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OUR MISSION

TEACHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Cultivating effective teachers through continuing education and real world experience

Teachers are the heart of education

Experienced, well rounded teachers are poised to make a difference in their community. Their effect extends beyond the classroom and into the church, business, and the family. Faith Builders is committed to the development of teachers who are able to serve their communities through classroom effectiveness.

The tools that I gained from watching and listening to my instructors have prepared me to face both the expected and unexpected that accompanies a vocation in teaching. As a TAP student, I learned by necessity to prioritize the most important and urgent tasks. This has become invaluable in teaching, especially now in my first several years.

Kendall Lapp
2011 TAP Graduate

Effective Teachers commit to an entire lifestyle

Teaching is a holistic lifestyle. It merges content development with committed community involvement, classroom management, and a sustainable pace. Training opportunities at Faith Builders emphasize the cultivation of whole teachers.

Humility is the ability to work in the context of the local church community. It acknowledges the limitations of academic study.

Commitment extends past education to the church. Ultimately, every commitment must find its bearing from worship.

Competence links ideas with the capacity to carry them out. It gives attention to content, personal growth in Christ, and authenticity in the classroom.

Service engages the world with priorities other than self interest. It cultivates in young people dedication to kingdom vision.

Attending Faith Builders

Admissions

Prospective students may contact one of our admissions advisors for more information. Please ask for Irene or Matthew when calling. We'll be happy to send an admissions packet.

Credit transfer

Faith Builders is not an accredited institution, but we've arranged for many of our courses to transfer to other schools. Numerous colleges accept our coursework.

Cost

Faith Builders is an economical alternative for post-secondary education. Discounts are available for volunteers and pastors. Our scholarship program is based on financial need rather than academic performance. Student loans are also available.

Visit our facility

Visitors are welcome. Please contact us to make arrangements for your visit.

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Training and Events

cultivating **effective habits** and **content**

Faith Builders has developed a variety of events, services, and programs to cultivate teachers for our communities. These events range in length from three-day workshops every fall to the two-year Teacher Apprenticing Program.

Teachers Conference

Three days during the fall

This weekend event features main sessions developing an educational theme. The conference also includes workshop sessions, informal interaction. The size of Teachers Conference is limited, giving a more personal feel.



Teachers Week

Four days during the summer

Teachers Week is composed of workshops, main sessions, and activities for teachers. It serves teachers with a wide range of experience representing communities across the country.



Summer Term

Five weeks during the summer

Summer Term serves to expand a teacher's base of knowledge and develop their teaching skills while giving a great opportunity for interaction with other teachers. Classes cover topics like pedagogy, history and theology, practical ministry, math, and music.



Teacher Apprenticing Program

two years of training, integrating study and classroom experience

Apprenticing Students work alongside experienced teachers through the entire process of planning, teaching, and reflection.

Classroom Study Teacher apprentices gain a rounded exposure to many of the topics they will teach in the classroom. The program of study can be tailored to meet student interest.

Mentoring Mentoring is a guided process of discipleship. Students take a look back over their lives to review the work of God while developing disciplines for the future.

Relationship Students work closely with Faith Builders staff. They experience the administrative and classroom components of teaching.

Apprenticing | hands-on experience



Study | building a base of knowledge



Mentoring | preparing the heart



*"I am always inspired by this weekend to go back to the classroom with a **vision above the daily grind.**"*

Teachers Conference Attendee

"Participating in TAP greatly enriched my life by both deepening and broadening my perspective of what it means to teach well. I came away with valuable tools I had not even dreamed existed."

Betty Yoder
2007 TAP Graduate

