

FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY PRESENTS

THE LION'S CIRCLE

A PLACE FOR STORIES, UPDATES, AND SUPPORT



COSTA RICA MISSIONS TRIP

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

With 13 years in education, Mrs. Doryleen DeLeon continues to make a meaningful impact on our school community. Holding a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (Accounting) from the University of Gurabo, Puerto Rico, and FLDOE certification in Business Education, she faithfully served as Dean before stepping into the Assistant Principal role this year, bringing strong leadership and a heart for student growth.

Mrs. DeLeon is known for her energy, consistency, and for balancing discipline with care. She leads with intention, creating an environment where students are supported, challenged, and encouraged to grow. She also plays a key role in championing our mission trips, helping students experience faith in action through service and discipleship. Outside of school, she and her family serve faithfully in their home church.

What does being an Assistant Principal mean to you?

Answering the call to live a life in accordance with Jesus, not just for salvation, but to be a living testimony of who God is and what He does for His children, is more than I could have ever imagined for my life. I am grateful to now have a role in helping shape our students' middle and high school experience.

What stands out to you about working with high school students?

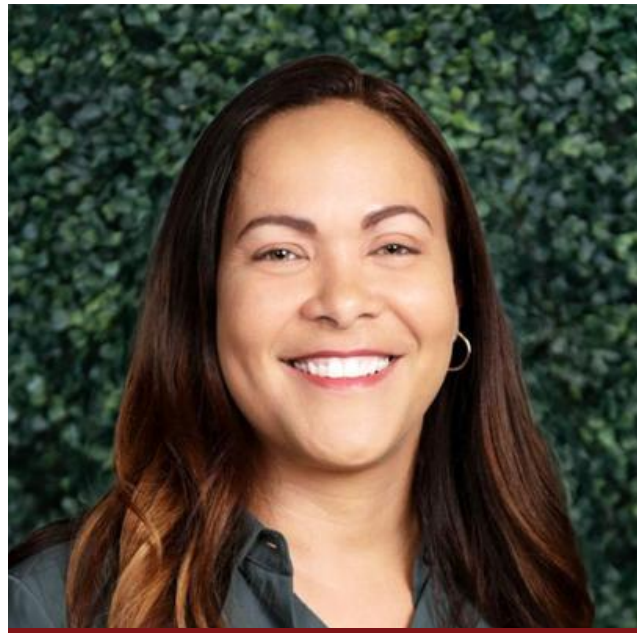
They are not too different from kindergarteners at the end of the day; they are still kids. They love to have fun, be silly, and they absolutely love snacks. At the same time, they have their whole future ahead of them, and it is a privilege to walk alongside them during such an important season of life.

Favorite part of your day at school?

Any time I get to spend time with students where they feel free to be kids.

What's your favorite place you've traveled?

Nashville for family time and Israel with my husband.



Mrs. Doryleen DeLeon

Why missions? How does this help our students?

One of the most meaningful parts of missions is our team devotionals each night. During this time, students open up about their experiences while being challenged in their personal walk with Christ. We are intentional in helping them understand that in everything we do, we bring glory to Jesus' name.

How do you hope students grow during their time here, beyond academics?

I hope students learn to truly reflect Jesus in everything they do, and that they begin to see their whole life as part of the Great Commission and develop a deep understanding of how much God loves them.

What is something others might be surprised to learn about you?

I hope to become a polyglot one day. I also attended a music school in Puerto Rico, Escuela Libre de Música Ernesto Ramos Antonini. It was an accomplishment to be accepted after testing and an impromptu audition. During my time there, I learned to play the trumpet and bassoon.

Favorite Bible character?

Nehemiah, he was given the honor of rebuilding what others intended to destroy.

STUDENT TESTIMONY

A memorable mission in
COSTA RICA

Jenellie Rosario, 11th Grade



I wasn't sure I even wanted to go on the mission trip to Costa Rica at first. My sister had gone the year before, and my parents and Mrs. DeLeon encouraged me to go, but with school stress, I wasn't very excited. Looking back now, I am so glad I went; it turned out to be one of the most meaningful experiences I've had.

**“Go! Don't overthink it
 I promise it will be better than you
 expect, and it will truly move you.”**

Our days were full. We would wake up early, visit schools and churches, spend time with kids, and serve in different ways like leading worship, praying, and packing food bags. Some of the most impactful moments happened at night during devotionals. There were a couple of nights where I truly saw God move in our group, and it changed people's perspectives, including mine.



One of the biggest challenges for me was stepping out of my comfort zone. Whether it was speaking Spanish or starting conversations, I had to learn to be bold in my own way. Through that, I realized that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

This trip also changed how I see serving others. We went to serve children, but we ended up impacting so many more people, including adults and even each other. I also loved getting to know the people there; they were incredibly kind and welcoming, and I was able to build real connections with both my classmates and the students we met.

This experience strengthened my faith and gave me confidence. It showed me that you don't have to do something big to make an impact. You just have to be willing, and God will move. If I had to describe the trip in one word, it would be memorable. The connections, the growth, and the impact made it something I will never forget.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Following Easter, our campus was full of activity. The month featured Boosterthon, culminating in Run for Faith, along with our homeschool hands-on science gathering and Fine Arts events. Students also celebrated milestone moments through class field trips, the middle school dance, 8th Grade Gradventure, and Donuts with the Counselor. In late March, our FCA Integrity Dance Team earned top honors at the Earthshakers Talent Competition, including 1st Overall and a Judge's Choice Award.



STUDENT MUSIC RECITAL

On April 28, students performed in a music recital featuring solos and ensembles across guitar, piano, and strings. Organized by Dr. Figueroa and Mrs. Jeannine Mongeon, the evening highlighted the talent and dedication of our student musicians. The musicians were Samantha Cuellar, Juliette d'Anjou, Ben Dorr, Layen Fu, Christa Fuller, Terrance Hayes, Liliana Herrera (not pictured), Benjamin Lampman, Leanna Paulson and Isabella Song.



CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



DESIGNED WITH A PURPOSE
Summer Camp

This year's theme is Careers in Action! Each week, your student will explore exciting career paths that could spark a passion for their future, all while deepening their relationship with Jesus. It's a journey of purpose, discovery, and faith in action!

CAMP DATES & TIMES
June 1 - July 31, 2026
Monday - Friday 8AM - 5PM
Dates Closed | Juneteenth (June 19) & Fourth of July observance on July 3
Limited Spots Available

WEEKLY CAREER THEMES
Ministry | Hospitality | Medical | Education | Public Service | Engineering & Technology | Skilled Professional | Government | Visionary




INTEGRITY DANCE
Spring Recital Production

Join Us
SATURDAY, MAY 16 AT 1 PM
Mainstream Building | Faith Church Orlando

SUMMER SESSIONS
[REGISTER HERE](#)



SUMMER BREAK SPOT

IT'S THE COUNTDOWN
TO SUMMER

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

FCA will be hosting the Summer Food Program. This program is open to all children in the community, students and non-students alike.

Program Details

Start Date: June 1
End Date: July 31
Days: Monday - Friday
Closures: June 19 & July 3

Meal Times
Lunch: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Snack: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

No registration required!

AP LANGUAGE SPOTLIGHT

Writing With Purpose in Ms. Williams' class

This year, AP Language and Composition students explored *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis, a thought-provoking work written as letters from a senior demon mentoring a junior tempter. Through this lens, students examined the subtle ways faith can be challenged in everyday life.

As part of their study, students were invited to flip the perspective, writing instead as senior angels guiding a guardian angel. This creative exercise encouraged them to reflect on spiritual integrity, authenticity, and what it truly means to live out one's faith.

Please enjoy this sample of their work.

A LETTER FROM A SENIOR ANGEL

My Dear Billy Mc Flapflap,

It has come to my attention that our treasured soul is having issues in his earthly community by upholding a double standard. He's always working amongst his group of non-believers, being uptight about their language and word choices, but as soon as he nestles himself amongst fellow believers, his tongue starts to slip. How can he be producing fresh water and salt water out of the same spring? This shall not be the case! Remind our treasured soul that he first needs to find himself in Christ and grow within his community before putting on a front around his earthly friends. The front he puts up is solely by his willpower, and not the power of The Spirit.

Like many problems, this stems from a sense of individuality and independence. Of course, we would not give up our soul's individuality for anything. However, he has placed himself above our Creator and his peers. He is strict around the unbelievers to show himself as a "good Christian," while he relaxes around his fellow believers. You will need to erode his selfishness and aim his will at genuine compassion for the lost. The best way to angle this is by placing him near the lost, but near lost who indeed talk better than him, and are potentially even more moral. In this, he will find humility, as well as a basic level of respect for a greater range of people. His church has a new interested unbeliever who would do well, so I suggest placing him on our soul's heart, positioned for service.

All the best,
Your Angelic Supervisor,
William Thunders



Students: Luke Blanchard, Kyle Dawson, and Jonathan Joseph
Edited by Luke Blanchard



FEATURE SPOTLIGHT

SCHOOL CLINIC SERVICES

At Faith Christian Academy, we believe that for a student to grow academically and spiritually, they first need to feel safe and healthy. This month, we are shining our "Circle Spotlight" on the FCA Clinic, a place where medical expertise meets a ministry of care.

If you have spent any time on campus over the last four years, you've likely seen the warm smile of Mrs. Lisa. To her, the clinic isn't just an office; it's a calling. With a foundation rooted in faith, she ensures every child feels seen, safe, and supported. Whether it's a scraped knee or a sudden fever, she provides a steady, compassionate presence that helps our students get back on their feet.



Mrs. Lisanette Morales

Mrs. Lisa's impact extends far beyond the four walls of the clinic. Recognizing that safety is a team effort, she periodically leads CPR and First Aid training for both our staff and students. By sharing these life-saving skills, she is empowering our entire community to be prepared and confident protectors of one another.

Expert Care, Individualized Support:

The clinic is equipped to handle the daily "ups and downs" of school life, but the care goes much deeper than just bandages and ice packs:

- **Daily Wellness:** Prompt care for sudden illnesses and minor injuries.
- **Medication Management:** Secure and precise administration of daily or emergency medications.
- **Individualized Healthcare Plans (IHPs):** We provide personalized, consistent care for students with ongoing medical conditions, ensuring their unique needs are met every single day.
- **Proactive Prevention:** Clinic Services also focuses on prevention and readiness. Staff are equipped with guidance on recognizing symptoms, responding to injuries, and knowing when to escalate care.

We know that parents are the experts on their children. That's why our clinic operates on a foundation of collaboration. By working hand in hand with parents and healthcare providers, we ensure that every student's medical records are up to date and that their care is seamless between home and school.

A Safe Space to Grow

The clinic remains a trusted space where students are cared for with attention and compassion, giving them the support they need to return to class ready and confident.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

We are proud to highlight alumna Olivia Monet, who developed a passion for American Sign Language during her time at FCA. She is now pursuing a career in ASL while serving through interpreting and community involvement. Olivia also gives back to FCA as a teacher assistant, reflecting a heart for service and a passion for using her gifts to impact others.

Looking back at your time at FCA, what first sparked your interest in American Sign Language?

A last-minute decision to switch from Spanish to American Sign Language became one of the most important decisions of my life. I initially chose ASL out of curiosity and a desire to try something new, but as I developed my skills and learned more about Deaf culture, I fell in love with both the language and the community.

How did your experience at FCA help shape your decision to pursue ASL as a career?

My teachers were a big part of why I decided to pursue American Sign Language interpreting. Throughout my time in their classes, there was endless support and encouragement. I can remember the exact moment I began to consider becoming an interpreter. One day, after I finished performing a song project for my ASL 3 class, my teacher looked at me and said, "Interpreter." It was one word, but it held such power and meaning. From that moment on, I continued to grow and develop my skills in Interpreting. When graduation time came around, it wasn't a hard decision to begin my pursuit of ASL Interpreting.

"MY TEACHERS' SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT PLAYED A HUGE ROLE IN SHAPING MY PATH.."

In what ways have you been able to use ASL to serve others since graduating, and what has that experience taught you?

The biggest way I have used my skills to serve others is through my involvement in Faith's Deaf and Interpreter Ministry and a local non-profit, Silent Hope. Being a part of DIM has been one of the best additions to my life. I have not only



MISS. OLIVIA MONET
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grown in my skills but also in my faith by being surrounded by spiritually strong leaders and mentors. My involvement in Silent Hope through ASL Socials and Camp We Sign, in the summer, has been a way to stay connected to my local deaf community. Throughout my years on this team, I have developed strong relationships and a heart to use my gifts to serve my community.

You're now serving as a teacher assistant at FCA. What does it mean to you to return & serve in the same community as an alumna?

It feels crazy to be on the opposite side, being able to guide and aid students in developing their own language acquisition. One thing is for sure: 9th-grade Olivia would have never imagined the position I'm in. Coming back to FCA to serve the next generation has been an honor. I have enjoyed the opportunity to support the growth of the American Sign Language program here at Faith. It has been a meaningful experience to contribute to the same program where I began my own ASL journey and support others in beginning theirs.

Since graduating in 2022, what are some things about FCA that feel the same, and what stands out most when you return to campus?

One thing that has remained the same is the strong sense of support and community. FCA has been my home since Pre-K, so every time I return, it still feels that way. I see familiar faces and families, which reflects how deeply connected the community is. What stands out most is that the sense of belonging hasn't changed, it's something you feel immediately.

As you continue your journey and explore future opportunities, what excites you most about your next career adventure?

What excites me most is the opportunity to connect with other interpreters and continue learning from their experiences. I am looking forward to stepping even further outside of my comfort zone and growing both personally and professionally. When I reflect on my journey so far, I realize how far I've already come. It's so important to look back on where you've been, because that's when you can truly see how much you've grown, and that motivates me to keep moving forward. I am thankful for my ASL teachers who laid a solid foundation for me to be able to step outside my comfort zone, keep learning, and build a career doing something I truly care about.



interpreting services in American Sign Language (ASL)


Favorite Bible verse?

A verse I often return to is 2 Timothy 2:13: "If we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself." It reminds me that no matter where I am or how I fall short, God remains constant. In a world that often feels uncertain, that truth gives me peace and confidence as I continue to grow.

SUPPORT FCA PATROLS

Help support our FCA Patrols as they raise funds for essential supplies for the upcoming school year.

 **Tuesdays & Thursdays**

 **7:15 am - 7:50 am**

 **Preschool Front Entrance (Lot 5)**

They are selling school supplies, snacks, and fun miscellaneous items—perfect for daily needs,

The proceeds are going toward items such as safety cones, belts, ponchos for rainy days, and their annual Christmas celebration.



BIBLE CORNER

BLOOM ANYWAY

I love flowers! They are one of my favorite gifts to give and receive. I love how they look and smell. I love walking through gardens. I love it when my kids pick wildflowers and bring me a sweet bouquet. I admire their petals and leaves. Each flower is so unique and intricately designed by its Creator to function in the environment in which it was planted. It's hard for me to pick my favorite flower, but one of my top choices is definitely sunflowers! My kids and I look forward to exploring a field of sunflowers each fall. We love comparing the small sunflower buds to the giant, out-of-reach adult flowers! Looking at their beautiful features reminds me that our Creator has a special design for us, too!

When sunflowers are young, their baby buds follow the sun as it makes its trek from east to west, allowing them to get the optimal sunlight needed to grow. That focus on the sun gives them what they need. When we align our lives with God's Son and focus our attention on Him He gives us what we need too!

Luke 12:27 says "Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these."

The sunflower doesn't worry about the rain or the soil. It doesn't worry about how it looks. It has no say in where it was planted. It doesn't worry about what it can't control. The environment in which it is can often change in its lifetime with temperature fluctuations, dry spells, and heavy rains. It can't do anything to stop it. The sunflower does the one thing it can control: it simply follows the sun. How often do we get distracted by all the things we can't control? How often do we worry about tomorrow and let it rob us from the joys of today?

I used to commute down Narcoossee road from St. Cloud all the way to FCA each day. I would often get stuck in traffic on my way to school. One day as I was frustrated and worried about my kids getting yet another tardy, I saw something that totally changed my perspective. Amongst the construction debris and road litter, was a sunflower! It was growing despite its less than optimal surroundings. It had very little soil and cars zoomed by day-by-day, yet somehow it bloomed anyway! It had what it needed, even if it was not everything it could have wanted. It was blooming beautifully and served as a powerful reminder that we are called to do the same!



We may not always be in the ideal environment we wished we had. We might not have excess. There might be noisy distractions and fears zooming all around us, but if we fix our eyes on Jesus we can bloom despite the circumstances!

A portion of Hebrews 12:1-2 states "...Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith..." The Creator has designed us to run a race of faith. The landscape may change. There will be highs and lows. We may not have all we want at times, but we can persevere and finish our race by keeping our eyes on Jesus! He planted the seed of faith in our hearts. He gives us what we need to develop, mature, and thereby perfect that faith! Let's follow the example of the sunflower and fix our eyes on the Son and bloom anyway!

-Pastor Ashley Hawks, Director of Kids Ministries at Faith Church Orlando

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

25-26 TUITION & FEES INVOICE DUE DATES

TUITION

Next payment is due **May 5, 2026**

INCIDENTAL INVOICES

Next payment is due **May 20, 2026**

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- **Mar 1:** Homeschool Application open
- **May 31:** Tuition Assistance Applications close
- **June 15:** New Student Applications close

THE SCHOOL APP

Scan the QR code below to access your students schedules, grades, events, homework, lunch orders, and more all in one app!



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 Download the RenWeb/FACTS App
 (Lunch Ordering, Grades, Homework, Attendance, Documents, and Billing)
 App Name: FCA Lions
 District Code: FT-FL

DATES TO REMEMBER

- MAY **4-8** 2026 **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**
- MAY **8** 2026 **AWARDS CEREMONY SENIOR WALK OUT**
- MAY **10** 2026 **MOTHER'S DAY**
- MAY **15** 2026 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**
- MAY **18** 2026 **5TH GRADE CELEBRATION**
- MAY **18- 20** 2026 **HALF DAYS - FINAL EXAMS**
- MAY **20** 2026 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- MAY **21** 2026 **FCP GRADUATION**

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