

Johnson Ferry Christian Academy (JFCA)

Marietta, GA

CHURCH:

Johnson Ferry
Baptist Church
(JFBC)

YEAR STARTED:

2004

CURRENT SIZE:

470 K-12 Students

HISTORY:

JFBC considered starting a school about 25 years ago but decided the logistics were too complicated. Soon after, homeschool families in the church started sharing teaching duties and used the church building for classes, so the church formalized what was already taking place and opened a middle school with classes twice a week then added high school grades one year at a time. JFCA established an elementary school in 2015.

MODEL:

JFCA has students in person on Tuesdays and Fridays. Teachers give homework and offer virtual aid on satellite days when students work from home. The school has five full-time and eight part-time administrators as well as 50 part-time teachers. Being part-time, most teachers are exiting the professional sphere or looking to jump into teaching for the first time.

KEY FACTOR FOR THE CHURCH:

The church must desire to be active in fulfilling the Great Commission or the school won't appear as valuable to the congregation.

NOTABLE:

The middle school separates classes by gender, which is the reason some families enroll.

