

TEACHER FEATURE- ALEX HASTINGS

-by The Balding Eagle-

January usually brings change. From New Year's resolutions to new outlooks on life due to the calendar change, when people think January, they typically think "new". Speaking of new, as of this month, GCS has a new 7th-8th grade Bible teacher, and his name is Alex Hastings.

Mr. Hastings has been a GCS chapel speaker on a regular basis the past few years, and our school is more than excited to welcome his smile



and positive attitude as well as talents for ministering to young people to our campus. He takes over for Pastor Hubert Yates, who moved to Jackson over Christmas.

If you ever get the chance to talk with Mr. Hastings, he is sure to make you grin at least once in the first thirty seconds of conversation. He has a warm and friendly personality, he is great at developing relationships, he clearly loves the Lord and biblical teachings, and he brings a lot to the table not only at GCS but at his primary job as a youth pastor at South Louisville Baptist here in

Winston County.

"I love Mr. Hastings," said eighth grader Miles Brownlee. "I always liked having him at chapel and as a sub. He is fun to be around."

Brother Yates added, “When I think of individuals I wanted to take over my Bible class, Alex was at the top of the list. He is great with youth, and He does a great job of pointing young people to God.”

A native of Huntsville, Alabama, we are so excited that Mr. Hastings and his wife Jessica have moved into the Winston County area. The Hastings are also proud owners of two lovable cats, Milo and Jasper. Mr. Hastings is an alumnus of Blue Mountain College, and he has been a youth pastor for five years.

Although his primary responsibility will be the aforementioned Bible class, Mr. Hastings still subs in various classes around campus as well as speaks at chapel from time to time. When asked why he likes education and is happy to be involved in teaching, he said, “I want to impact students in a positive way.”

“Mr. Hastings is a powerful minister of the Gospel,” said Coach Morgan. “We live in a world desperately looking for love, and Alex is fantastic at reaching young people simply through loving them and being so very positive.”

Apart from school, Mr. Hastings enjoys hobbies such as archery, shooting, video games, watching TV, and editing videos. He also loves the



color blue, enjoys the music of Imagine Dragons, and mentioned cake balls as one of his favorite foods.

When asked about his favorite thing about teaching, Mr. Hastings responded, “Building a learning bond with my students.” And he went on to talk about what a wholesome atmosphere GCS provides and that he loves our school because of the “Godly focus on the Bible.”

Last but not least, I asked Mr. Hastings what affected him most during the pandemic our country has experienced the past ten months or so. He said, “I missed seeing people’s faces and enjoying people’s company.” Clearly a people person, we are glad Mr. Hastings sees the faces and enjoys the company of our 7th and 8th graders several times a week in class.

Mr. Hastings is looking forward to “a lot of learning, laughs, and growth” this year in class. We are proud to have him at GCS, and we look forward to walking by his classroom and hearing the laughter and happiness he brings his students every day.