

## MISSION, VISION AND STATEMENT OF FAITH

### Mission

Grace Christian Academy exists to LEAD students to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, to BUILD them up to their full potential in Him, and to EQUIP them to serve Him.

### Vision

Grace Christian Academy seeks to become an intentional and effective partner with families in educating a diverse student population of 1200 strong who reach East Tennessee, America and the world for Jesus Christ.

### Statement of Faith

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God. (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21)
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30)
- We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, Hebrews 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of God (Mark 16:19), His personal return in power and glory. (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11)
- We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and that we are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved. (John 3:16-19, John 5:24, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8-9, Ephesians 2: 8-10, Titus 3:5)
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the saved to the resurrection of life, and the lost to the resurrection of condemnation. (John 5:28-29)
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 12: 12-13, Galatians 3:26-28)
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (Romans 8:13-14, I Corinthians 3:16, I Corinthians 6: 19-20, Ephesians 4:30, Ephesians 5:18)

## PARENTS' DECLARATION OF AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING

- We have read and understand the school's mission, vision, and statement of faith, and we are in agreement with the purpose of Grace Christian Academy.
- We, as parents, accept the challenge to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6), and we do state that this training will be carried out in the home. We place our trust in Grace Christian Academy to extend that training more completely.
- We do hereby state that we have made a thorough investigation of the school's program, curriculum, discipline, dress code, etc.; and we agree to make them our full-hearted choice for the coming school year.
- We understand that we have an obligation to be actively involved in the education of our children. We agree to uphold and support the high academic standards of this school by providing a place at home for our child to study and to give our child encouragement in the completion of homework assignments.
- We will faithfully support the school through our prayers and a positive attitude and in keeping with Matthew 18: we are committed to giving a good report by sharing any complaints and negative comments only with the people involved. Unresolved issues will be taken care of by using the school's chain of command. We will be respectful of school staff and students and display Christ-like behavior in speech that is edifying.
- We understand that the standards of Grace Christian Academy do not tolerate profanity, obscenity in work or action, dishonor to the Trinity and the Word of God, disrespect to the personnel of the school, or continued disobedience to the established policies for the school. We will be respectful of school staff and students and display Christ-like behavior in speech that is edifying. Any school-related concerns need to be voiced only to those concerned.
- We believe that discipline is necessary for the benefit of each student as well as for the entire school. We give permission to the teachers and administration to make and enforce regulations in a manner consistent with the Christian principles and discipline set forth in the Scriptures. We further agree that we will cooperate and discipline our child in the home as needed. We pledge that if, for any reason, our child does not respond favorably to the school, we will do everything in our power to cooperate with the school to help our child make the necessary adjustments. If these adjustments cannot be made, then we agree to quietly withdraw our child.
- We will support the school by involvement in parent-teacher conferences, open house, (Parent-Teacher Fellowship), workdays, and other school-sponsored meetings and activities.
- We give permission for our child to take part in all school activities, including sports and school-sponsored trips away from school grounds. We understand that the school does not provide student medical/accident insurance and that it is our responsibility to provide our own. We also understand that vans, and/or buses will be used for transportation and hereby give permission for our child to accompany the class on these trips.
- We have read and understand the financial information and pledge to fulfill our responsibilities accordingly. We understand that tuition rates do not cover all the costs of operating the school and thus our participation is needed through various ways such as volunteer involvement, monetary gifts, and regular prayer for the benefit of our children.
- We understand that at any time the school determines, in its sole discretion, that our actions do not support the ministry, or reflect a lack of cooperation and commitment to the home and school working together, the school has the right to request the withdrawal of our child(ren).
- We will dress modestly and appropriately at all on-campus and school-related events and field trips.
- We, as parents of the student, do sincerely give our pledge to the above items. We understand that failure of the parents or child to comply with the established regulations and discipline, parental commitment, or failure to meet financial obligations will result in forfeiture of the student's privilege of attending Grace Christian Academy.

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Who should be contacted in case of an emergency? \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**If we cannot contact you, please list three people who may be contacted.**

*In the event of an emergency and I am unable to be reached, my child may be transported by any of the following people.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship to student Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship to student Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship to student Phone Number

*I, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, (student's name) hereby release Grace Christian Academy and their employees and volunteers, and waive all responsibility on their part for any liability with respect to participation in school activities for my child named above. In the event of an emergency medical or surgical situation in which I am unable to be reached in a timely manner, permission is hereby granted to Grace Christian Academy to proceed with any medical or surgical treatment for the above named student. In case of minor injury or accident, I authorize the designated school nurse to administer first aid treatment.*

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTENDED FAMILY INFORMATION**

*Please provide the following information for grandparents to receive school communications.*

**GRANDPARENTS (paternal)**

Title/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**GRANDPARENTS (maternal)**

Title/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*If you wish step-parents to receive school communications, please complete the following information.*

**STEP-FATHER**

Title/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP-MOTHER**

Title/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_