

“All the children being born today are being born into warfare.”

~ Charles Stanley

This may seem like a dramatic statement, but it is a message that I have been giving for the past six years. I believe, and have witnessed, our culture moving away from the Judeo-Christian values that used to permeate our culture until we have reached the point that Christian families can no longer parent to the culture, but must parent against the current culture.

Proverbs 22:6 tells us: “Train up a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” And the truth is, if you don’t train up your children, someone else will. In fact, they already are. Your children are being trained every moment of every day. The current society, as it is now being lived out, is an enemy to your child’s faith. And educational institutions can be an enemy to your child’s faith. Statistics tell us that only one in four students will leave college with their faith intact. That is why we take our Mission Statement so seriously. We are called:

*To glorify God and assist families
by providing a Christ-centered education
which inspires and enables students
to pursue spiritual maturity
and academic excellence.*

Our job is to partner with our parents in the training of their children. We liken what we do at CHA to a three-legged stool. What is being trained in your home (one leg), and is being trained in your church (second leg) is being trained and reinforced at Chapel Hill Academy (the third leg). In this way a strong foundation is being laid in the hearts and lives of your children ~ and Deuteronomy 6:1-7 is being accomplished. If even one leg of the stool is missing, the stool teeters and the stability of the foundation is greatly diminished.

In 2008, George Barna did research to determine what years were the most formative in making an impact in the spiritual training and development of a child. The following was his conclusion:

“A person is essentially shaped to be who they are going to be by the age of 13. After that point in time, there is almost nothing that changes in terms of their morals, their values, their spiritual beliefs, their religious behaviors, their relational connectivity. All of that stuff is so deeply ingrained in us by the time we reach age 13; all that we do is tinkering on the periphery of those things afterward.”

~ George Barna, Barna Research, 2008

If the Barna research is accurate, then their years at Chapel Hill are your children’s most formative in their training. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in the academic, social, emotional and spiritual training of your children.