

TIMOTHY DREAMS OF A FUTURE

Dreams still come true. Even as the economy and businesses struggle, Timothy Lutheran Ministries' dream of a new school and worship center grows at South 7 Highway and Wyatt Road in Blue Springs. As you look to the east, you will see the dreams take shape for future generations.

The dream began in 1999, when Timothy members completed an extensive study to determine if an elementary school was needed. They already have a preschool and daycare center. The purchase of the Hansel Lowe building from the Blue Springs School District became the home for grades K – 7. This fall grades K-8 will be offered on the new 67-acre site.

Other area schools have long been known for their academic excellence. Add Timothy Lutheran School to the list. According to Janet Neufeld, a 12-year teaching veteran near South KC, "Timothy is a place where my two children can excel academically. Timothy is a fabulous school. The staff is strong, family oriented, and caring. Students in all grades know each other, greet one another, and hug "goodbye." You don't have that with bigger schools where the teacher/student ratio is much larger. The small class size allows for more one-on-one attention." She continues, "Timothy is better than other area schools, especially when it comes to teaching about Jesus." According to school administrator, Ed Kuerschner, "Timothy is a partnership with parents, where morals, values, and goals are established and considered an important way of life."

Our future generations need schools where solid values to make the tough decisions about life and strong basics like reading, writing, and arithmetic still go hand in hand with the Christian core teachings which were championed by our forefathers. Timothy School provides dedicated teachers, administrators, and member support—people putting their hearts into teaching the basics. As the building progresses, the dream continues as future generations of students make a difference in our community, state, nation, and the world, by practicing Timothy's mission of "touching lives for Christ."

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