

MGCS LEGACY

After 40 years of history, Middle Georgia Christian School is no longer operating. However, the school leaves an important and valuable legacy to the church. Included among the many positive effects of MGCS, two of the most significant are people and property. There are members of TRCOC who are members here because of the existence, the ministry and the influence of the school. In 1992, my family chose to move to Macon and work with the Southside Church of Christ. Of the several characteristics of this church that attracted us, one that was very important to us was the fact that the church had a school. There are many others besides my family who came due to the school. Some first learned of the gospel of Christ and New Testament Christianity as a result of children enrolled in the school, or even being teachers at MGCS. Here are just a few of the many examples. Katelyn Paulk (with her family) and Jenny Abramovitz, TRCOC members, were MGCS teachers. Francis Faulk had several children who attended our school, the most recent of whom, Texanna, began as a kindergartener and graduated from MGCS; both are TRCOC members. Just last week, Francis' nephew, Dustin Mobley, who attended MGCS for the past 2 years, was baptized.

Another legacy MGCS leaves are the two buildings the school built, the gym and the classroom building. The gym, named Clark Gymnasium, was named by the board in honor of the school's founder. At the time our church building was under construction, the school built the gym. This was accomplished with much volunteer "sweat equity" from church members, but the cost of the building itself was borne by the school. MGCS had a \$60,000 development fund at the time which we used to begin construction. The school assumed responsibility for a portion of the building mortgage to pay for the gym, amounting to monthly payments of \$2,800 for the next 11 years. In addition, \$55,000 was donated to the school to pay for the gym floor. There was also the project to air condition the gym, at a cost of around \$70,000, paid for by the school and numerous generous donations from church members. Considering all this, it is easy to see that the gym which the school leaves has a value in excess of \$500,000. We find many good uses for that building, and it will be a valuable asset to us for many years to come