

## *History and Founding*

*In the summer of 2006, a group of parents heard about a new alternative in education. One of these individuals attended a seminar hosted by National Association of University Model Schools® in Texas to learn about this concept and explore the possibility of starting this type of school in Jefferson City. The report from this trip convinced them that God would establish this type of school here, and they began praying for others to join them in this vision. As a result, four couples joined together with the purpose of establishing a University Model School®.*

*Lighthouse Preparatory Academy (LPA) is a unique private Christian school that utilizes a university-type schedule and a teacher-parent integrated instructional approach to produce a high level of academic achievement while enabling strong ties between parents and their children. The school is a concrete example of a new educational model called University-Model Schooling (UMS®) in which two proven elements of educational success – (1) the professional classroom instruction of a teacher, and (2) the caring at-home mentoring of a parent are combined into a single, unified, collegesimulated program. Other proven elements of the school's program include character education, low student/teacher ratios, hands-on learning, a strong student work ethic, an effective college-preparatory curriculum, character-building student activities, and servant-minded local operation and management.*

*LPA was officially incorporated on October 27, 2006, and will open for its first day of classes on August 20, 2007. Lighthouse Preparatory Academy, along with her sister University-Model Schools® in other parts of the country, is now demonstrating that it is indeed possible for both parents and teachers to effectively work together for the common goal of providing God's children with a high quality Christian education that is both cost-effective and strengthening to families.*