

Dear Students and Parents,

Greetings and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

My name is Matthew Gore and I will be teaching 10th-12th Bible and middle school Latin this year. This is my 5th year at Anderson Christian School but 1st in my current position. For those who don't know me from previous years at ACS, here are some facts about myself.

- I am married to Brandy Gore, who teaches 1st grade at ACS. She is very cool.
- We have 3 awesome dogs: Petey, Bean, and Sundae. I will probably show you pictures of them at some point.
- Christian education is important to my family: my parents have been involved in all stages of Christian education, from administration to grade school and college and seminary classrooms. Every year I attended school I attended Christian schools (because of my dad's military service, we also spent some time homeschooling because moving to new army bases sometimes interrupted the school year).
- I have a B.A. in history from Erskine College; a M.A.T.S. (Master of Arts in Theological Studies) from Erskine Seminary; a Th.M. (Master of Theology) also from Erskine Seminary; and I have completed the course work for a Ph.D. in Historical Theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In all of my postgraduate work, my focus was on the development of Christian doctrine in the history of the Church. I hope to bring insight from my studies into the classroom.

Before I wrap this up, let me say a brief word about my approach to the study of the Bible and theology. It should be **joyful**. We are privileged to be able set aside time in our day to simply study the Word. We should approach such studies with humility but also a sense of wonder: the God of the universe, who holds all space and time in His hands, has given us the key to understand ourselves and our place in His creation. As we study together this year, I hope that we can all grow in our appreciation of this wonderful invitation!

Yours, in Christ,

Matthew Gore