

EDUCATION OR TRANSFORMATION?



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Dear Friend,

We live in a culture that prizes education—and prices it out of reach for many. We are told a college degree is essential for success, yet when you finish, the salary often barely touches the student loan. To be clear, we believe in high-quality, accredited education. If you want to be a doctor, nurse, electrician, or welder, you need proper training. But we also believe something more is required than filling minds with facts and figures.

Aristotle once said, “Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” A traditional education can only go so far. My father served for years as a prison chaplain in East Texas, preaching to hundreds of inmates every week. Over the main chaplain’s office door hung a sign that read, “Education will set you free.” One day he pointed to it and said, “Education may set you free—but the blood of Jesus Christ will set you absolutely free.” That’s the difference between information and transformation.

Scripture tells us not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. At God’s Bible School and College, that transformation is not a slogan—it’s a daily reality.

Not long ago, I sat in the chapel and listened to a young man preach. He was poised, thoughtful, and full of conviction. You might assume he had always walked with God—but his story says otherwise.

His youth pastor told me, “He came to our youth group when he was twelve or thirteen. Like many young people, high school shifted his focus. Sports took over, and church slowly slipped away. By his senior year, he had stopped coming altogether, chasing dreams of going pro. After graduation, he went to community college—and we didn’t see him for years.

“Then something small and unexpected happened. A chance meeting and an open invitation to a youth camp changed everything. He said, ‘I’ll go to try God one last time.’”



On the outside, life looked fine: a good job, making money, studying physical therapy. But at night, he had no peace. He thought about God, yet believed his past disqualified him. One thought haunted him: If I keep putting this off, I may lose my chance.

At youth camp, the evangelist preached, "Lay those dreams down." He went to the altar, and, surrounded by praying saints, something changed. He began to believe God could still make something of him. Not long after, he felt called to Bible college. His family couldn't afford it, so a faithful youth leader and his wife loaded his belongings into a van and helped him move to GBSC, many miles away.

After his first year, when the money ran out, gifts and scholarships began to appear—\$500 here, \$1,000 there, then \$4,000 more. He told me, "That's when I knew—God wants me here."

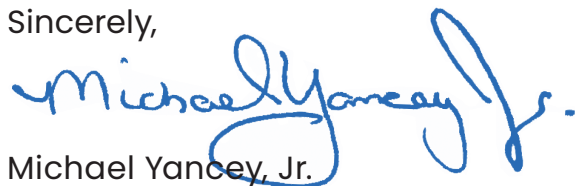
Today, when he stands and preaches, he says the Holy Spirit gives him words he never could have found on his own. God didn't just change his direction—He changed his heart. That, my friend, is not just education. That is transformation. That is what happens here.

This story could be repeated hundreds of times. For 125 years, faithful supporters like you have made it possible for men and women to be transformed—equipped to go and make a difference for Christ in their world.

That is why I can unashamedly ask you to invest with me in this part of God's Kingdom.

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Sincerely,



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