

# STEWARDING THE MISSION

Mrs. Candy Jernigan

**POSITION:** Lower School Principal

**EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS:** Mrs. Jernigan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communicative Disorders and a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from The University of Alabama. She has completed post-graduate studies in Educational Leadership through Grand Canyon University and holds both a Principal Certificate and Professional Staff Certificate through ACSI.

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** With 27 years in education, including 4 years in leadership and 4 years at FCA, Mrs. Jernigan brings seasoned experience and steady guidance to our Lower School.

**HEART FOR STUDENTS:** Mrs. Jernigan oversees grades K3-5, STEAM, K3-2 Music, and Aftercare. She finds great joy in watching young learners grow during their foundational years. She is blessed to lead a passionate lower school teaching team that is dedicated to excellence.

**FAITH IN LEADERSHIP:** After 23 years in public education, Mrs. Jernigan is especially grateful to freely share her faith at FCA. She strives to honor the Lord in every decision and interaction, praying daily for wisdom and courage. Joshua 1:9 anchors her leadership: "Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

**STEWARDING THE MISSION:** For Mrs. Jernigan, being a steward of the mission means ensuring everything FCA does connects back to our school mission: developing students who honor God and thrive through academic excellence. Through curriculum evaluation, collaboration, and partnership with families, she works to keep Christ at the center of Lower School.

**A PERSONAL TOUCH:** Mrs. Jernigan has been married to her husband Brian for 25 years and is the proud mom of three daughters. A former member and co-captain of the Million Dollar Band color guard at The University of Alabama, she once even went bungee jumping in high school!

**ONE-LINER FOR FCA:** At FCA, we are committed to encouraging our students to love the Lord first, serve others faithfully, and pursue lifelong learning.