

Family Handbook

The Faith Christian Academy board of directors reserves the right to initiate policy changes throughout the school year as it deems necessary.

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WELCOME

Welcome to Faith Christian Academy!

We thank you for this opportunity to partner with you as an extension of your home and church in the education of your children. The purpose of our school is to educate and train the whole student - physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. We share your commitment to provide your children with the best possible Christian education- an education that offers academic excellence, along with daily Biblical training that is Christ-centered and God honoring.

The very foundation of Faith Christian Academy is the truth of God and His word as revealed to us through our study of Him. Through this foundation we see the need to teach responsibility and a positive attitude towards authority, knowing that this will reinforce a positive response to God's authority in our lives. This handbook is one of the tools that we use at Faith Christian Academy to give our students guidelines in behavior and expectations for their school year.

We again thank you for this opportunity as we embark on this journey together.

In His Service,

Faith Christian Academy

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Faith Christian Academy admits students of any race, gender, color or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Families new to Faith Christian Academy will be interviewed by the Administrator, Principal, or both, to determine the student's eligibility to enroll at FCA. Former students wishing to reenroll in FCA may need to have another interview based on the discretion of the Administrator or Principal. At least one of the parents from each household must proclaim Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. All parents must accept the Faith Christian Academy mission and statement of faith. On occasion, the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home or the professed beliefs or behaviors of a student or parent may be counter to the biblical lifestyle the school espouses. While enrolled at Faith Christian Academy, all students and parents are expected to exhibit the qualities of a Christ-like life as taught in the bible and are to refrain from certain activities or behaviors. This includes, but is not limited to, sexual immorality or refusal to support the moral principles of the school. In such cases, the school reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission to an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student. Students that are deemed academically qualified, desiring spiritual growth, in agreement with FCA's policies and goals, prepared to handle the program demands, and pass the interview are eligible for admission.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that the Bible is God's written Word, and is therefore the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks. The sole basis of Faith Christian Academy's beliefs is the Bible. It is upon this that the policies and procedures of this Handbook are based.

It is the firm belief of the Board of Directors that this school has been raised up by Christ to be a Christian non-denominational school operating in agreement with the following statement:

THE WORD OF GOD. The Bible is the Word of God, inerrant, infallible, and the sole authority for faith and practice.

THE TRINITY. We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. That these are equal in every Divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption.

GOD THE FATHER. We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, justice, righteousness, truth, and love. He mercifully concerns Himself in the affairs of men. He hears and answers prayer. He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ by faith.

JESUS CHRIST. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, perfect God and perfect man, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary death of atonement at Calvary, His bodily resurrection, His ascension into heaven, His perpetual intercession for His people, and His visible return to earth.

HOLY SPIRIT. We believe in the Holy Spirit who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and comes to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who place their faith in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide.

REGENERATION. We believe that all men are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are made alive spiritually, and by the empowering of the Holy Spirit are enabled to live godly lives.

THE CHURCH. We believe in the universal church which is a living spiritual body where Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of

believers in Jesus Christ and assembled for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of glorifying God, and giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

JUDGMENT. We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the final judgment, the eternal joy of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

MISSION AND GOALS

The mission of Faith Christian Academy is to provide a comprehensive education that equips students to:

- Discover truth through the lens of Scripture
- Develop their potential for further educational pursuits
- Become conformed to the image of Christ

The following goals stem from our mission:

- To teach that the Lord Jesus Christ is pre-eminent in all of life.
- To partner with parents in training their children to be effective Christians in the world, but not of the world, by developing within each student a discerning Christian mind.
- To teach problem analysis and decision-making from a Christian worldview.
- To encourage the development of students' God-given talents and gifts, thereby promoting a healthy self-image in each student.
- To provide a positive, challenging, Christ-centered environment for learning.
- To utilize appropriate curriculum and teaching material that is frequently screened and monitored. We will follow guidelines adopted by the board and as recommended by the ACSI.

PAYMENT POLICY

Faith Christian Academy seeks complete accountability in every area of finance. Consistent checks and balances are critical to achieve this goal. It is therefore important for families, staff and others to qualify each and every payment made to FCA. In an effort to serve you better we ask that the following protocol be followed:

Monthly tuition payments must arrive at the school office on or before the due date.

Checks:

- Please make all checks payable to Faith Christian Academy *or* FCA.
- Please mark the "designation" on the memo line of your check.

Cash:

- All currency/coins must be sealed in an envelope and marked as follows:
 - Name: _____
 - Date: _____
 - Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
 - Payment Designation: _____
- **Please do NOT submit any loose cash/coins outside a sealed and marked envelope!** (Preferably no coins.) Thank you.

By following this straightforward payment policy, families can be assured of accurate accountability while protecting FCA from possible misrepresentation of incoming funds.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Faith Christian Academy uses FACTS, an outside independent source, to analyze financial data and determine the needs of those who apply for tuition assistance. The amounts available will fluctuate from year to year. The amounts are based on the gifts given to the school. Anyone wishing to apply for this assistance may do so by securing an application from the school office or applying online.

LATE PAYMENT FEE AND REFUND POLICY

Monthly payments must arrive at the school office on or before the tenth day of each month. Unless arrangements are made with administration, tuition payments that are 5 days delinquent will be charged a late fee of 1.5% with a \$10.00 minimum each month. If an account is more than 30 days past due with no arrangements made, the students represented by that account will not be able to attend classes.

Fees for registration are non-refundable. Fees for books, materials, and activities may be refunded if requested in writing prior to the first day of classes. Otherwise no refund will be given unless there are special circumstances that have been reviewed and approved by administration.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Healthy lunches are made available for purchase for those who do not wish to pack or provide their own. Lunches and/or drinks will be distributed in exchange for FCA Lunch tickets. Ticket books must be purchased in advance using a *FCA Lunch Ticket Order Form*. Order forms and menus are available at our elementary or high school campus office, or on-line at www.faithca.org. *Please note that lunches or drinks cannot be purchased individually without the use of the FCA Lunch Ticket Program unless other arrangements have been made with the school office.*

SCHOOL CALENDAR

See the official school calendar on the school website for start date, days of vacation and general information.

SCHOOL HOURS

School Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:40 p.m. (Please see the school website for summer hours.)

FCA Website: www.faithca.org

RENWeb: www.renweb.com

School Office Mailing Address

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Wausau, WI 54401

Phone: (715) 842-0797

Fax: (715) 842-0797

Email: jkorns@faithca.org



SCHOOL CANCELLATION

Announcements of school closing due to weather or other reasons will be made as quickly as possible to parents and staff. Announcements may be over local radio stations, the school web-page, and/or local television stations. Please monitor the school take-home folder or mailings for the most current mode of making announcements. Please refrain from calling the administration or faculty for this information. If abrupt changes in the weather occur during the school day, parents should listen for special announcements on the radio, by electronic messaging, or by phone.

PARENT CONFERENCES/VISITATION

Parents who desire to confer with their child's teacher should feel free to contact the teacher to set up an appointment. If a parent wishes to visit a class, he/she is requested to contact the school office ahead of time. Please do not go directly to the classroom without making arrangements with the office.

VISITORS

Visitors are encouraged on a controlled basis throughout the school year. Students wishing to bring other students to school with them must first receive permission in advance from the administrator. Visitors must be dressed consistently with the school dress code and be willing to abide by the rules and regulations of the school. No visitors are permitted during achievement testing week, Spirit Week, days immediately preceding vacation periods, exam weeks or at the end of the school year. Students may visit Faith Christian Academy students if they are out-of-town guests or if their parents are considering sending them to Faith Christian Academy. In such a case, a note from the visiting student's parent must be brought to the Administrator. All visitors must sign in at the office upon arriving to school.

ALL-SCHOOL PARENT MEETINGS

Several times in the course of the school year all-school parent meetings ('Parent-Teacher-Fellowship') will be held to share important information, updates and have time of fellowship; i.e. "Back to School Night" at the beginning of the school year. Parents are encouraged to attend all of these important meetings.

MEDICATIONS

Over the counter (OTC) medications (any supplement or medication that does not require a prescription: Tylenol, antacids, etc.) will only be dispensed following these guidelines.

- Parent/guardian consent form must be completed requesting a specific medication to be dispensed for that student for a time span of not greater than seven days. After the seven days, if your child still needs the OTC medication, your health care provider will have to complete a Physician's Medication order form, as well as your signed consent form, in order for the medication to continue to be dispensed at the school.
- Any OTC medication sent to school will only be accepted in the original container, labeled with your child's full name, exact dose, route, frequency and time you want the medicine to be given. At the end of the seven-day time frame, the medication container will be returned to you.

Prescription medications (those requiring a health care provider order) requiring administration during school hours require a completed parent/guardian medication consent form as well as a Physician Medication order form.

- A new set of forms will be necessary for each new medication during the school year. If your child has an ongoing medical concern requiring an as needed (PRN) prescription or a prescription on a scheduled basis (daily at a set time), a completed set of forms (your consent form and the Physician consent form) is required. If a change in dosing or medication occurs, a new set of forms must be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.
- Medications sent to school will only be accepted in their original containers from a pharmacy with appropriate patient labeling. If there are any questions in regard to the medication, either you or the health care provider will be contacted for clarification.
- No medication will be dispensed without the completed forms received.

ELEMENTARY PICK-UP PROCEDURE

Care and safety should be foremost while picking your child up after school. Children are to remain in the building under the supervision of staff until the parent arrives or the child is released to their mode of transportation to leave the school. Once the parent receives the child the parent assumes all responsibility. Students that are not picked up in the approved manner will be taken to the office or a designated room where they can be picked up by the parent. Students picked up after 2:55 PM will have their account charged at the rate of \$ 10.00 per child for every fifteen minutes or segment thereof. If the parent needs to see a teacher, they should park and come into the school after the busses have left.



STUDENT VEHICLES

Students driving to and from school assume an extra responsibility for the safety of other students and for maintaining the respect of others. To encourage this safety and respect, our student drivers must follow these regulations:

- All student drivers must register their vehicle with the school office.
- Do not exceed 10 mph in the parking lot.
- Park only in designated areas.
- Follow the traffic flow – do not “drive around” in the parking lot.
- Horseplay or reckless driving will not be permitted at any time.
- Do not allow other students to drive your vehicle on the Faith Christian Academy campus.
- Permission from administration must be obtained to go to your vehicle during the school day.



ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

It is recognized that the school does not have the authority to ask parents when and for what reason they may take their children out of school. At the same time, parents must recognize that whenever a child is absent, an extra burden is placed on the teacher and the student to help him/her to catch up on their work upon return. We will, therefore, ask parental cooperation in the following procedures:

Parents are asked to telephone the school office by 8:15 a.m. on the day a student is absent. Please request your student's homework at this time and it will be ready by the end of the school day. Parents are then requested to send a written excuse to the school office on the day the student returns to school. The school office staff will also attempt to make contact with each family the day that a student is absent if the school does not receive a phone call from the parents.

Arriving Late to School

Students arriving late to school must check in at the school office to get a pass before going to their classes.

Early Dismissal/Leaving Campus

When it is necessary for a student to leave school early during a school day, the student must sign out in the office in the presence of an authorized staff person. Students and parents are reminded to turn early dismissal notes to the office by 8:15 a.m. so those names can be put on our daily attendance list of early dismissals.

Leaving the Building or School Property

Students will not be permitted to leave the school property during the school day unless parental permission has been given to the school office for specific appointments. Students are not permitted to leave the school campus for lunch. Students must sign out and back in when returning the same day at the office before the end of the school day.

Excused Absences

Students who miss one or more classes because of personal illness, death in the immediate family, or family emergencies will receive an "excused" absence and will have full 'make-up' privileges. These absences will be for reasons over which the student and his parents have no control.

Pre-Excused Absences

If a student is going to be absent from school for a family or church activity, he must bring a note from home before the absence takes place. All such absences will be treated as excused absences. All work must be completed and turned in at the teacher's discretion.

Unexcused Absences

All absences from school not covered in Excused or Pre-Excused absences above will be considered unexcused absences. All homework, tests, and quizzes must be made up.

Accumulated Absences

Absences from class must not exceed 10 days per semester without a written doctor's excuse. A student accumulating more than 10 days of unexcused absences is truant whether these are consecutive or not. State law requires that a school must report excessive truancy to Human Service, which may involve state sanctions on both the student and parent.

Medical and Dental Appointments

These should be arranged so that they will not interfere with classes. If this is impossible, excuses will be honored as a 'pre-excused' absence only if the student turns in a note before the absence takes place.

Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Students participating in extracurricular activities such as band and choir concerts, sports events, and banquets will be expected to be in attendance at school for at least a half day on the day of the activity or the half day before if that activity occurs on a Saturday. Absences due to doctor appointments are excluded. Students may only participate in one sport at a time.

Make Up Work

Upon returning from an absence, it will be the responsibility of the student to see each of his teachers to find out what work needs to be made up. When absent due to illness, a student will have the length of the absence to make up the missed work unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher. Failure to complete the work in the allowed make up time will result in a zero (0%) being recorded for that work. All tests and quizzes on material covered during the absence will be due according to the discretion of the teacher.

Tardiness

The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. Students arriving late must sign in at the school office. A parent should accompany K4-6th grade students. Students in grades 7-12 must either have a note or be accompanied by a parent. Three unexcused tardies per quarter will result in a detention.

- *Excused* tardies include situations beyond control such as family emergencies, road or car trouble and weather conditions.
- After ten unexcused tardies per semester, a report is filed with Human Services.
- Students arriving at school after 9:30 a.m. or leaving before 1:00 p.m. are counted absent ½ day.

Attendance in Assigned Classes

No student has the right on his own to change from a class to which he has been assigned. Any permanent change must be approved by the administration.

Re-Enrollment

Re-enrollment/pre-registration for students who attend Faith Christian Academy occurs in early March after the board has approved tuition and fee schedules. Open registration for non- Faith Christian Academy students begins in April.

Withdrawals

If it is necessary for parents to withdraw their children, they should immediately contact the administrator and complete the proper forms.

ACADEMICS

Curriculum

At Faith Christian Academy, it is our mission to equip students to discover truth through the lens of Scripture. Learning is directly related to who we are as believers in Christ. Therefore, each class offered at FCA will be taught from a fully Biblical perspective, and our teachers will consistently use approaches that also display that Biblical perspective. Teachers will purposefully and appropriately expose their students to different worldviews, some that may not be Christian in content or authorship. Although this is done intentionally, it will be done with the greatest of care to help students develop their potential for further educational pursuits as well as to help them become conformed to the image of Christ by living out their faith and being discerning in all areas of their lives.

Registration and Scheduling

All full time FCA students must be enrolled in a minimum of seven courses for each semester during the school year. This will allow each student several study halls per week, as well as maintain the appropriate balance

needed for a quality education. Parents are encouraged to review their child’s progress in meeting the requirements that FCA has set for graduation. Any questions or guidance can be obtained from the administration and/or teachers. Priority in class choices will be given to seniors first, followed by juniors etc.

Course Prerequisites

Please check each individual course for any specific prerequisites. There are also several courses that can only be taken after permission is granted from the administration.

Adding or Dropping a Course

Please take great care in choosing your courses. It is not recommended that a student change their schedule unless an unforeseen event takes place. If you are in such a circumstance, please talk to the administration, at which point you will be asked to fill out a Drop/Add form. This form will need to be signed by the parent(s) and the teacher(s) involved.

Minimum Graduation Requirements:

Please see chart on following page which denotes specific graduation requirements for all FCA seniors.

FCA has a four-year high school program, consisting of freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years. In order to graduate from FCA, students must complete an entire senior year of core courses* at FCA, and accumulate 26 credits during his high school years as follows:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Units of Credit Required</u>
*Bible	4
*English	4
*Social Science	4
*Math	3
*Science	4
Health	0.5
Physical Education	1.5
Fine Arts	1
Electives (i.e. Foreign Language)	3.5
Computer	.5



Elective credits should be acquired in the following: one foreign language (2 credits); computer keyboarding (1 credit); computer science (1 credit).



Honors Classes

Honors courses may be offered in FCA’s English, Science, Math and History departments. These optional courses can only be attended after receiving permission from the administration and the appropriate department head. Each honors course will run simultaneously with the regular class, however, the honors requirements will be more rigorous. Additional requirements (books to read, papers to write, or projects to complete) will be added to the classwork and the grading scale will be will be tougher (as shown below). *In order to graduate with honors, a student must take a majority of the honors classes that are offered each year that the student is enrolled.*

Date _____	Faith Christian Academy's Graduation Requirements List		Name _____
Bible	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman Bible	Math	<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra I
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore Bible		<input type="checkbox"/> Geometry
	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Bible		<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra II
	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Bible		<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Math or
English	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman English-(Speech/Literature)	History/Social Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Calculus (<i>after Alg, Geo, and Alg II</i>) or
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore English-(Literature)		<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Math (<i>in place of Algebra II and Advanced Math</i>)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior English-(American Literature)		<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman-World History
	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior English-(British Literature)		<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore-Geography
Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman-Physical Science	History/Social Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior-US History
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore-Biology		<input type="checkbox"/> Senior-Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior-Chemistry		<input type="checkbox"/> Church History (<i>additional credit elective</i>)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine Biology (<i>additional credit elective</i>)	Foreign Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Year 1
	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior-Physics and/or		<input type="checkbox"/> Year 2
	<input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology		<input type="checkbox"/> Year 3
	<i>(if both Physics and Anat. & Phys. are taken, one can be counted as an elective)</i>		
Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 semesters (<i>one may be a sport</i>)	Electives	_____
Health	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 semester (<i>may be taken in 8th grade</i>)	Total credits required	26
Computer	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 semester (<i>may be taken in Junior High</i>)	Credits already earned	_____
Fine Arts (<i>Art, Music, Drama</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years (<i>4 semesters</i>)	Currently enrolled in	_____
		Total credits remaining	_____

Grading System and Report Cards

Parents will be given updates on your child's grades through RenWeb. Each time a teacher adds a grade to RenWeb, you will be notified of that grade by an email. Parents also have access to each of your child's class grades through RenWeb's Parent Page. Progress reports will be sent home after the first four weeks of each quarter to every student. Report cards will be sent home via RenWeb at the completion of each quarter. The semester grades are cumulative, including both quarter grades as well as the final exam. A hard copy of your child's report card will be mailed home at the conclusion of the school year. The following scale and notations are used*:

Regular classes will be graded as follows:			Honors classes will be graded as follows:		
A+ 100-97	A 96-93	A- 92-90	A+ 100	A 99-94	A- 93
B+ 89-87	B 86-83	B- 82-80	B+ 92	B 91-86	B- 85
C+ 79-77	C 76-73	C- 72-70	C+ 84	C 83-76	C- 75
D+ 69-67	D 66-63	D- 62-60	D+ 74	D 73-71	D- 70
F below 60			F below 60		

*Kindergarten has its own report card with a unique grading system.

Transfer Students

A student transferring to Faith Christian Academy must earn a minimum of six credits at FCA in order to graduate from FCA. All other graduation requirements must be fulfilled except the following:

- Bible requirements are waived for any years the student was not enrolled in a Christian school. However, he will be expected to fulfill Bible for each year enrolled at FCA.
- A 0.5 credit keyboarding class can be accepted as fulfilling the keyboarding requirement.

Transfer Credit

All grades will be transferred to the FCA grading scale by the most reasonable method. Transfer students will have their prior course work evaluated for FCA credit at the time of enrollment. Scholastic work accomplished through home-schooling or other schools will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis upon receipt of an official transcript. After enrolling as a full-time student, coursework must be completed at FCA in order to earn an FCA diploma.

Transcripts

Requests for transcripts must be made in writing to the FCA office, and must include the mailing address of the recipient. Normally, when colleges or other programs require official transcripts they expect them to be mailed directly from FCA. The office needs two weeks to process transcripts.

Late Work

All assignments are to be turned in on time. For late assignments, a 10% penalty will be assessed the first day. If the assignment is two days late, another 10% is deducted. This pattern is followed for five (5) days. After five (5) days the grade becomes a zero (0) and detention is given. If a student is absent, he is responsible for the material he missed during his absence. No penalties are given for excused absences. All tests and quizzes on material covered during the absence will be due according to the discretion of the teacher.

Bible Class

Bible is a required class at FCA and those who fail might not be permitted to enroll the following semester or year. Bible class is *not* a religion class in which a denomination's particular doctrinal positions are studied. Students are encouraged to apply the truth of God's Word to their lives and to love the revelation of God in the Holy Bible. Issues of doctrine that divide sincere, Bible-believing Christians are avoided in the sense that the

school does not take dogmatic positions on them. Refer to the *Statement of Faith* for our core beliefs. The school uses the New International Version for all Scripture memorization in grades K-12.

Physical Education Program

All students in grades K-12 are enrolled in Physical Education and must be appropriately dressed for class. Students are graded on the basis of effort, participation, and progress. Conditioning and skills are emphasized. No more than 5 consecutive days of physical education may be excused without a doctor's note.

Supplies

Students will receive a supply list indicating what is needed for the school year. Students are expected to have the needed supplies on the first day of school. Additional supplies may be required based on the needs of individual class work.

Schedule Changes

Students in the junior and senior high may make schedule changes during the first ten class days of the semester without affecting their transcript. In most cases, students will not be permitted to add a class after the ten-day schedule change period. Withdrawing from a course after the ten days will be recorded on the student's transcript as either WF (withdrawn failing) or WP (withdrawn passing), but will not affect the student's grade point average. Students will not be permitted to withdraw from a first-semester course after the last day of the first quarter or from a second-semester course after the last day of the third quarter. Full time students must be enrolled in at least 7 credits hours during each semester of their enrollment in the senior high program unless special circumstances exist that have been reviewed and approved by administration.

Quality of Work

Teachers expect high standards of work from the students. Students are expected to: be prepared for class with all materials, have homework done on time, work to achieve their full potential, follow guidelines and standards of quality work, and respond with respect when guidance and correction are given by FCA staff. Honesty and integrity are to be demonstrated by the students at all times.

Final Exams

Students in grades 7-12 have final exams that cover their course work for the semester. Exams are given to all students in all academic courses. The only exception to this will be for seniors during the second semester who have maintained a "B" or better average in that class. Academic courses include Bible, English, mathematics, science, history and geography, and foreign languages. Courses classified as "non-academic" may also schedule cumulative final exams.

Promotion

Students must demonstrate satisfactory academic and behavioral progress and proper credit progression to be promoted to the next grade level.

Honor Roll

In the junior or senior high, a student who earns a grade point average of no less than an 3.5 (an "A-") with a single grade less than a "B" will be placed on the Gold Honor Roll. A student who earns a grade point average of no less than a 3.0 (a "B") with no single grade less than a "C" will be placed on the Silver Honor Roll.

In the elementary school, a student who earns no less than an "A-" in all subjects will be placed on the Gold Honor Roll. A student who earns no less than a "B-" in all subjects will be placed on the Silver Honor Roll.

Additional Awards

At the conclusion of the school year, FCA students receive character awards and academic awards based on their achievement throughout the year.

SEX EDUCATION

Parents that do not wish to have their son or daughter participate in this segment of the freshman and/or sophomore Health curriculum must inform the school in writing. Parents will be provided with the opportunity to meet with the instructors, review the curriculum, and ask questions regarding the program prior to beginning this segment of class. Students opting out of this part of the Health class will be given alternative assignments for the duration of this unit.

ATHLETICS

FCA currently offers these varsity award sports in the senior high school. Others may be added in the future.

Girls

Volleyball

Basketball

Boys

Flag Football

Basketball

Coed

Soccer

The development of character before winning and personal achievement is emphasized. Each season's athletic awards night is a school highlight. There are several sports offered at the elementary level as well.

Athletic Eligibility

- 1) Student will have a current physical on file at the school prior to practice.
- 2) When a student athlete receives two D's or one F grade (cumulative for that grading period or carried into the first week of a new grading period), he shall be on probation. While on probation, students may not play in games, but may participate in practices.
- 3) Students may not miss detention because of athletic practices or games.
- 4) A student who misses more than a half-day of classes shall not be eligible to participate in a game that day unless it is due to an excused absence. Saturday games require a minimum of one (1) half-day attendance on the Friday.
- 5) Students who have not turned in school uniforms from a prior sport shall not be eligible to participate in any games in the new sport until such uniforms are turned in, replaced or paid for.
- 6) Students who are guilty of substance use (such as drugs, alcohol and tobacco) shall not be allowed to attend practices or participate in games until the school board has met concerning such matter.

Athletic Sign-up and Sport Fees

All *Athletic Forms* and *Sport Fees* are due prior to the first game. **These items need to be turned in to the appropriate coach** before the student will be allowed to participate. The coach will later forward all forms and fees to the school office after their records have been updated. Please do not send athletic forms or fees to the school office! Refer to the *Tuition and Fee Information* sheet for specific fee amounts.

DRESS CODE

In Scripture we are instructed to glorify God in all that we do. Standards of dress can be included in this. It is the desire of Faith Christian Academy for faculty, staff and administration to be sensitive to the changing trends of dress or hairstyles and to not make an issue of these things as long as they are in accord with the following code, and if they do not detract from the educational process of the individual student. Therefore, some styles of dress, while not necessarily wrong, are not appropriate for our school. It is also the desire of Faith Christian Academy to help the students become sensitive to how they appear and to develop a personal code of dress that reflects a Biblical standard. The school disallows fads or styles of dress that are not God-honoring, that may detract from the educational process, or may affect the health or safety of students. This includes times when students will be

representing the school during sporting or social events, as either participants or spectators. The following is the Scriptural basis for the dress code for Faith Christian Academy.

- There must be boundaries set for a standard, otherwise “every man does what is right in his own eyes”. Judges 17:6¹
- As God made “male and female” with a distinction between them, there is to be a clear distinction in the school. Matthew 19:4², Deuteronomy 22:5³.
- Our standards are different from the worlds and we are not to worship idols or wear clothes with pictures or messages that are anti-Christian. The world is not to dictate our values or standards. Romans 12:2⁴.

Clothing: Students are not to wear clothing with distasteful or anti-Christian written messages or pictures. Clothes are to be clean and in good repair. Clothing should always completely cover the torso from above chest cleavage to the knee. Under garments must not be visible. Clothing items such as backless tops, halter tops, strapless tops, tank tops and tube tops are not allowed. Shorts should be modest and knee-length for both boys and girls. Skirts and dresses for girls should be at least knee-length. Shoes must be worn at all times. Tennis shoes worn in the gym must have non-marking soles. Hats or other head coverings are prohibited inside the building during school hours.

Jewelry: Boys will not wear jewelry except a ring on the hand and/or a neck chain. Girl’s jewelry should not be distracting. Tattoos are discouraged but if present prior to enrollment at FCA they should be covered at all times.

Hair: Hair for both boys and girls will be clean and out of the eyes at all times. Hair length will not be an issue as long as it follows this standard. Hair styles and coloring should not detract from the educational process. Boys’ facial hair should be neat and trimmed.

The school reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to prohibit any hair coloring or styling, dress, or other personal appearance choices in either boys or girls that it deems detracting from the educational process and/or in direct opposition with biblical principles. This code is not intended to limit the right of school administration to establish rules or restrictions regarding manner of dress that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the learning environment. If there is a disagreement between students and/or parents and the staff regarding the appropriateness of clothing or other paraphernalia, the administrator will use his discretion to make the final decision. Students who violate the rules may be sent home by the administrator. Repeated violations of school rules may constitute grounds of suspension or other appropriate action to correct the situation. The FCA Board of Directors also reserves the right to initiate policy changes throughout the school year, as it deems necessary.

HOMEWORK

Students at Faith Christian Academy will routinely have homework. The amount of homework varies from grade to grade. Homework can become a tiresome and unwelcome task for parent and student if a parent does not understand its value and does not create some guidelines for dealing with homework time at home. The following outline was created as a way to highlight some of the things your child’s teacher believes can and should be understood as you work with the school to promote and support homework as an important part of the educational experience. Our experience tells us that good communication between the teacher and the parent is a key to managing homework time. Please speak to your child’s teacher immediately if you have concerns in this area.

Factors that Affect the Amount of Homework

The following factors will affect how much homework each individual student will have:

- How well the student uses his/her time in class

- How quickly the student works
- How well the student manages longer term assignments
- How well study time is structured

Homework Expectations

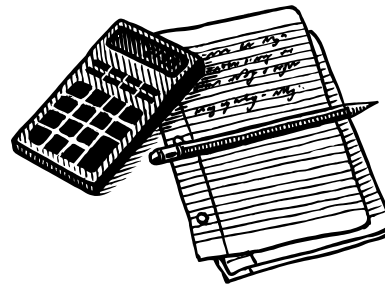
Early in the year you should meet with your child's teacher to determine:

- What kind of homework to expect
- How much homework to expect

The Purpose of Homework

Homework helps students:

- Review skills and practice lessons, examples include:
 - Memory work
 - Spelling words
 - Math problems
- Prepare for class, examples include:
 - Reading assignments
 - Research topics
 - Study for quizzes and tests
- Develop good study habits, examples include:
 - Scheduling time daily for homework
 - Learning how to stay organized
 - Being responsible for work assigned
 - Learning how to manage long term assignments
 - Following directions
 - Learning to work independently
 - Reading for pleasure
- Learn new concepts, examples include:
 - Discovery activities sometimes designed to be done with parents by giving them opportunities to demonstrate what they are learning
 - Projects and reports



Homework helps teachers:

- Assess a student's understanding
- Assess a student's ability to work independently
- Provide adequate practice of a skill

How You Can Help

- Set up a study area where your child can do homework each day
 - Quiet
 - Comfortable
 - Well lit
 - Supplies available
- Schedule a daily homework time and see that your child sticks to it
 - With your the teachers help, determine an appropriate amount of time for homework
 - Avoid allowing scheduled activities to alter the amount of homework time
 - Be available for questions
 - Eliminate distractions – TV, stereo, radio, telephone
- Motivate your child by:

- Showing interest in papers brought home
- Giving words of encouragement
- Praising and rewarding good work

Things to Avoid

- Instead of doing your child's homework, help them by:
 - Pointing out resources
 - Helping your child think by making comparisons or talking about related ideas
 - Checking your child's work when they are done
 - Going through directions together
 - Working on the first problem with your child, then letting him finish on his own
 - Informing the teacher if you find your child does not understand a particular concept

Communicate with the Teacher

- Let the teacher know when:
 - Your child doesn't seem to understand a concept
 - Homework seems to take longer than you expected
 - A family emergency has interfered with your homework routine
 - An absence is planned so they can give you work which will be missed.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is necessary for the welfare of the student as well as the efficient operation of the entire school. It is difficult for learning to take place in a classroom unless control and good order are maintained. Therefore, each teacher is given the liberty of making and enforcing classroom regulations in the manner that he deems necessary in light of the standards and guidelines of God's Word and the guidelines of the school.

Faith Christian Academy operates with the understanding that the parent is responsible for the education of the child and that the school staff functions with the authority of the parent while the child is in the care of the school. Faith Christian Academy encourages parents to actively participate in the process of instruction and discipline. Consequently, if a child continues to misbehave or commits a serious act of misbehavior, the parents will be contacted to discipline the child to effect a change in the behavior of the child at school. If the misbehavior continues, it may be necessary for the school to end the student's enrollment at Faith Christian Academy.

In Scripture, the Apostle Paul mentions behaviors we would "put off" as believers in Christ. Faith Christian Academy works in the implementation of its code of conduct to eliminate these non-Christian behaviors in students. The following will not be tolerated at FCA:

- Falsehood (Ephesians 4:25⁵)
- Unrighteous anger (Ephesians 4:26⁶)
- Stealing (Ephesians 4:28⁷)
- Unwholesome talk (Ephesians 4:29⁸)
- Bad attitudes such as insubordination, deliberate disobedience, negative attitude, criticism and griping (Ephesians 4:30⁹)
- Giving no offense (2 Corinthians 6:3¹⁰)

In other parts of God's Word, Christ-like behavior is encouraged. It is the desire of Faith Christian Academy to not only have the students "put off" inappropriate behavior, but to "put on" those behaviors that mirror the character of Jesus Christ, such as the following:

- Respecting people and property (Hebrews 13:17¹¹ and 1 Peter 2:17¹²)
- Caring for the Temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:19¹³)
- Moral purity (1 Corinthians 6:18¹⁴ and 1 Thessalonians 4:3¹⁵)
- Appreciating God-honoring music (Ephesians 5:19¹⁶)
- Attending Church (Hebrews 10:25¹⁷)
- Dressing modestly to honor God and not one's self (1 Samuel 16:7¹⁸, 1 Timothy 2:9a¹⁹)
- Making right friendships (1 Corinthians 5:9²⁰, 15:33²¹ and 2 Corinthians 6:14²²)

Faith Christian Academy Behavioral Goals (1 Timothy 1:5²³)

- Love for God
- Service to Others
- Submission to authority
- Personal discipline
- Purity, goodness, and sincerity

Behavioral guidelines and disciplinary procedures at Faith Christian Academy are designed to promote the righteousness of God and meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of Christian young people. The emphasis of FCA is to focus the attention of the student on his need to develop a heart for God. Once the heart is turned to God, outward behavior will reflect God's morality. Only rules that reflect the moral character of God and promote an orderly, controlled learning environment have been developed. Students will be continually reminded that one's relationship with Christ is of primary importance.

Disciplinary Policies and Procedures - Grades K-6

In order to discourage non-Christian behaviors and to promote Christ-like behaviors in the students, FCA generally follows this procedure at the K-6 level:

1. Verbal correction
2. Disciplinary measures such as work assignments, taking away small privileges, etc.
3. Teacher-student with administrator conference
4. Teacher-parent-student conference
5. Parent-student Conference(s) with the Administrator and/or board representative
6. Suspension from school
7. Withdrawal from school

It is expected that parents will work closely with the student, utilizing school and church resources, to eliminate poor behavior for the good of the student and the school environment.

Disciplinary Probation

A student will be placed on disciplinary probation when the administration feels that his behavior patterns and record are not in accordance with school rules. During this time, some privileges may be denied and the student will be observed carefully to determine if he is making an effort to improve his attitude and actions.

General Rules

1. Students must respect and obey staff.
2. Students must respect each other. Teasing or endangering others is forbidden.
3. Students must respect school property and that of other students.
4. Students must conduct themselves in a God-honoring and orderly manner.
5. Students must not use inappropriate manner.
6. Lying or cheating is not permitted.
7. Public display of affection is not permitted.
8. Strong negative or rebellious attitudes that may hinder spiritual growth of others are not permitted.

9. Students may only bring materials necessary for education into the classroom. Music, video, texting, and other similar items are not allowed during school hours without special permission from administration. Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off during school hours. Any emergency communication to students needs to be routed through the school office.
10. Weapons (guns, knives, or any other item that could cause bodily harm), alcohol, drugs, and tobacco are forbidden.
11. Food and beverages must be stored and consumed only in designated areas. Gum chewing is not allowed.
12. Student materials and personal belongings, including clothing, must reflect Biblical standards of modesty.
13. All school areas are to be kept neat and clean.
14. There is to be no running and excessive horseplay in hallways, lunchrooms, classrooms, or restrooms.
15. Students are restricted to authorized areas of the building.
16. Snowball, ice, or rock throwing is prohibited.

The school board will have the final say on all school rules.

Abuse or Damage of Property

Students are expected to treat school and the property of others with respect. Any abusive use or damage of property may lead to a fine being assessed to the student's monthly account or possible expulsion. The list below shows some examples of abuse or damage to property.

- Writing or scratching on furniture or school property
- Hitting, kicking, scratching lockers
- Leaning back or standing on chairs
- Throwing or writing in test books
- Hanging on basketball rims
- Hitting, removal or abuse of ceiling tiles
- Writing on restroom walls

Disciplinary Policies - Grades 7-12

Students who do not follow the behavioral guidelines stated in the student handbook will be disciplined in a manner consistent with the procedures stated herein.

Students indicate their willingness to abide by the Faith Christian Academy standards of conduct and attitude by virtue of their enrollment at Faith Christian Academy. It is the responsibility of the student to familiarize himself with and comply with school and classroom teacher rules and regulations. If student behavior off campus negatively affects the campus atmosphere as determined by school administration, appropriate school discipline will be applied. Students must refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages, using tobacco products or illegal drugs on or off campus. Gang involvement or behavior that would be considered associated with gang activity is not permitted. Students are expected to avoid off campus activities that could harm themselves morally, spiritually or physically and thereby harm other students who attend Faith Christian Academy.

A student may be suspended or expelled for the use or possession of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, weapons, or any behavior that would be considered associated with gang activity. Students should not attend parties where alcoholic beverages, tobacco or illegal drugs are being used. The school reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action for a student's involvement with drugs, alcohol, or tobacco off campus during non-school hours. The policy that has been adopted for a gang-related action is one of zero tolerance.

Disciplinary Procedures - Grades 7-12

Since it is not possible to list every offense that may occur, or to determine the severity of the offenses listed, the following lists shall serve only as guidelines. Any behavior by students that demonstrates a moral character deficiency is reason for concern. The administrator has the right to utilize all resources to eliminate poor or disruptive behavior or character.

Detentions and minor violations: A detention is a consequence given to students for behavioral problems including, but not limited to, defiance, deception, disrespect for teacher or students, foul language, disrespect for property, recurrent unexcused tardiness to school/class, excessive horseplay, leaving class without permission, being in an unauthorized area without permission.

- Each detention lasts 20 minutes. Detentions are served as arranged by administration. The student should report to the assigned room to serve the detention. Attending athletic practices, games, or other extracurricular activities is not a valid excuse for not serving the detention. Until detention time is completed no extracurricular activities including athletics or music programs (practice or event) will be allowed.
- As detentions accumulate, misbehavior becomes a more severe matter and must be dealt with as such. Thus, the following schedule shall be enforced:

<u>Detentions per school year</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
1 detention	Letter sent to parent
5 detentions	Personal contact with parent or second letter after 2 attempts to contact the parent.
10 detentions	One-day, out-of-school suspension
15 detentions	Expulsion hearing before the FCA School Board

Detention Hall Procedures

- The student will serve as many detentions as he may have received during the week. The student is to wear acceptable school dress and report to the assigned room as scheduled by administration.
- Students will be assigned seatwork or a work project during detention. During detention, the student may do nothing else. The students may not speak to anyone but the detention hall monitor. The failure of a student to comply with these rules will result in further time added.
- Transportation arrangements must be made in advance of the detention and are the responsibility of the student and parent. Failure to show or make prior arrangements could end with a suspension.

Major Violations: A major violation such as, but no limited to, cutting school/class, use of tobacco, use of illegal controlled substances, theft, use of alcoholic beverages, plagiarism and cheating carry severe consequences. In cases of plagiarism and cheating the student will receive an automatic “F” for the assignment or exam with a numeric grade of 50% or less. For all major violations, the student may be suspended or expelled.

- **Suspension:** A student who has been suspended from attending class shall receive a zero grade on work for the duration of the suspension. However all work must be done. If a test is missed, it may be made up with 25% penalty.
- **Expulsion:** The school board decides expulsion. In cases where a student is expelled from school, no refunds of fees or tuition will be issued.

Corporal Punishment

It is the policy of Faith Christian Academy to administer discipline according to Godly principles. Though corporal punishment is prescribed in the Scriptures as a means of discipline, it is not the policy of FCA to usurp the parent’s role in that regard. Therefore, no teacher, staff member, administrator, board member or volunteer will use corporal punishment in disciplining a student. The only circumstance in which any physical force may be used is to protect the child or others from harm. When physical force is used in such cases, the objective is to restrain the child from harm or harming others until further assistance arrives.

LOST AND FOUND

Parents are urged to put labels on student's personal items and clothing. When items are found on the premises or left behind after school, they are put into the Lost and Found. If lost items are not claimed they will be given to a mission or disposed of.

ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL (ACSI)

Membership – Faith Christian Academy is a member of the ACSI. This enables FCA to participate in various academic activities, sporting events and conventions. It also gives FCA a standard of professionalism for teacher certification and school accreditation. ACSI membership gives FCA students an association with a recognized professional organization when applying to colleges and for financial aid.

ACSI student activities may include the following:

- Speech Meet
- Math Olympics
- Spelling Bee
- Music Festival
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Student Government

ACSI Convention – Faith Christian Academy provides the opportunity for its teachers and staff to attend the regional ACSI convention each year at the school's expense. The convention provides an opportunity for the teachers to gain new and fresh knowledge and perspectives on education by presenting workshops and top speakers in their fields of expertise. Each full-time teacher is encouraged to attend while part-time teachers have the option of attendance. The convention also provides the opportunity for teachers working on ACSI certification to attend workshops counting towards certification and CEU units.

ACSI Certification – All FCA teaching and administrative personnel are expected to pursue ACSI certification. The Philosophy of Education requirement may be met by attending the annual state and regional conventions.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (public law 9-380) is applicable to any school, which receives any federal funds. The law provides for limited accessibility to the student's records. Therefore, only school personnel and those adults who are legally responsible for the child have the right to the student's records. Written permission from the legal parents or guardians is required for anyone else to acquire access to student files, including enrollment information, grades, attendance records, immunization records, date of graduation, parental notes, standardized test results, and the right to gain access to their files.

MANDATORY REPORTING FOR SUSPECTED NEGLECT OR ABUSE

The responsibility of all school personnel to report suspected child abuse and neglect is mandated by law, and it is the goal of FCA to ensure the safety and well being of your children. The staff and administration of FCA follow the state and federal guidelines for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect. All school personnel must immediately contact the *Department of Children and Family Services* and the FCA Administrator when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child who is under the age of eighteen and known to them in their

professional capacity has been abused or neglected – physically, sexually or through neglect – and that a caregiver or person in a position of trust and authority over them, committed the harm or should have taken steps to protect the child from harm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of Faith Christian Academy constitutes the authority for the school program including, but not limited to, policies, programs and academic development. The policies it establishes, the personnel it hires and the manner in which it functions affect all aspects of the school.

Areas of Responsibility:

2. Serve as spiritual leaders
3. Exercise oversight of the entire school program with the Administrator reporting to the board.
4. Establish sound policies for the operation of the school.
5. Employ competent Christian personnel.
6. Make provisions for necessary buildings, equipment and supplies for the operation of the school.
7. Establish a budget annually for the operation and provision of the school.
8. Assist the Administrator with the programs of the school.
9. Do advance planning for the school's growth.
10. Encourage a healthy relationship between the school and the local community, churches and other schools.
11. Act as a final authority in problem solving within the school.
12. Maintain proper and open lines of communication among the school families.
13. Oversee the school fundraisers and budget.
14. Provide opportunities for staff to grow spiritually and professionally through workshops, conventions, in-services, and associations, etc.
15. Oversee maintenance of school property and grounds.
16. Serve as the legal representative for all school matters.

HIRING POLICY

Faith Christian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, color or ethnic origin in enrollment decisions, hiring practices, administration, staff or educational policies, scholarships, fees, educational programs, athletic programs or extracurricular activities.

All applicants should apply using the following procedure:

1. Complete an application stating background of training and experience.
2. Present a resume and personal and professional references.
3. Arrange to have college transcripts sent to the school.
4. Make an appointment for an interview with the Administrator.
5. After careful evaluation, if the Administrator believes the applicant is best qualified for the position, he/she will make such nomination to the school board.

Spiritual Qualifications:

1. All employees at Faith Christian Academy shall be born-again Christians confessing Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
2. All employees shall be active in a Bible-Based church that teaches doctrine in agreement with the school's Statement of Faith.

3. All employees shall be in agreement with the Mission Statement, Philosophy of Education and Statement of Faith of Faith Christian Academy.
4. All employees shall demonstrate spiritual maturity, a teachable spirit and a reverence towards God.
5. All employees shall demonstrate a consistent outward evidence of an inward Christian character.
6. All employees shall have a workable knowledge of the Word of God, are committed to personal spiritual growth and know how to lead an unbeliever to the Lord.

Professional Qualifications:

1. Teachers shall have a minimum of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree or be in the final process thereof. The requirement may be waived in the case of part-time or substitute teachers.
2. Teachers shall have, or be working towards, a valid teaching certificate. (State, ACSI, AACCS)
3. Teachers shall have taken, or be willing to take, a course (ACSI) specifically pertaining to the area of the Philosophy of Christian Education.
4. Teachers shall have a Christian testimony of their salvation.

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¹ Judges 17:6-In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.

² Matt. 19:4-Haven't you read, he replied, that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female.

³ Deut. 22:5-A woman must not wear men's clothing nor a man wear women's clothing for the Lord your God detests anyone who does this.

⁴ Rom. 12:2-Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.

⁵ Eph. 4:25- Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

⁶ Eph. 4:26-In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.

⁷ Eph. 4:28-He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work doing something useful with his own hands that he may have something to share with those in need.

⁸ Eph. 4:29-Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs that it may benefit those who listen.

⁹ Eph. 4:30-And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

¹⁰ 2 Cor. 6:3-We put no stumbling block in anyone's path so that our ministry will not be discredited.

¹¹ Heb. 13:17-Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

¹² 1 Peter 2:17-Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

¹³ 1 Cor. 6:19-Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you whom you have received from God? You are not your own.

¹⁴ 1 Cor. 6:18-Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

¹⁵ 1 Thess. 4:3-It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality.

¹⁶ Eph. 5:19-Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord

¹⁷ Heb. 10:25-Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

¹⁸ 1 Sam. 16:7-But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the outward appearance but the LORD looks at the heart.

¹⁹ 1 Tim. 2:9a-I also want women to dress modestly with decency and propriety.

²⁰ 1 Cor. 5:9-I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people

²¹ 1 Cor. 15:33-Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

²² 2 Cor. 6:14-Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

²⁷ 1 Tim. 1:5-The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith

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