

MARION ACADEMY

wishlist

SPRING 2022

Dear Friend,

Marion Academy is an independent, PreK - 12th grade Christian school including childcare for infants and toddlers in Marion, Alabama. We educate a diverse body of children, using both classical and experiential approaches, emphasizing a Christ-centered focus. Our heart is to provide quality education that encourages children to be God-honoring, exemplary community members and critical thinkers.

We are located in Perry County, Alabama in the city of Marion. Our beloved county is in the heart of the Blackbelt Region of Alabama, which is included on national lists of “economically distressed” regions. We want to be good neighbors in our community, so we work hard to maintain affordability with a low operational budget, knowing that we will always need to charge far less than other independent schools in order to be as accessible as possible to our whole community.

However, we believe that the students of Marion, Alabama are deserving of the best we can offer. So, we are inviting you to browse our Christmas Wishlist this year, and find some way to partner with us in our mission. We have a variety of wishes — some physical, some financial, and some intangible, like prayer or volunteering — and we've provided some links to examples (or pledge forms, for the intangible items). Once you have reviewed the list, we ask that you also share with others you know who might also be capable of meeting a small (or large) need this semester.

Here's how:

- 1) Give, if you are able to meet any of these needs, even partially.
- 2) Pray. We believe in the importance of prayer.
- 3) Share. Help us out by sharing with your friends and neighbors!

From the bottom of our hearts, thanks for reading this, praying with us, and considering how you can partner with us.

God bless you and yours!

In the digital version of this list, links are included for examples, and can be identified as underlined text. When sanitary and possible, gently-used items are absolutely welcome. You may contact us for more details (maoffice@marion-academy.com), or you may ship gifts to 505 Washington St., Marion, AL 36756. Tax-deductible donations can be made securely online at https://tithely.give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2429050

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- At least ⁴ ~~5~~ volunteers to add to our list for substitute teaching, fundraisers, etc. *goal partly met!*
- ⁸ ~~12~~ commitments to pray regularly for 1 teacher and class for the Spring 2022 semester. *goal partly met!*
- 14 cot sheets for Early Learning Center nap cots (7 cots x 2 classrooms).
- 3 sets of wall-mounted cubbies for Early Learning Center.
- 3 floor lamps for Early Learning Center.
- 1 Montessori-style kitchen set for Pre-K and Kindergarten.
- 5 portable, foldable mini cribs for Early Learning Center.
- Plastic crib rail guards (for "beaver" teething protection) for Early Learning Center.
- 1 teaching board with storage.
- Art materials: 12 x 18 white construction paper, canvases in all sizes.
- Art medium and tools: classroom acrylics, tempera brushes, crayons.
- Dissection supplies: preserved frogs, cow eyes, earthworms.
- Microscope supplies: stereomicroscopes, slides, coverslips.
- Math manipulatives: shapes puzzles.
- Playground equipment, including teacher sitting area and fencing.
- 15 copies of *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp.
- \$50 monthly gift commitments..

- Portable intercom capability (even 12 walkie talkies, for use in Siloam).
- Color printer/copier/scanner for office.
- Restroom supplies: toilet paper, paper towels, soap, trash bags.
- Bibles for class devotions (NLT version preferred for elementary).
- "Melissa & Doug" kitchen supplies and house supplies.
- 26 dry erase lap boards
- Book set of 10: *Beowulf*
- Book set of 10: *The Great Gatsby*
- Book set of 10: Percy Jackson Book 1: *The Lightning Thief*
- Laminator.
- No-spill paint cups and brushes.
- Baby swing, bouncer seats.
- Resources for an educational senior trip (3 students; within the U.S.).
- For Early Learning Center: large, foam floor mat
- 1 video doorbell cameras.
- 2 wifi boosters.
- 2 desktop computers: 1 for Principal's use; 1 to replace decade-old office computer.
- ⁸10 half-tuition scholarships: \$2,250 each. (Give securely online). — goal partly met!
- Since moving, we are in need of temporary gymnasium/field/facilities for sports.

Excerpt from our 2021 "Christmas Wishlist"

Did you ever have a childhood Christmas when you unwrapped a gift from your Christmas list that you thought *might* have been too big to ask for?

A "Christmas miracle" kind of gift? Maybe you hesitated to add it to your list. Maybe years of disappointing Christmases led you to change your expectations.

But a glimmer of hope made you add it anyway.

We have hope in the Savior we celebrate during this season. We have seen God provide over and over again in times of need. He has graciously led us out of debt, and we are excited about the future. So we are sharing, with childlike hope and some trepidation, some of our biggest hopes. They feel too big to ask for.

But we know the Author of hope.

Annual Budget

In order to plan wisely each year, our dream is to be 1 year ahead of our frugal budget. \$300,000 would accomplish this.

Update 12/29/21 - \$25,000 contributed toward general fund

New Location

While we are extraordinarily grateful for the generosity of Siloam Baptist Church letting us share space as we grow, we want to again one day have a space of our own. We are open to gifts that will help us acquire land and either build new or refurbish an existing facility. We also welcome prayer with us for these big goals.

Transportation

We are in need of a bus or 15-passenger vans to utilize for school-related trips and uses.

New Employees' Salaries

Gifts of \$20,000 are welcome to secure salaries for new employees. Sometimes during growth, we reach a moment in which we need teachers to have students, but we need students to have teachers. Securing a full or partial salary in advance would provide confidence to potential new students that we can support their educational needs.

New Curriculum

We have been able to update PreK-3rd grade curriculum this fall, but we are always open to curriculum upgrades for all grades. \$2,000 per grade.