

### **Professional Biography**

Mrs. Rebecca Bakker graduated with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, as well as a minor in Biblical studies, from Moody Bible Institute in 2020. She has been teaching at Phoenix Christian School since August 2020.

### **Personal Biography**

Mrs. Bakker grew up in Champaign, Illinois. After graduating from Moody Bible Institute she moved to Phoenix, Arizona. In December of 2022, she married her husband, Will. Mrs. Bakker enjoys reading, hiking, biking, and cooking.

### **Philosophical Biography**

Mrs. Bakker believes that the bedrock of education is and should remain a pursuit of God and His glorification. All knowledge is God's knowledge, given to us as gift. Therefore, to learn is to learn about God's truth. 1 John 5:20 says, "And we know that the Son of God has come and 'has given us understanding, so that we may know <sup>s</sup>him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life."

Christian education is an opportunity where that truth remains the center of learning. Students, and teachers, gain understanding of God's world while at the same time deepen their relationship with Christ. It is cultivated in relationship and real-life experience, as well as, nurtured in love and prayer. Scripture is integrated into the life of the classroom in a way that shows the permeation of Christ in all of life.

Students are seen as fellow image bearers of God. The relationship between the teacher and student is a priority in order to relate and love one another properly. While the teacher is a role model and an authority figure, they are also a brother/sister in Christ who is committed to showing the love of Christ.