

Mrs. Lori Johnstone

Head of School

Mrs. Lori Johnstone serves as FCA's Head of School and is passionate about leading a Christ-centered learning community that develops students academically, spiritually, and personally. Her heart for Christian education is rooted in the belief that students should be prepared not only for college and careers, but for lives of purpose grounded in biblical truth and faith in Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Johnstone holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Riverside, a Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School, and a Master's degree in Education with dual specializations in Educational Leadership and Teaching from California Baptist University. She is ACSI lifetime certified at all levels and is also admitted to the California State Bar.

Mrs. Johnstone began her career in education in 1998 and entered Christian education in 2002. Since beginning educational leadership in 2007, she has served in a variety of leadership and teaching roles, including Head of School, Principal, Director of Academics, 4th Grade Teacher, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, and High School Dual Enrollment History and Government Teacher. She joined FCA in 2024 as Head of School.

Since 2017, Mrs. Johnstone has served with ACSI accreditation teams and commissions, including service on the ACSI Accreditation Commission as both a member and Chair. In addition, she has participated in numerous accreditation visiting teams with ACSI, CSI, WASC, and Cognia, supporting and evaluating hundreds of Christian schools across the country.

Faith is central to Mrs. Johnstone's leadership philosophy and daily service. Guided by Zechariah 4:6- "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord, she seeks to lead with humility, prayer, wisdom, and a servant's heart while honoring Christ in every decision and interaction.

For Mrs. Johnstone, stewarding the mission means ensuring that every aspect of FCA remains grounded in biblical truth and aligned with excellence. She is committed to strengthening systems, supporting teachers, and cultivating a Christ-centered culture where students are challenged academically while being disciplined spiritually. She believes the ultimate goal of Christian education is to prepare students for eternity.

Mrs. Johnstone's journey to faith began during law school when she came to know Jesus personally, a moment that transformed both her life and calling. Since then, she has faithfully served as a teacher, mentor, and educational leader while following where God has called her. She and her husband, Steve, are blessed with three children and two grandchildren. At FCA, Mrs. Johnstone is committed to developing students who love the Lord, pursue excellence in all areas of life, and live out their faith with purpose.