

Faith Christian School (Pre-K - 12)

4100 Ronnaki Road

Anniston, Alabama 36207

2012-2013



Dear Parents,

We would like to share some information with you concerning Faith Christian School which includes grades PRE-K - 12. Faith Christian School is a ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church. We are here to offer parents a Christian educational alternative for children in east central Alabama. Please consider the following regarding our great school.

1. **Environment** - Faith offers a loving, warm, family-style environment highly-structured for learning. We have a school which is free from illegal drugs and immoral practices. We teach Biblical character traits and have Christian teachers who are committed to living out those traits. By attending Faith, the students discover a loving and safe environment in which to learn.
2. **Academics** - We test students in grades 1-11 each year using the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT). Faith Christian School scores have demonstrated high academic achievement by having top scores in the country. Our students may graduate with an advanced diploma with honors or a regular diploma; over 98% of our graduates attend college. Our school is fully-accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
3. **Extracurricular Activities** - Faith offers many extras. There are various extracurricular activities for high school students; we take many elementary and secondary field trips and we offer sports for secondary students of all ages through the Alabama High School Athletic Association. We offer high school foreign language, drama and choir for all ages. We encourage parents to be involved in school activities and promote family time. It seems there is always something going on at Faith.
4. **Bible-Based** - We give credit and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ for every good thing in our school. We teach love and discipline based on Biblical principles with Bible classes for all grades.

Thank you for considering Faith as your choice for a quality, educational alternative based on Biblical standards. You may call for more information at 256-236-4499.

For Educational Excellence,

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Tuition Schedule 2012-2013

The following tuition structure will be in place for the school year 2012-2013. Please be aware that payment of tuition is absolutely necessary in order for the child to remain an actively enrolled student at Faith Christian School.

FIRST TIME applications are available in the office and must be filled out completely. **The Application and Enrollment Fees must accompany the returned application.** The following items are required with the completed application: immunization record, copy of state issued birth certificate, social security card, photo, and previous school's grades and standardized test results.

2012-2013	Application Fee	=	\$50.00	For <u>first time students only</u>
2012-2013	Enrollment Fee	=	\$400.00	For <u>Full-day Kindergarten - Grade 12</u>
			\$250.00	For <u>Half-day Kindergarten</u>

THE APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE! This guarantees that we will hold a slot for your child at Faith Christian School. [Only if the class fills or if the student is not accepted after interview is the Enrollment Fee returned to the parent. The Application Fee (\$50.00) is not refunded for any reason.] **Please read the Financial Commitment Statement carefully.**

1. **JANUARY AND FEBRUARY: Re-enrollment for current students; priority is given to current students.** New applicants may submit application forms which will be coded with date of application; these are held until March 1 when interviews for new parents will begin. Preference for interviews will be given to those who submit application forms with earliest date.
2. **MARCH 1:** Enrollment opens to all. Newly-approved applicants will be placed in classes where there is space according to order of date of receipt of application.
3. **TUITION SCHEDULE:**
Parents have two options in paying for their child's education while attending Faith. Parents may choose either a semester payment plan or a monthly payment plan. If the semester payment plan is chosen, a 2% tuition discount will apply. Both plans are outlined below:

MONTHLY PAYMENT SCHEDULE (10 months)

Pre-K and Kindergarten-noon dismissal	\$ 360.00 per month
Grades Pre-K-5 th grade	\$ 465.00 per month
Grades 6-8 grades	\$ 480.00 per month
Grades 9-12 grades	\$ 550.00 per month

Monthly tuition is based on a 10 month plan of monthly payments **beginning on June 1**, with no payment due in February allowing for re-enrollment and continuing until the 10th payment on April 1.

SEMESTER PAYMENT SCHEDULE (2% discount)

Fall Semester payments (June - Oct):	due by June 10 th in full
Spring Semester payments (Nov. - April):	due by November 10 th in full
Pre-K and Kindergarten-noon dismissal	\$1764.00 per semester or \$3528 per year
Grades Pre-K-5 th grade	\$2278.50 per semester or \$4557 per year
Grades 6-8 grades	\$2352.00 per semester or \$4704 per year
Grades 9-12 grades	\$2695.00 per semester or \$5390 per year
Science Lab Fee	\$75.00/year (all students in grades 9-12)
Graduation Fee:	\$200.00 one time (seniors only)
Choir fee:	\$40.00/year (middle school and high school choir students)
AP course fee:	\$200.00 year (students in this class only)
Graphic Arts fee:	\$40.00/year (students in this class only)

Families with more than one child at Faith will receive a 10% tuition discount for the first additional enrollment after the oldest child; a third child receives a 15% discount; a fourth child a 20% discount, etc. (**This does not apply to the re-enrollment fee.**) Families receiving scholarship grants do not qualify for any other assistance.

The school provides textbooks for grades K-6. Parents are responsible to purchase most of the textbooks for grades 7-12. More information concerning this will be mailed to parents during the summer months.

A reminder from the Application form: You are committed to pay the next semester's tuition whether your child actually

attends or not. See the Statement of Financial Commitment. A promise is a promise.

Faith Christian School (Pre-K - 12)

Admittance Policies

In order to be considered as a student at Faith Christian School, the following three minimum qualifications must be in place:

1. The prospective student must be able to successfully accomplish our curriculum. Students must have evidence of scoring in at least the 50th percentile on a nationally normed achievement test such as the SAT and have average to above average ability. The Faith curriculum is a high expectation, college prep type course of study. We do not have provisions for special needs children.
 2. The prospective student must be able to submit to authority and have evidence through previous schools that he/she can obey reasonable rules. Any student who has been suspended from a previous school will not be admitted to Faith. We expect children to obey school adults and be submissive to reasonable authority.
 3. The prospective student must have at least one parent who is a professing, born-again, evangelical Christian. Since we teach Bible daily, we want to be in concert with Christian parents so that we do not confuse the child Scripturally. We know that parents are the primary teachers of their children as ordained of God.
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Faith Christian School's "Mission" Statement



Under the authority of the Christian Scriptures, the mission of Faith Christian School (Pre-K - 12) is to prepare students to serve God and others by instilling a Biblical world and life view, providing a quality academic education and developing the Christian social graces of love, self-control, and fellowship for the purpose of glorifying God.

4. **Child's Home Phone:** _____ **Sex of child:** _____

5. **Ethnicity of child:** African American Asian Hispanic Caucasian Other

6. **Rank in family of this child (circle)** 1 2 3 4 5 **No. of Sisters:** _____ **Brothers:** _____

7. **Has this child had any discipline problems at any school in the past?**

[Spankings or suspensions, detentions, or sent to principal for violations]

Yes: ____ No: ____ If yes, please explain: _____

8. **Discipline:** What are your expectations of discipline at FCS? _____

Do you support Faith Christian School's policy of allowing spanking by teachers? Yes No

[Note: This answer must be "yes" in order for the child to be accepted at Faith]

9. **Has this child repeated a grade?** Yes: ____ No: ____ if yes, give reason for repeating:

10. **Does this child have any mental, emotional or physical handicaps which may affect his activities or academic progress, or that for some reason should be known by his teacher?**

11. **Who referred you to Faith Christian School?** _____

12. **State why you wish your child (ren) to attend Faith Christian School:**

13. **Name and address of current/previous school:** _____

Who has sole custody/placement of this student?	
(1) Both parents:	Yes No (circle one)

(2) Divorce with joint custody: Yes No (circle one)

If biological parents are divorced then the school must have a copy of the divorce decree signed by a judge of the decree pages which indicate custody placement. Please submit this with your application.

(3) One parent: _____

Please list name

Person responsible for payment of tuition

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

If different from listed in this re-enrollment form

Family Information

(Complete one per adult)

Relationship to student listed above: **Father**

Living: yes no

Note for relationship if not father:

Living in home with child? Yes No Marital Status: _____

Name: Title Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address: Street address City State Zip

Mailing address _____
Street address City State Zip
(if different from street address)

Email Address: _____ @ _____
Required for RenWeb access

Phones for this family member: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Religious Denomination: _____ Church now attending: _____

Employment information:

Occupation: _____ Place of work: _____

Work Phone: _____ ext: _____

Work Cell Phone: _____ (if different from personal cell phone)

Work address: _____
Street City State Zip

Family Information

(Complete one per adult)

Relationship to student listed above:

Mother

Living: yes no

Note for relationship if not mother: _____

Living in home with child? Yes No Marital Status: _____

Name: _____
Title Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address: _____
Street address City State Zip

Mailing address _____
Street address City State Zip
(If different from street address)

Email Address: _____ @ _____
Required for RenWeb access

Phones for this family member: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Religious Denomination: _____ Church now attending: _____

Employment information:

Occupation: _____ Place of work: _____

Work Phone: _____ ext: _____

Work Cell Phone: _____ (if different from personal cell phone)

Work address: _____
Street City State Zip

Spiritual Foundation of Parents

Faith Christian School is a non-denominational, Pre-K-12 school, and our desire is to serve Christian families. The parents of our school expect the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be consistently held before their children as their only hope of knowing God. For that reason, the basic standard for acceptance to FCS is that one of the parents in the home be a Christian, that they have received Jesus Christ as he is offered in the Gospel. The following is an explanation of the faith that we share in God's promise of salvation through Jesus Christ:

God tells us that the way to true life is to love him with all our heart, soul and strength and our neighbors as ourselves. The Bible shows us that none of us are up to that task. We have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory. We don't love God or others like we should. We don't deserve to be in God's presence.

The Bible also says that God presented Jesus as the only way into his presence. Jesus lived every second of his life with God's glory in mind. He never sinned against God or others. He lived the life we should have lived.

The Scriptures also say that Christ died for the un-godly. In other words, Jesus died the death we should have died. He saves his people from their sins.

The good news is that God makes a great promise to sinful people. He gives his word that if we repent of our sins and accept the life and death of Jesus as our own, as a free gift, he will accept us as his children into his everlasting kingdom. God assured us that his promise is true by raising Jesus from the dead. This is the Gospel of Grace that the parents of Faith Christian School embrace. This is the treasure we want to pass along to the children and grandchildren we teach every day.

Here are some very important questions which all Christians affirm:

- Have you acknowledged to God that you are a sinner, in need of the forgiveness he offers in the Gospel?
- Have you accepted God's free gift of forgiveness and his acceptance because of Jesus' life and death in your place?
- Do you strive by God's grace, to live as a follower of Christ?
- As God continues to pour out his grace in your life, do you make it a priority to forgive others as God forgives you?

I have discussed "Spiritual Foundation of Parents" with the headmaster of FCS and affirm these in my life:

Parent's Signature: _____
Father or Mother Signature

Date Signed: _____

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STATEMENT OF FAITH AND OBJECTIVES

1. God is the source of all truth, and the Bible is given by Him as our supreme and final authority.
2. Because each student is created in the image of God with unique physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual gifts, he/she is a valued individual within the FCS community whose primary purpose is to glorify God.
3. The student will model what he/she sees; therefore, teachers need to be Christian role models.
4. A variety of instructional strategies and learning activities should provide appropriate challenges for all enrolled students.
5. All academics, truth, aesthetics, values, civic responsibilities and community service should be taught from a Biblical world and life view.
6. The student is personally responsible and accountable for his/her behavior and personal integrity, while maintaining a balance in the areas of the spiritual disciplines, academic excellence, and extra-curricular activities.
7. Students learn most effectively in a safe, structured, healthy environment.
8. The parents have the ultimate responsibility for their children's spiritual and academic education. The School is a team member with the Christian parents and their church.
9. The commitment to continuous school improvement is imperative in order to enable students to become confident, self-directed, life-long learners.
10. Faith Christian School must emphasize the priorities of spiritual growth, academic excellence and extra-curricular activities as integral parts of a life that glorifies God.

As parents, we understand that the above Statement of Faith and Objectives will be the focus of our child's education while at Faith Christian School.

(Father)

(Mother)

(Date Signed)

(Date Signed)

FCS Mission Statement

Under the authority of the Christian Scriptures, the mission of Faith Christian High School (PRE-K - 12) is to prepare students to serve God and others by instilling a Biblical world and life view, providing a quality academic education, and developing the Christian social graces of love, self-control, and fellowship for the purpose of glorifying

Commitment Statements

It is understood that this application is subject to acceptance by the Headmaster and School Board Chairman. Written notice of acceptance will be forwarded in the mail as soon as possible after the interview and final approval.

PLEASE READ THE STATEMENTS LISTED BELOW AND SIGN THE SIGNATURE LINE IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT TO BE VALID.

Application Commitment

To the best of my knowledge all statements on these application forms for enrollment are true and correct.

Statement of Cooperation

I hereby make application for my child to attend Faith Christian High School (Grades PRE-K - 12) [hereafter referred to as the "School"]. In making this application, I understand and agree to comply with and abide by the provisions of the Faith Christian School Student Handbook and the rules and standards set out therein, including, but not limited to the following:

1. I understand that Faith Christian School has the right to dismiss any student who does not respect the School's standards or does not cooperate in the educational process or whose parent does not respect the School's standards or whose parent does not cooperate with the school.
2. I understand that Faith Christian School has full discretion [including paddling] in the discipline of students while at school. Parents will be notified of discipline which involves paddling.
3. I agree to cooperate with the School policies and procedures and to pray for the School personnel. I agree to publicly support the School and bring whatever concerns I have to the proper individual as per Matthew 18 procedures.

Statement of Financial Commitment

1. I understand that the \$400 enrollment fee [\$250 for noon dismissal Kindergarten] is given as consideration to insure that my child has a slot at Faith Christian School for the school year 2012-2013. **I understand that this fee will not be refunded under any circumstance if my child is accepted as a student by the Headmaster and the School Board Chairman. Only if the child is not accepted or the class is full will the \$400 be refunded. The \$50.00 application fee is not refundable under any circumstances.**

2. I understand that if I withdraw my child from the School prior to the beginning of or during the fall semester, I will still be liable for the entire fall tuition **with payments beginning June 1, 2010, even though my child will not attend.** I understand that if I pay the second semester monthly tuition and then withdraw my child from the School after November, 2010 that I will be liable for the entire tuition for the spring semester even though my child will not attend. **Note:** The semester

tuition may be waived in the event that the student moves more than 25 miles from the School or extraordinary circumstances arise as determined by the Headmaster. If the need to request a waiver of the semester's tuition occurs, I agree to meet with the Headmaster to discuss the matter. I agree to submit to the decision of the Headmaster. I understand that the reason I will be liable for the semester tuition, even though my child will not be attending, is that the School has made commitments to teachers, for resources, etc. based upon my commitment to pay the tuition requirements.

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Date signed: _____

Date signed: _____

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

1. **Enrollment Fee:**

As a family we understand that the \$400 enrollment fee (\$250 for Half-Day Pre-K and Kindergarten) is given as consideration to insure that my child has a slot at Faith Christian School for the school year 2012-2013. We understand that this fee will not be refunded under any circumstances if our child is accepted as a student by the Headmaster and the Chairman of the School Board. Only if the child is not accepted will the \$400 (\$250 for Half-Day Pre-K and Kindergarten) be refunded. The \$50 application fee is not refundable under any circumstances.

2. **Tuition Payments:**

Fall payments: June, July, August, September, October

Spring payments: November, December, January, March, April

- Payments are due on the first day of each month.
- Initial late fee of \$10 due after the 10th of each month; additional late fee of \$10 due after the 20th of each month.
- **Student may not attend class after last day of calendar month if all tuition is not paid.**

3. **Fall Semester Withdrawals:** We understand that should we seek to withdraw our child (ren) from FCS after signing this enrollment form and being accepted into the next semester's enrollment, then **we are responsible for paying the full semester tuition.** The school has agreed to hold the slot for the child; if the child does not attend, then the tuition must be paid because the school has possibly turned away other students who would have been eligible for the slot. This policy is in effect regardless of whether there is a waiting list for the class.

We understand that there will be no financial charge for premature withdrawal if we move more than twenty-five miles from school during the term of this agreement. All financial charges for withdrawal will be reduced by the amount of tuition previously paid toward that semester's costs. Enrollment fees do not count against withdrawal charges.

4. **Spring Semester Withdrawals:** All requests for withdrawal for the spring semester must be made **at least by November.** Withdrawals after November monthly or yearly tuition has been paid will result in withdrawal charge of a semester's tuition payment. **Tuition payments for the second semester begin November 1; this includes semester payments also.**

We understand that if we should seek to withdraw our child (ren) without clearing our financial indebtedness, then:

- 1) We have violated a moral commitment before the Lord (Matt. 5:37);
- 2) We have forfeited our right to ask FCS to transfer the records on our child(ren) to another school

until we have cleared our indebtedness;

3) We have subjected ourselves to the legally-binding arbitration process as prescribed in the "conciliation clause" which is included in this enrollment packet.

I understand that the reason I will be liable for the financial charge, even though my child will not be attending, is that the School has made commitments to teachers, for resources, etc., based upon my commitment to pay the tuition requirements.

Signature of Father: _____ Signature of Mother: _____

Date Signed: _____ Date Signed: _____

In order for our bookkeeper to prepare for next year's billing, we need to know your preference concerning a payment schedule.	
The options are listed below. Please mark one.	
_____	Option 1: Monthly payments Monthly payments begin in June and are payable by the 10 th of the month.
_____	Option 2: Semester Payments A semester payment receives a 2% discount for each semester payment. [Semester payments must be received by June 10 th or November 10 th in order to receive the discount.]

Conciliation Clause
[Required for admittance to Faith Christian School]

The parties to this agreement are Christians and believe that the Bible commands them to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (See Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement/enrollment in school shall be settled by Biblically-based mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation* of the Institute for Christian Conciliation. [A copy of these Rules is available in the school office.] Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The parties understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

Normal communication regarding complaints and/or grievances will be handled according to the process outlined in the School Handbook under "Complaints and Grievances."

We agree with this approach to resolve any disputes which may arise with our association with the Faith Christian School.

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

Date Signed

Date Signed

We feel that it is important that you keep a copy of these application documents; at your request, the school secretary will be happy to provide you a copy of all forms in this application including those you signed.

Faith Christian School Financial Commitment Information

Faith Christian School asks for a financial commitment for those who enroll or re-enroll for next year. Enrollment or re-enrollment is a commitment from the parents to pay for one semester tuition even if the child withdraws prior to the first day of School next School year.

1. The School/church takes commitments very seriously. Commitments are like covenants which bind two parties together. As Christians we should honor our word just as Christ honors His word to us.
2. The School commits to the parents to provide a full year of education for the anticipated tuition payments. The School is committed to be here for the child and plans each year's expenditures based on the enrollment numbers.
3. The School depends on tuition payments to pay expenses. Expenses for the School include salaries for teachers, administrators, secretaries, librarian, guidance counselor, library aide, computer aide, custodians, maintenance person, and coaches. Expenses also include various contracts for copiers, computer maintenance, and software updates, as well as supplies, testing, textbooks and many more items in the School budget. The School budget is based on the commitments of the parents to send their child (ren) to the School. Once contractual relationships are made, the School cannot undo these contracts.
4. Please note that the School loses one semester of tuition should a child be enrolled and then not attend because only one semester of tuition is required to be paid. The second semester tuition is lost to the School and impacts the budget.
5. The Faith Presbyterian Church pays 10% of the cost to educate each child who attends FCS. The church has made a commitment to do this year after year; the parents are expected to uphold their commitment because the church upholds their commitment to underwrite the School each year. The church pays every penny of the electricity, gas, water, and telephone services as well as the lawn maintenance contract and all insurance costs including liability and workman's comp.

6. Parents should take very seriously the signature to enroll the child. If there is any question about whether the child will attend FCS, then the parent should wait to enroll until they are very sure that the child will attend.

7. The enrollment commitment does guarantee that a slot will be held for the child and the School makes that commitment to the parents. If the child does not come the next school year, it is not a simple matter of saying that the School has plenty of time to “fill that slot”. Even if another child comes in that grade, the School still loses the anticipated full year tuition income from your child who does not come. The School would never call a parent and say that the enrolled child cannot come because the School has decided to decrease the number in a particular grade or some other reason and that the parent has plenty of time to find another School; that just does not happen. **A promise is a promise.**