

## HONORING LOVED ONES & HELPING CADETS

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Making a gift to Chamberlain-Hunt in honor or in memory of a loved one is an excellent way to show your affection *and* to provide much needed resources for Cadet financial aid. Because we expect so much of our Cadets and they rise to our expectations, Chamberlain-Hunt Cadets generally present themselves well. Understandably, many people assume all our Cadets come from relatively affluent families. While it is true that some Cadets come from wealthy families, the Cadet Corps represents the entire socio-economic spectrum. Roughly one third of the Cadet Corps receives need-based financial assistance; the average award for 2007-08 was \$7,500. Enrollment fees both last year and for 2008-09 total \$16,500. Your gifts help make it possible for boys to receive the strong discipline and biblical instruction they need to become godly men.

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## The Changing of the Guard *continued...*

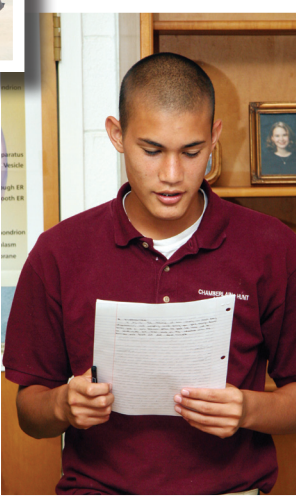
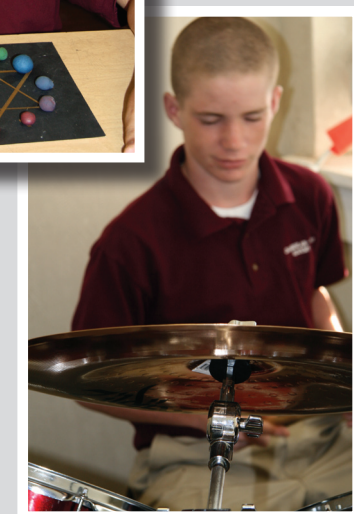
For West, being at Chamberlain-Hunt provides an opportunity to be involved in a rare ministry to young men—a ministry that touches all aspects of life. “At Chamberlain-Hunt, we (the cadre) get to live in a small community where we can work, worship and (occasionally) play together. And, we get to do those same things with the Cadets every day,” he says with a smile. This past year, he enlisted some Cadets to help him cast a sculpture for a class at MC: “No matter the age, males like fire. So what could be better than pouring 2,000 degree molten bronze into a plaster mold? Also, guys like to break things, so using a sledgehammer to free a bronze sculpture from its mold is great sport. I think the Cadets enjoyed working on the project; I certainly enjoyed their help.”

When speaking of the Cadets, West makes it plain why he values working at Chamberlain-Hunt: “We, like the Cadets, suffer from the deadly combination of lives affected by an ungodly culture and our own sinful hearts. Through Chamberlain-Hunt’s military structure, academic curricula and a variety of activities, we are able to teach them about the grace and truth of God, exhibited imperfectly in us and perfectly in the Lord Jesus. Because of the community we create, they (the Cadets) get to see us sinners strive to model godly relationships with one another and, more importantly, intimate relationship with a loving Heavenly Father.”

For the past five years, West served Chamberlain-Hunt as the director of advancement. He used his training from RTS, Notre Dame, Covenant Seminary and MC and his experiences from teaching, practicing law and working at L’Abri in his work at Chamberlain-Hunt—a testimony to God’s providence. “Over the years I’ve been concerned at times about ‘changing directions’ in my career—what do people think?” he admits. “So it’s been rewarding to be able to use it all here—nothing’s been wasted! Who’d have thought it?!” Adding, “It reminds me of the opening lines from a Whittier poem I heard my mother quote many times as I was growing up: ‘I know not what the future hath of marvel or surprise, assured alone that life and death God’s mercy underlies.’”

Jack West’s background and commitment to Chamberlain-Hunt’s mission and the Cadets made him the logical choice to succeed COL Shane Blanton as president. After eight years as president, COL Blanton announced his resignation to the board of trustees in April, effective at the end of the 2008 academic year. He and his family moved to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he will finish his dissertation for the education leadership doctoral program at the University of Southern Mississippi. A special meeting of the board was called in June to make official West’s appointment as Chamberlain-Hunt’s new president.

# Adventure Summer School



No sooner than the dust settled from final Pass in Review and the grades were sent out at the end of the regular school year, the cadre prepared for Adventure Summer School. This four week program is a blend of academics, military structure and fun. The academic component includes a junior high enrichment program, which focuses on literature, grammar, mathematics, study skills and art or music, and various classes (including algebra I, geometry, English and history) from which high school Cadets choose one. Though they do not wear military-style uniforms, summer Cadets get a taste of the military discipline of the regular school year. They learn basic customs and courtesies, and they use the Wilderness for firearms training, rope climbing and paintball splattering. Summer School weekends this year included a trip to the movies, two minor league baseball games and an overnight canoeing trip. Seventy summer Cadets, boys from twenty States and one foreign country, made friends and learned how to make their bunks. More importantly, each of them heard the gospel and were issued the challenge to live as responsible men before God. All these Cadets went home with something that can profoundly change their lives: the seed of knowledge and wisdom in submission to God.





### Haggis and Turnips in the DFAC?

Chamberlain-Hunt's cadre prayed for a principal—a godly man with teaching and administrative experience who appreciated the unique mission of the Academy; they prayed for a couple of years. God answered their prayers this past spring when Quentin Johnston, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and academic dean at Whitefield College visited the campus in March. The following week, Dr. Johnston and Pam, his wife of 31 years, drove from Florida to Port Gibson for another visit.

From high school, Quentin trained in Scotland for a specialist career as a Hospital Operating Department Assistant (the US equivalent would be OR nurse). When this career path was eliminated because of policy changes, and after a tentative look at other careers, he became the sole Scottish franchisee of a start-up pressure washing business. By the time he sold it nine years later, his company was operating in three centers in Scotland and Northern England, had grown to become the largest company of its type in the area, and had expanded its operations to include the cleaning of apartment buildings, fleets of commercial vehicles and Royal Navy warships.

While working in the medical and commercial arenas, Quentin was, for fifteen years, involved with the pastoral oversight of Edinburgh City Fellowship, and was a founding director of The Redwoods Caring Foundation, a charity dedicated to providing accommodation and training for adults with mental handicap. In 1992, the Johnston family moved to Tampa, Florida to allow Quentin to complete his Master of Divinity degree at Whitefield Theological Seminary, Lakeland, Florida with a scholarship from an independent foundation. Upon graduation, Quentin was called to the Church of Christian Liberty, Arlington Heights, Illinois, where he served as co-pastor from 1995-2000. Concurrent with his pastoral duties, he taught high school Christian philosophy, speech, and English at Christian Liberty Academy, the 800 student K-12 school housed in the former Arlington Heights High School owned by the church. His duties as a board member of the church also included oversight of Christian Liberty Academy School System (CLASS) and Christian Liberty Press. While in Illinois, Quentin completed his doctoral studies with Whitefield Seminary. The Johnstons returned to Florida in 2001 to allow Quentin to take up the responsibilities of academic dean of Whitefield College, a four-year undergraduate liberal arts distance learning institution, dedicated to offering degrees in preparation for Christian vocations. His duties there included assisting in the design and development, and then implementation and supervision of the elementary education degree program.

In 2004, after transferring his ordination into the PCA, Quentin was appointed assistant minister of teaching at Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church, where, on a "spare time" basis, he oversaw the teaching ministry of the church, and served on the board of New Tampa Christian Academy which offers K2-4 education for local children.

Quentin and Pam were both born in Edinburgh, Scotland. Their adult son, Lewis, who is a computer program developer, lives and works in Chicago and was also born in Edinburgh. Quentin is the youngest of five children born to his father, a former British Royal Navy officer, and his mother, who served in the typing pool at 10 Downing Street, London during WWII as one of Sir Winston Churchill's secretaries. In fact, it was in Egypt during the Cairo Conference in November 1943 (also attended by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt) where his parents met—but that's another story!

Dr. Johnston, now to be known as LTC Johnston, comes to Chamberlain-Hunt with a personal understanding of the challenges and struggles many of our Cadets face. Although separated by time and distance, the issues that test youth today in terms of family crises, response to authority, peer pressure and moral choices, vary only in specifics from those he faced growing up in Scotland, and overcame solely through the merciful grace of God.

It is this same grace that LTC Johnston relies upon to this day, and he knows that while there are many physical and academic pursuits Cadets may master at Chamberlain-Hunt that will equip them to be productive citizens, it is only the knowledge of God that comes through faith in Christ that will make them citizens of heaven and supply them with the godly wisdom that will equip each one to positively shape their own future family and thus, the future of our nation. Chamberlain-Hunt is excited about the leadership LTC Johnston brings to the principal's office, especially since he does not insist on adding haggis and turnips to the dining hall menu.

For current news about Cadet life and for information about Founders Day on 03 October 2008, visit the website for details: [www.chamberlain-hunt.com/news.shtml](http://www.chamberlain-hunt.com/news.shtml)



### From the president's desk . . .



Is Chamberlain-Hunt still going to be a military school? That's a question I've been asked several times by Cadets since word got out that I would be president. My answer is always a resounding "yes"!

Other than my past five years at Chamberlain-Hunt, the closest I ever got to military life was the offer of a commission in the Army JAG Corps, which I declined. I'm not surprised, then, that a non-military man heading a military school might provoke the question. In my estimation, the devotion and discipline that mark Chamberlain-Hunt require a military structure and I am, therefore, fully committed to it. In fact, I intend to strengthen our military structure.

While we try to accommodate others, Chamberlain-Hunt is a boarding school for boys. Boys in 21st century America do not need to be coddled or treated like victims who need rescuing. Rather, they need to be challenged and not let off the hook just because they perceive the challenge to be difficult, scary or unpleasant. Our boarding program provides the needed interruption from the fairly permissive, irresponsible lives most teenage boys lead. Cell phones, iPods and Gameboys are contraband here, not because they are immoral *per se*. They are contraband because by removing them, we remove a boy's means of escape from difficult challenges in our 24-hour-a-day, 6-weeks-at-a-stretch life together. Our expectations are high. Cadet life is often quite challenging and boys want to relieve the tension by escaping to familiar "comforts of home." Our mission is not to provide *home*, however. Our mission is *interruption*, the break with the familiar, which facilitates learning, growth and maturity. We aim to teach boys about being men in a broken world accountable to the Holy Creator. To live as such, they must "lean not on [their] own understanding, but in all [their] ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct [their] paths"—as the Academy's long-standing theme verse from Proverbs 3:5 counsels.

Our military structure provides just the interruption called for: discipline. Discipline that is forwarding looking; discipline that prepares a boy to fight life's battles like a man. Discipline that teaches, trains, counsels, challenges, admonishes and corrects with an eye toward the future. Discipline that does not rescue from difficulty, but prepares and prompts boys to confront—and to overcome—difficulties. Discipline that calls on them to acknowledge God and submit to his direction.

The cadre longs for God's Spirit to be at work in Cadets whose lives are interrupted by a year, or two, or six, at Chamberlain-Hunt. Please pray that God would work in them in powerful ways during this 129th year of operation!

# Cadet LIFE

### The Changing of the Guard

About seven years ago, Michael Herrin, the chaplain at the now 129 year old Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, invited Jack West to speak in chapel. West accepted and was immediately taken with Chamberlain-Hunt. He jumped at MAJ Herrin's invitation to speak again in chapel the next year.



As West got to know Chamberlain-Hunt better, he liked it all the more. He found the military discipline and tradition of the school and the history and charm of Port Gibson attractive. What he found really compelling, however, was the school's Christian mission.

"The Chamberlain-Hunt mission reminds me of my studies in RTS's graduate school of education," says West, who earned his Master of Education degree in school administration from Reformed Theological Seminary in 1987.

While he studied at RTS, West taught eighth, ninth and eleventh grade social studies classes at Madison-Ridgeland Academy in Madison, Mississippi. Upon completing his degree at RTS, he enrolled in law school at the University of Notre Dame. He chose Notre Dame's law school because it recognizes that a person's faith shapes his view of the world, particularly his view of truth, morality and justice, and because it promotes the practice of law as a calling to serve. He enjoyed those things as well as the strong sense of community there. Having grown up as "Gardner" (his middle name), he got the nickname "Jack" from a law school classmate, Ellen Donovan McCann who thought West had Kennedy-esque quality. (McCann, a New Englander, meant that as a compliment.)

Upon graduating from Notre Dame, West moved into his great-great grandfather's house outside Covington, Georgia, gained admission to the State Bar of Georgia and set up practice in an office on the town square. For over four years he took all sorts of cases: adoptions, civil litigation, criminal defense, federal trademark registration, real estate, wills and administration of estates. The biggest part of his practice, however, was in the county juvenile court, where he handled delinquencies and served as *guardian ad litem* in abuse, neglect and custody cases. He saw a side of life in that Bible Belt community that he had never seen while growing up in Jackson, Mississippi.

West's questions about God's work through the Church in such desperate situations motivated him to leave his practice and pursue a longstanding interest in theology. During his time at Covenant Theological Seminary and for about two years after he finished his Master of Divinity degree there, West worked with L'Abri Fellowship in England. The combination of formal study and practical ministry continued to shape his interest in ministering to young people through living fully and self-consciously in God's presence.

An aspect of "living fully" for West is his interest in art. When he returned to the States and was appointed vice president for development at RTS's Jackson campus, he enrolled in the graduate art school at nearby Mississippi College. Speaking of his decision to study sculpting there, he professes, "I had wanted to study painting, but no classes fit my work schedule. Deciding to study sculpting rather than wait another semester for a painting class is one of the best decisions I've ever made. Not only have I enjoyed learning about sculpting the human figure, but also my professor, Dr. Sam Gore, beautifully illustrates through his teaching and his art a life lived self-consciously in God's presence." What started out as an opportunity to do something creative is turning into West's fourth graduate degree, a Master of Fine Arts. This year, MC presented Jack with the prestigious Alex Ertl Award for Sculpture.

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### Adventure Summer School Stats

States Represented . . . . .	20
Foreign Countries Represented . . . . .	1
Top 6 States Represented: Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas, California and South Carolina	
Courses Represented:	
Enrichment . . . . .	45
Algebra I . . . . .	8
Geometry . . . . .	5
English . . . . .	8
History . . . . .	4
TOTAL ENROLLMENT . . . . .	70

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Fall 2008 / Spring 2009</b>	
Aug 18	New Cadets Register
Aug 20	Returning Cadets Register
September 22-26	Crusader Challenge
September 28	Phone Calls
October 3	Founders Day
Oct 3-13	Fall Break
October 22-24	Nine Weeks Exams
November 6-7	ECB Training
November 11	Veterans Day
November 23	Phone Calls
Nov 26-Dec 1	Thanksgiving Break
December 14	Phone Calls
December 16-18	Nine Weeks Exams
Dec 19-Jan 8	Christmas Break
February 8	Phone Calls
Feb 13-Feb 23	Winter Break
March 11-13	Nine Weeks Exams
March 16-20	Crusader Challenge
March 29	Phone Calls
Apr 3-Apr 13	Spring Break
May 17	Sports Banquet/Phone Calls
May 18-21	Final Exams
May 21	Baccalaureate/Senior Speeches
May 22	Final Pass in Review