It was a blessing to learn in an environment where glorifying God and His work is not only acceptable but encouraged.

While attending school and playing sports, I started to become interested in what happens after graduation. God pointed me in the direction of law enforcement, and I began my journey at the Elk Grove Police Department at the age of 16 as a police explorer, eventually becoming a Community Service Officer at 18, and now, a police officer. I am very grateful to be a part of the Bradshaw family, and I encourage everyone to remember that whatever they do, do it for the glory of God.

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phase of the high school campus, more of God's plan was unfolding. I found myself overseeing the facilities department, becoming involved with I.T., landscape and janitorial, all the while feeling a tug on my heart to be involved with the students on our campus. One day a need for a middle school dean came up. Once again wrestling with feeling unqualified but now knowing that the Lord was enough, I ended up serving in the MS for 8 years. It was a special time and opportunity to partner with our students and staff in a unique way. I really enjoyed sorting out issues with students and families as challenges arose with the goal of sharing Christ and how his plan for their life was right in the middle of the "problem". It was a blessing to see how much our teachers and administrators cared for our students too.

Having so many "irons in the fire" was also a growing opportunity for me. I was waking up to the revelation that I am just a small part of a large body of Christ! The last few years have been a bit awkward adjusting to a new way of functioning but welcomed. Included in the part of my complex journey here is being married to an elementary principal with four little ones of our own. So, as I look to the future, I am excited knowing what the Lord has already done and what is yet to unfold. After all, ending up at a school is the last place I ever imagined being.

- Butch Hage

We're still growing! A look to the future.

Our new internal road is nearing completion, with the signal light on Bradshaw Road being installed sometime this year. With that completion comes the ability to build on our high school campus having met use permit conditions. Our next building project will include classrooms to make room for our ever-growing enrollment. We are currently working with architects, engineers and banks to explore the possibility of continuing on with our master plan. In the interim as we await this expansion, our middle school will add a few more modular units to help ease the burden of needed space.

REMINDER! **Registration begins February 1st for current families. Receive a $50 early registration fee discount if your student is officially registered by February 20th. Open enrollment begins on February 15th. The last day to receive the discount is February 20th.**