



Salt and Light

Fall 2025

Bleckley Christian Learning Center Newsletter

Update on BCLC

We are well into our tenth school year, and we are pleased to share this BCLC update. Since our last newsletter, here are some of the highlights of a very busy year.

- Combined Fall and Spring semester 388 students attended Bible Classes (Spring 90 new middle school students; Fall semester 298 elementary, middle & high school)
- Students and advisors attended a Spring Field Trip where the movie "I Can" was shown and a Fall Field Trip where "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" was shown.
- Our ninth annual BCLC Dale Jones Memorial Scholarship was awarded.
- BCLC hosted a Prayer Walk for Our Schools with over 600 attending.
- 2025 -2026 New School Year – 298 Students enrolled in Fall BCLC Classes
- Fall Classes for 2024 - 6 Middle School classes: 2 - 8th grade, 2 - 7th grade & 2 - 6th grade, 1 High School class and 11 classes of 5th grade students.
- BCLC students were involved with Operation Christmas Child
- BCLC hosted a Thanksgiving Community Hymn Sing "Fanny Crosby Night"

God has truly blessed this ministry. Thank you for your continued prayers for the BCLC. From the Board of Directors, Teachers and Staff, we wish you a very **Merry Christmas**.

Year-End Support

With 2025 ending, the Officers, Directors, Staff, Teachers and Students of the Bleckley Christian Learning Center would like to say thank you for your support in 2025. Local churches and individuals have lifted prayers and supported us financially. With the additional classes and teacher assistants, it now takes \$375 per school day to fund the Bleckley Christian Learning Center. ***For more specific ways of giving please review the last page of this newsletter.*** Your year-end support is crucial as we continue to offer hope found in God's Word to our Bible class students. If you would like to make a year-end contribution to the Bleckley Christian Learning Center, please make the check payable to BCLC and mail it to:

**Bleckley Christian Learning Center
149 Duskin Drive
Cochran GA 31014**

Also, we recently added the option of allowing our Partners the ease of supporting this ministry by using the Venmo App. Here is the BCLC Venmo username:

@bleckleychristianlearningctr

All contributions are tax-deductible and must be postmarked by December 31, 2025.

"Our Mission is to prepare students for God's call on their lives by providing Biblical instruction."

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BCLC Leadership Team

- *Don Giles - President
- *Dr. Andrea Williams- Vice President
- *Jed Evans - Sec/CFO

Directors

- *Anna Baggley
- *Kari Coody
- *Dr. Lydia Daniels
- *James Espinosa
- *Moni M. Jones
- *Becky Kirkpatrick
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- *Chuncey A. Phillips
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Teachers

- *Sarah Kitchens - 6th Grade MS, - MS Liaison and Para-pro
- *Jamie Davis - 7th & 8th Grade MS
- *Kelly Hitchcock - High School & 5th Grade, ES Liaison
- *Jolie Kate Williams, Ramona Giles & Ryan McWhorter- Assistants

Meet the BCLC Teachers and Staff

The Bleckley Christian Learning Center is blessed to have qualified and dedicated teachers and staff for the 2025 -2026 year.



Left to right

**Sarah Kitchens, 6th grade Teacher and Middle School Para-pro and Liaison*

**Jolie Kate Williams, 6th grade Para-pro*

**Kelly Hitchcock, High School and 5th grade Teacher and Elementary School Liaison*

**Jamie Davis, 7th and 8th grade Teacher*

(Not Pictured Ramona Giles, Para-pro and Ryan McWhorter, assistant teacher)

BCLC Sponsors Prayer Walk for Schools

On July 27th the BCLC once again sponsored the Annual Prayer Walk for our Schools at the BCMS Gym. An estimated crowd of 600+ attended this student-led opening time of prayer. For the fourth year in a row, we held a special time of prayer for our teachers and staff. Afterwards, attendees dispersed to individual schools to walk the halls in prayer.



Assembled to Pray



Students who led in Prayer Time

BCLC School Field Trips 2025

Students and chaperones travelled downtown to the FBC Summit for a movie; they were also treated to a pizza lunch with ice cream before returning to school. In the Spring we watched the movie "I Can" and in the fall "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Classes were divided into two days to make the size more manageable. Special thanks to FBC Cochran and Bleckley County School Administration for allowing this to happen.



Thursday Group Fall Field Trip



Field Trip Pizza Time



Operation Christmas Child

Our Middle School students teamed up with Bethany Baptist Church during their annual Operation Christmas Child Drive. They helped build 450 shoe boxes to send to children in other countries during Christmas. What a blessing!



Putting Boxes Together



Having Fun Building Boxes

BCLC T-Shirts

All students attending BCLC classes received a t-shirt with a design to be a witnessing tool. Our students like this year's white shirts with the front of the t-shirt having the BCLC logo and a 10-year celebration emphasis, and the back having Matthew 5:13-15 where we are called to be Salt and Light with a Lighthouse shining in all directions.



Ninth Annual Dale Jones Memorial Scholarship

Kayslen Armstrong, a recent graduate of Bleckley County High School received the Bleckley Christian Learning Center Dale Jones Memorial Scholarship. This is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a graduating senior who has been enrolled in one of our Bible classes.



Don Giles, BCLC President and Kayslen Armstrong, BCLC Scholarship Recipient



High School Students receive Study Bibles

This Fall our High Students received Student ESV Study Bibles. These personally engraved bibles were made possible by a gift from a Sunday School Class and an individual. The students were very appreciative.



BCLC Hosts Thanksgiving Community Hymn Sing

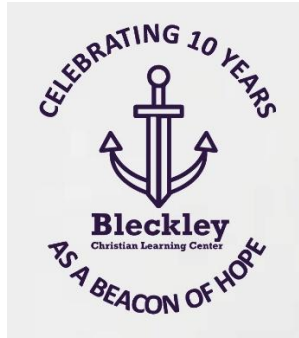
The BCLC hosted a community Thanksgiving Service where we celebrated the Life and Songs of Fanny Crosby. We were inspired by singing her top ten songs with the stories behind each song.



Matthew White, our Music Leader

BCLC Celebrates Our Tenth Year

On July 11, 2016 the Bleckley Christian Learning Center was officially created. Over these years many hundreds of different students have attended our Bible Classes. In the fall of 2016, we offered two high school classes and one seventh grade class. Today we have classes for high school, middle school and fifth-grade students. At a recent BCLC Board, we designated **Sunday, March 22nd as Bleckley Christian Learning Center Ten Year Celebration Sunday**. So go ahead and mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information after the first of the year.



“Scenes from the Center”



Good Friends



High School Breakfast



Praying for our Teachers



High School Class at Faith Baptist



BCLC Sponsored Breakfast



Boys being boys



Playing 9 Square on the Fall Field Trip



Games at the Spring Field Trip



Spring Field Trip Waiting for Ice Cream



Student Praying at the Prayer Walk



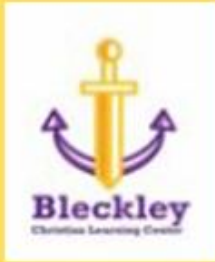
Good Friends in the Bible Class



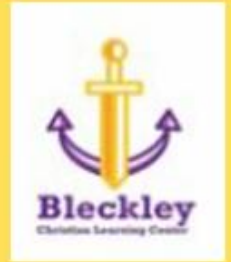
Playing Uno at the Spring Field Trip

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SUPPORT BLECKLEY CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR STUDENTS LIVES
HERE ARE FOUR WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT US:



**\$170 sponsors 1 day of breakfast for the
BCLC students**

(\$681 total cost for breakfast served 4 days)

**\$130 sponsors T-shirts for an
average class size of 20 students**

(\$2300 Cost of T-shirts for students)



**\$375 sponsors 1 day of instruction
for BCLC students**

(\$67,500 cost of a 180 day school year)

**\$160 sponsors 1 day of a field
trip in the Fall and Spring**

(\$627 total cost for 4 field trip days)



To donate mail check to:
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