

Welcome to Joshua Christian Academy! We are blessed and grateful for leadership members who love and are led by the Lord Jesus Christ as we seek to follow his vision for our school. We want to prepare our children to be all that they can be spiritually, academically, and socially for this global marketplace. As believers in Jesus Christ, our emphasis will be the academic three R's of reading, writing and arithmetic; the spiritual three R's of repentance, regeneration, and reconciliation; and the social three R's of respect, responsibility, and resourcefulness. JCA will work with parents as part of the "three-legged stool" approach to student success in school – parent involvement, student involvement, and teacher involvement – all working together for the positive development of our children, because we believe that "Team Work Makes The Dream Work."



We look forward to working with you to help provide children with an outstanding Christ-centered education.

**To God Be the Glory!!!**  
**Rev. Keith A. Ratliff Sr.**  
**Executive Director**

**Joshua Christian Academy welcomes students of all races, colors, and national or ethnic origin.**

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**As for me and my house,  
we will serve the Lord.**

**Joshua 24:15**



## Here's how the odds stack up against urban children in Des Moines:

- Only 51.6% of African American 4th graders tested competent in math.
- Only 50.5% of Latino 4th graders tested competent in reading.
- Only 52% of African Americans who were served by the Des Moines school district as 9th graders four years earlier graduated in 2007.

Statistics from the Des Moines Public School District



Urban minority families are struggling.

- **70% of black children are raised in a single-parent family.**

State of Black Iowa Report

## God Can Change These Realities!

In cities across the country, Christian schools are helping urban children meet high expectations every day. Joshua Christian Academy (JCA) offers a solution.

- ✓ JCA believes that self esteem, individual rights, and freedom of speech are important, but they should not overshadow personal responsibility, respect, character, and hard work.
- ✓ JCA expects students to learn while displaying good conduct. This creates an atmosphere conducive to learning.
- ✓ Students will be given every opportunity to achieve skills that are necessary in life, should their decision be military, work, or college.



**JCA is committed to working alongside parents to help them encourage their children's study habits at home.**

## A Brief Look at Joshua Christian Academy

### Overview

JCA was established in the fall of 2009, serving children in grades Kindergarten through third grade. A grade will be added each year, beginning with 4th grade in the fall of 2010

### Students

Class sizes limited to 15 students per class.

### Teaching Faculty

JCA will carefully select licensed teachers with a passion for God and a heart for the needs of urban children.

### Curriculum

The academy's educational plan emphasizes equipping students with the basic tools of learning within a God-centered view of life. A classical education model is followed to give students a foundational knowledge of language, mathematics, science, history and the arts.

### Facilities

Currently located at 1552 Maple Street, Des Moines and the Logan Center at the intersection of E. 17th Ct and Garfield. JCA is committed to providing a clean, safe, and secure learning environment for your child.

### Transportation

Parents will provide transportation.

### School Lunches

A hot nutritious lunch is available for all students.

### Tuition

Tuition is based on family income with a minimum fee of \$50.00 per month per family.