

Andrea Wachter

5th Grade Teacher – Maryville Christian School

Home Church: First Baptist Church Maryville

Family: Married with one son

Professional Background: I am a 2005 graduate of SIUE. There, I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with middle school endorsements in Science and Social Science. I have taught the last 3 years at Madison Accelerated Middle School. While at MAMS, I participated in the Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant (E2T2) which put technology and training in the hands of teachers to enhance instruction.

Classroom Goals: My goal is to take our curriculum and use it to create an engaging and challenging classroom. I hope to take my training in and knowledge of instructional technology and use it to the benefit of each student. I truly feel that kids do their best when their best is expected. And my goal is to make sure that each student reaches their best.

Personal Testimony: I was raised by a wonderful single mom who would do anything for my two sisters and me. I remember rushing to church every Sunday morning. We would always run late, but my mom made sure we were there. I loved going to Sunday services, Wednesday activities and all the pot luck dinners in between. It wasn't until the summer after third grade that I realized why we did all these things. I accepted Jesus that summer at Camp Sharon in Lake of the Ozarks. I remember sitting through services that whole week and feeling a tugging at my heart. I was so scared to step out and walk to the altar. But, I knew I had to. Then, one night I could not ignore that tugging anymore. I took a deep breath and walked to the altar. My counselor met me there and walked me through accepting Jesus. It was the best feeling ever. Anytime I feel overwhelmed or lost, I think of that night and how awesome it felt to trust Him as my Lord and Savior. Since then, I have attended several churches but have settled into First Baptist Maryville with my husband, Jeremy, and our son, Luke. I am so excited to see what God is going to do in our lives.

