

Orange City Christian School

A Brief History

In 1903 a movement began to organize a society for primary Christian instruction. In due time a school board was chosen, and it was decided that a school building should be acquired. The board bought the vacant Ward School (public), a two-room school located in north Orange City.

Orange City Christian School officially opened its doors on September 5, 1904, dedicated to providing Christian instruction for children, so that they may occupy their places worthily in society, church, and state, and which has as its basis the infallible Word of God as interpreted by the doctrinal standards of the Reformed churches.

However, the beginning of Christian education in Orange city had a very serious dilemma, the building was too small. There was not enough room to accommodate the enrollment of 100 students. This dilemma was temporarily handled with the addition of two more rooms during the first year of existence.

Throughout the years that followed, enrollment continued to increase. In 1955 a new nine-room school building was completed. Enrollment continued to climb and reached its peak in 1964 with 392 students. As a result, many additions and improvements have been made in our present school building. We give God the praise and glory for his blessings and guidance throughout our school history.

Despite the many changes in student numbers, building size, and personnel, we remain steadfast in our commitment to provide Christian instruction for our children. Our purpose remains unchanged: equipping students with knowledge, skills and values to serve God and others.



The original two-room building was too small to accommodate the 100 pupils enrolled in 1904.



During the first year of existence, it was decided to add a second story to the building, making it a four-room school in June of 1905.