

Life Christian Academy at Palmyra

FACT SHEET

History:

Life Christian Academy at Palmyra was founded in 2001 as a ministry of Life Christian Center International. In 2002 the school occupied the building which was formerly Palmyra Elementary School and the words “at Palmyra” were added to our name.

Location:

Our school is located one block west of Slappey Blvd. at 1225 Fourth Avenue, Albany, Georgia.

Facilities:

Our campus consists of approximately 27,000 sq. ft. of floor space on approximately 4 acres. The school currently uses the 4,000 sq. ft. sanctuary of the church as an auditorium. Plans for a new gymnasium are on the drawing board.

Student Profile:

LCA is clearly an area school, with students from at least six surrounding counties attending. Less than one-half of the students are represented by families who are members of LCCI—the balance represent families from many different denominations and churches in the area. LCA challenges students academically while supporting values consistent with Christianity.

Student/Teacher Ratio:

LCA is committed to successfully guiding our students through their spiritual and academic experience. Part of our commitment is maintaining a low student/teacher ratio. Currently our average classroom size is 13.

Teachers:

The life-blood of our ministry to the students is our teaching staff. LCA believes that teaching is a calling and not a learned skill. Often our teachers begin their ministry at LCA while working to complete the educational level required. Some of our staff hold Georgia Teaching Certificates and all are certified.

Curriculum:

Currently LCA uses the A Beka curriculum throughout the school. If any curriculum changes should be made, another Christian curriculum would be chosen. All subjects taught at LCA are from a Christian perspective with a Biblical worldview.

Uniforms:

A uniform requirement with ample choices enables each student to better focus on his or her individual achievement.

Discipline:

At Life Christian Academy, we believe in and maintain orderliness and structure in the classroom and in the hallways. We strive to provide clear guidelines to the students in a loving environment as well as keep parents informed on all matters of correction.

Life Christian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color or national/ethnic origin in its hiring practices, admission policies, administration of its educational policies, scholarship programs, athletic programs, and other school-administered programs.

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Mission Statement

“Instilling a love for God that results in a life of Faith and Godly character; which will create a true desire for learning. To come out from among them and be separated to God, thereby, being equipped by the Holy Spirit to reach the whole world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Life Christian Academy at Palmyra will continue to offer programs dedicated to promoting a safe environment for Christian children. LCA is a ministry of Life Christian Center International (L.C.C.I.). Our vision is to rescue, protect and nourish.

1. Rescue Christian children from a Godless school system.
2. Protect maturing Christians from the harmful influences of the world
3. Nourish God’s children with His Word and a God inclusive education

We are not for profit. This is a ministry, not a business. Please accept our thanks for entrusting your children to our school.

Stan Glass, Founding Pastor
Life Christian Center International

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An Oasis

Hope springs forth like an oasis in the desert at Life Christian Academy at Palmyra. The school is located in what was formerly the Palmyra Elementary School operated by the Dougherty County School System, hence the “Palmyra” retained in the name. Word studies indicate that a “palmyra” is somewhat similar to an oasis, where water comes back to the surface in a dry, desert climate. Life Christian Academy at Palmyra was founded in order to give Christian children hope and a refuge from a system that does not allow God in the classroom, and becomes more anti-Christian each year.

Life Christian Academy, starting its fourth year, began as a small church school, but has grown at a record pace each year of its existence. The majority of its students do not attend the founding church (Life Christian Center International) but come from different churches and denominations in Albany, Lee County, Worth County, Mitchell County and Terrell County. The growth of the school is attributed to the fact that it was founded as a school for Christian children. Students are not accepted at LCA unless they have a regularly attended Christian church home. Christian values taught at the student’s home church are reinforced at school through daily devotions, pledges to the flag, and Bible classes.

LCA is a fully-accredited school, with certified teachers, and offers classes for K-4 through 12th Grade. The A Beka curriculum is taught in all grades and includes Bible, mathematics, reading, vocabulary, spelling, social studies, science, biology, chemistry, literature, and Spanish.

Life Christian Academy is also an approved testing site for the PSAT, administered to high school students in preparation for the SAT. Students from all area schools may take the PSAT by registering with LCA.

Sensing a need to serve the community in another way, the school is now conducting night classes for adult students who previously attended school but did not earn a diploma. This is an opportunity for adults to earn that high school diploma, rather than settling for a high school equivalency. Students enter LCA at the grade level last completed, by providing transcripts from their last school. The student then progresses at an accelerated pace toward graduation.

As the school continues to grow, additional activities and programs are added to and improved on. Recent improvements include added capabilities to the library and computer lab.

Garvin Akridge
Headmaster, LCA

LCA Steps to Admission

NEW STUDENTS

1. **Submit Application, Request for Records, and Teacher/Principal Recommendation** along with a **\$125.00 Registration/Testing Fee** (non-refundable) to the school office.
2. Life Christian Academy will administer **Entrance Tests** specific to our curriculum to all applicants. Test dates are scheduled as needed. Testing is done at LCA to determine whether we are able to provide the academic program that your child needs. LCA does not have the staff, equipment, or materials to adequately meet the needs of students with significant learning or behavioral disabilities. Testing results are viewed by a committee of faculty and administration, and grade level placement is at the discretion of LCA.
3. **Pastor Referral Letter** must be on file before students are accepted.
4. **Decision Letters** will be sent or phone calls made after testing is complete and previous school records and recommendations are on file. Waiting List letters will be sent if the student is accepted, but an opening is not currently available. We do not give out information regarding placement in the waiting pool. Please be assured that we will notify you as soon as an opening occurs for your child. Preferential consideration is given to siblings of currently enrolled students, as well as members of LCCI.
5. **Textbook Fees are due July 1st.**
6. **Tuition is payable beginning August 1st.** Tuition can be paid in 10 monthly payments or for the full year, at a discount on July 1st.
7. **Uniform** pants can be purchased through local stores. Some uniform items are available at cost only through LCA. Order forms are available through the school office.
8. **Certificate of Immunization** and **Birth Certificate** must be on file in the school office before the first day of school. No student will be allowed to begin school without these on file.

Fee Schedule

LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY AT PALMYRA 2008-2009

REGISTRATION FEE: **\$125** - includes testing

This is a nonrefundable fee that cover the administrative process of enrollment.

TEXTBOOK

K-4 and K-5, \$175.00. Grades 1-12, \$275.00.

& SUPPLY FEE:

Book fees are due July 1st. Those registering after July 1, fee due at time of enrollment.

TUITION FEE:

Tuition is payable beginning August 1st. Tuition can be paid either in 10 monthly payments or for the full year, at a discount, by July 1st. Tuition must be paid by the 10th of the month. A \$35 late fee will be assessed to each account after the 10th.

ACTIVE LCCI CHURCH MEMBERS

Monthly

\$245.00 per month (x 10 beginning August 1st)
\$435 per month - 2 children (x 10 beginning August 1st)

Yearly

\$2,205.00 paid in full on or before July 1st

Office will provide pricing for more than 2 children.

NON- LCCI CHURCH MEMBERS

Monthly

\$275.00 per month (x 10 beginning August 1st)
\$500 per month - 2 children (x 10 beginning August 1st)

Yearly

\$2,475.00 paid in full on or before July 1st

Office will provide pricing for more than 2 children.

LCA also offers discounts to Pastors of other area churches.

Please contact the office for additional information.

Teacher/Principal Recommendation

LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
1225 W. 4th Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31707
(229) 317-4430

TEACHER/PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATION (CONFIDENTIAL)

Student Name _____

Teacher/Principal: Thank you for taking time to give us your candid appraisal of this student. Your evaluation will be held in strict confidence.

ACADEMIC EVALUATION

	Below Average	Average	Above Average
Reading Ability			
Writing Ability			
Math Ability			
Oral Communication			
Effort			

CHARACTER EVALUATION

	Below Average	Average	Above Average
Self Discipline			
Respect for Authority			
Honesty			
Peer Relationships			
Teachable Spirit			

LCA does not have the staff, materials or equipment to provide adequate instruction for students with significant learning or behavioral disabilities. To the best of your ability, does this student have any such problems?

No Yes If yes, please specify _____

Have parents been consistently cooperative and supportive of your school program, policies and procedures?

No Yes If yes, please specify _____

Have financial obligations been met in a timely fashion?

No Yes If no, please specify _____

How long have you known this student? _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

(Use back of this page if needed)

Signature

Title

Date

Application for Admission

Registration/Testing Fee _____
Check # _____ Dated _____
Applicant # _____
2008-2009

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Albany, Georgia 31707
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Testing Date _____
Transcript _____
Recommendation _____
Status _____

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Student Name _____ Age _____ Birthdate _____ Grade applying for _____

Student Social Security # _____ Family Church Affiliation _____

Home Address _____ School last attended _____

_____ School Address _____

Home Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Employer _____ Business Phone # _____

Mother's Name _____ Employer _____ Business Phone # _____

Student lives with () both parents () father () mother () other (specify) _____

If parents are presently divorced or separated, who has legal custody? _____

Who can we contact, other than a parent, in case of an emergency?

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone # _____

In the event of an emergency and you can not be reached, may we contact emergency medical personnel? () YES () NO

Who is allowed to pick up your child from school? 1.) _____

2.) _____ 3.) _____

Does your child have any health problems () No () Yes Explain _____

Is your child on any medication on a regular basis? () No () Yes Explain _____

Does your child have any specific learning problems? () No () Yes Explain _____

Does your child have any specific behavior problems? () No () Yes Explain _____

LCA does not have the staff, equipment or materials to adequately meet the needs of students with learning or behavior disabilities. Final acceptance of students and grade level placement will be determined by the administration.

PARENT AGREEMENT

Understanding that Life Christian Academy exists for the purpose of providing academic excellence in a manner which glorifies God and is founded on the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, I confirm my desire to have my child so educated and agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the school. I understand that registration fees, book fees, and tuition payments are non-refundable. I agree to pay all fees and tuition on a timely basis.

Parent Signature

Date

Pastoral Reference Letter

LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
1225 W. 4th Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31707
(229) 317-4430

Parent: Please complete the first section of this form, and then give it to your pastor.

Statement of Release: I am authorizing the release of the following information to be considered for the admission to Life Christian Academy at Palmyra. I understand that the information will be held in confidence by the Academy and will not be released to me or anyone else.

Signature of Parent: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant's Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____
street address city state zip

Pastor: Please complete the following section of this form. After completion, please send the forms directly to the Academy; **do not return it to the applicant.**

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below	Unknown
Christian Character					
Dependability					
General Intelligence					
Ability to get along with others					
Faithfulness to Church					
Self Motivation					

Are applicant's parents financially able to meet the Academy expenses? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

List any special needs the applicant may have: _____

List any outstanding traits: _____

List any significant factors in applicant's background we need to know about: _____

Name of Church: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Address: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This person's application cannot be further processed until we hear from you.

Request for Records

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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF RECORDS

Student's Name _____

Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

I hereby give permission to Life Christian Academy to secure the above named student's school records for the school listed below:

Name of School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Signature of Parent

Date

Please send the student's past and present academic records, standardized test scores, attendance records, immunization records, and other information which may be useful to our academy.