

**Faith Christian Academy**  
**2017-2018**  
**School Information and Statement of Faith**

**Vision Statement**

FCA is building ambassadors for Christ, to impact their community for the glory of God.

**Mission Statement**

- Faith Christian Academy requires that each parent or legal guardian of the student read and sign our Statement of Faith, thereby agreeing to the teaching of these principles and allowing for the ministry of the school which is based on these biblical foundational truths.
- Faith Christian Academy will provide and maintain an independent, interdenominational, parent-supported, board-directed Christian school where:
  1. Students strengthen their personal relationship with God by yielding their hearts, minds and spirit to His authority. (Deuteronomy 6:5)
  2. Students trust Jesus Christ with the totality of their lives through a life of service and obedience. (Matthew 22:37)
  3. Students excel in academics. (Proverbs 8:10-11)
  4. Families receive support in their God-given responsibility to bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)
  5. The foundational biblical truths outlined in the Statement of Faith are taught on a daily basis.

***Core Values:***

- Truth: God is a God of truth (John 14:6)
- Righteousness and Justice: God is Holy (I Peter 1:14-16)
- Sacrificial Relationships: God is love (Romans 5:8)
- Obedience: God is Lord (Luke 6:46)
- Beauty and Excellence: God is beautiful and does things well. (Psalm 50:2, Mark 7:37)
- People: God created man in His image (Genesis 1:27)
- Faith: without Faith in the Son of God, it is impossible to please God (Galatians 2:20, Hebrews 11:6)

(I have read the Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Core Values):

*Parent / Guardian Initials* \_\_\_\_\_

## **Philosophy of Education & Objectives of FCA**

Faith Christian Academy holds to a Christian philosophy of education and views this as the foundation for all policy, procedures, instruction, and activities.

A Christian philosophy acknowledges that there is a Creator God who has given us His Word and its principles as a guide for faith and life. We teach, unashamedly, that God's Word is absolute Truth. All students are presented with the fact that man is sinful and lost, and are encouraged to accept Christ's free gift of salvation. The skills of Bible study, prayer and the development of Christian character and a Christian mind are taught as foundational for a successful Christian life. Students are encouraged to share their faith, stand for their convictions, and seek to fulfill God's plan for their lives.

Academically, students are challenged to excellence and integrity, learning the skills of analysis, problem solving and critical thinking. Cultivation of an intellectual curiosity that will result in self-motivated, life-long study in areas of personal interest is emphasized. Students are taught to think logically and to develop research skills, while also gaining a command of the fundamental communicative processes of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. We attempt to balance these intellectual pursuits with Christian ethics and character.

Socially, FCA seeks to help each student develop a well-balanced personality based upon a proper acceptance of him/herself as a unique creation of God, made in His image. Acceptance of self is then the foundation for acceptance and respect for authority, responsible freedom, and good citizenship. Students are taught Biblical truth as the basis for a morally and socially responsible, self-disciplined life. A good attitude towards society's institutions such as parents, families, and marriage, are taught and modeled. Students learn that they are contributing members of their society and should treat everyone with love and respect and seek to be of service to others.

### **Basis of Christian Education**

Every aspect of life is subject to the will of God. Therefore, all knowledge, every value, and each choice is under His authority. We are instructed to continually seek the Lord (Amos 5:4, 6, 8, 14; James 4:8, Jeremiah 29:13) in an effort to become one with Him (John 17:22-23). This unity is Christ's heartfelt desire in order that the world may know that God sent Him – because He loves us.

Christianity is wholly relational: How we relate to and impact our culture; the manner in which God relates to us and we relate to him (covenant); and the dynamics of our varied relationships with one another. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Christians can carry on the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. With this goal in mind, Christian educators provide a framework to prepare young people to live according to His will, contributing to the Biblical pursuit of truth.

(I have read the Philosophy of Education, Objectives and Basis of Christian Education):

*Guardian's Initials* \_\_\_\_\_

## **Statement of Faith**

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired (II Timothy 3:16) and only infallible, authoritative Word of God. God's Word is truth (John 17:17). All learning must have an integrative relationship with God's Word (John 15:4).
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (John 15:23-26). The Father, Son and Holy Spirit reveal God. Learning must avail itself to this revelation. God's revelation must take precedence over man's reason.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:9), in His virgin birth (Matthew 1:18-23, Luke 1:26-35), in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood (I Peter 2:24-25), in His bodily resurrection (Acts 1:9-11), in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory (I Thessalonians 4:16-18). Jesus Christ is the reconciliatory between a Holy God and a sinful man. A relationship with Christ is imperative to a complete education (Col 2:2-3; Philippians 2:5-11).
- We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential (Romans 6:3-4; Titus 3:5; I Corinthians 12:13).
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. The indwelt Holy Spirit teaches and guides a believer into learned truth. It is He who teaches what is good and what is evil so that it is possible for a Christian to live a holy life (John 16:7-11).
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost (Revelation 4-6; Revelation 20:11-15); they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. Education must teach how to live life on earth, as well as teach and prepare students for resurrected life.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:20-23). Christians of various backgrounds and doctrinal persuasions must be taught to live in unity so that the world will observe the body of Christ in its fullness.

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**We have read and understand that these are the expectations from us following the acceptance of our child at Faith Christian Academy.**

1. We understand our cooperation is expected in:
  - faithful prayer,
  - timely tuition payments according to our tuition contract,
  - volunteer time,
  - support of school policies.
2. We understand that the school reserves the right to dismiss any student who does not
  - respect and observe spiritual and/or behavioral standards and
  - cooperate in our educational goals.
3. We understand that any false or unreported information is grounds for immediate dismissal and we certify that all of the information in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, complete and

accurate and we are not withholding any information available to us that would be pertinent to the enrollment of this child at Faith Christian Academy.

4. We have read the FCA Statement of Faith and agree to the teaching of these principles, allowing for the ministry of the school which is based on these biblical foundational truths.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Father / Stepfather / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mother / Stepmother / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_