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## Joyful Journey

When we're asked why we love Mount Pisgah Christian School, there is no better way to answer than to walk you through our journey -- a journey that we're sure you can identify with in many ways.

In 2001, we were blessed with the miracle of our daughter, Tori. We quickly realized that we had just been handed the most important job either of us would ever have. However, since we were both full time professionals with demanding careers, we needed to find quality child care that would reflect our beliefs and values. Our search took us no further than the basement of our own church home. At the time, Early School Full Day was called First Steps Academy, but the foundational elements of Life Ready and College Prep were clearly present. Our daughter was under the care of some amazingly loving and principled teachers, many of whom we're still in contact with to this day.

After we made the decision that Rhonda was going to leave Corporate America and the world of Finance, we again surveyed the landscape and realized that it was important to us for Tori to remain involved with Mount Pisgah Christian School, even though she was only two. We could not have been more blessed with the loving care and guidance our family received as we graduated from two day two's, through three day three's, four day four's and pre-K. Along the way, Miss Julie, Miss Alice, and all the other teachers continued to provide a solid Christian environment in which Tori thrived.

The summer between pre-K and Kindergarten, brought many changes to our school routine: a chapel uniform jumper hung on Tori's closet door all summer as she eagerly awaited wearing the "big kid" uniform for the first time, teacher names transitioned from first names, (Miss Alice) to last names (Mrs. Raftery). What didn't change were the principles of Christian teaching and leadership that we continued to receive. Projects came and went -- we built scarecrows, we took field trips, and we wrote letters that will only be opened in 2020 when Tori is a Pisgah Senior. But the loving, nurturing and challenging environment remained.

As this is written in January 2010, we're now half way through the second grade, and again, there have been many new changes: we've moved out of the A building into the D building, we now have a backpack and an agenda to be written in every day. However, through all the changes we've seen, there are the constants: God is Good -- All the time, Pisgah provides the Christian principled environment that all our children greatly need, we're surrounded by loving and caring education professionals, and life-long friends and memories continue to be made, (for Tori too). In short, we're proud that our church and school campuses are simply extensions of our home, both literally and figuratively. We can think of no better place to raise our daughter than in a Christ centered educational environment.

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