



SCHOOL HISTORY and FORMATION

NARRATIVE HISTORY

New Life Christian Academy began as a ministry of New Life Christian Center (NLCC). The Pastor, Dr. LaSalle R. Vaughn, established the Academy in 1988. Dr. Vaughn met with the Board of Directors and announced that God said, "It's time to start a school." The Academy, like the church, was started as an act of obedience to God not the will of man. Dr. Vaughn led the Academy by the philosophy that if God directs you to do something, he will provide everything needed to make it a reality. The church and school was raised in a depressed area of town. Many people believed that a ministry in this area would not be supported and would not survive. In spite of the skepticism and criticism of many well established local ministry leaders, Dr. Vaughn obeyed God and started the church and school. Dr. Vaughn's vision for the Academy was to provide a place to educate and equip God's people with a quality education at an affordable price. The direction of the Academy has continued to be by the instruction of God. The Academy's growth and development has been one step of faith after another.

The school started in one room of NLCC with 36 students. Dr. Vaughn, along with his wife and several other committed members began to fulfill the call of God to educate God's children. The school began with the kindergarten grade level through 5th grade. A grade was added every year until the school reached the twelfth grade. In 1992, the Church moved into a new building and the school expanded to 4 rooms. The school then added a music and computer program. In the fifth year, the sports program was added. By 1993, the school's student enrollment was up to 96 students.

In 1994, enrollment made it necessary to build a separate school building. The building was completed and occupied in January 1995. The new building housed a gymnasium, 20 classrooms, a weight room, a music room, a computer room, a home

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economics room, administrative offices, seminary offices, a conference/lecture room, a teacher's lounge, a nurse's station, and a kitchen.

In 2015, the school transitioned from a traditional classroom to an on-campus Hybrid setting. Some classes in middle school and high school are offered strictly online through Alpha-Omega Publications. Some courses are taught in the traditional form, textbook and lecture style. Some courses are a combination of online and traditional instruction.