



## ***Details of Mission/Vision/Core Values & Statement of Faith***

*We will achieve our vision and fulfill our mission by:*

- Basing all teaching, activities and programs upon the principles taught to us through the inspired Word of God and contained in the Bible, thus teaching truth.
  
- Providing students a high quality, full and balanced educational experience based upon biblical teaching and principles, including a diversity of subjects sufficient to expose talents and meet life goals up to and including college preparation.
- Attracting and retaining exceptional teachers skilled at teaching, demonstrating Christian behavior, and having the highest competence in specific areas.
  
- Attracting and retaining exceptional administrators and staff who will manage the assets of the school with biblical stewardship and who will continually develop the teachers, programs, activities and curriculum to meet the needs of the students.
  
- Reaching out to the greater Christian community in order to assure broad support of the school and its students and to assure alignment of goals and programs with other Christian organizations and churches.
  
- Developing facilities and equipment necessary to meet educational goals and by being conveniently located near the population centers of Lee County.
  
- Assuring the fiscal integrity of the school by minimizing debt, controlling costs and developing alternative funding sources (i.e., endowments, scholarships) so that the full cost of educating each student is covered by current income.
  
- Developing and maintaining a future oriented master plan that specifically describes the short (1-2 year), intermediate (2-5 year) and long (6-10 year) term goals that will lead to the vision being realized and the mission accomplished.

## *Philosophy of Christian Education*

We live in a world with two views of life. It is from these two opposing world views man contemplates his existence and finds value and purpose in life. We believe God is the center of His creation.

God the Father is our loving creator. Out of nothing he created all that we know and all that we are yet to discover. God is active in His creation, having plans and directions for each of His children. Jesus is man's bridge to God. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us as Christians. He is our helper and our guide as we live the adventure of our spiritual pilgrimage.

Man can only be understood in context of a God-centered world view. Our potential, our reason and our purpose are enveloped in the fact that man is the centerpiece of God's creation.

Education must address the needs of the "whole man." A Christian approach to education will insure sensitivity to the unique needs of each individual. The imparting of God's knowledge and wisdom is the goal of Christian education. The desire to be a life-long learner of His truth is the mark of a maturing disciple. Truth and reality are found only in a world view focused on God.

God's Word, the Bible, is His revelation to man. The daily lives of God's people will be changed as a result of knowing and studying God's Word.

The education of a child or young person must be a cooperative effort with the family. It is the parental responsibility to see that children are taught a proper understanding of the world. Thus Christian education becomes a partnership between parents, the church and the school in this important task of exploring and discovering a God-centered world view.

Education itself is not the answer to man's problems. It is only as we start with the knowledge of an all-knowing and loving creator that we can successfully educate. And in this process of education we will not only impart wisdom and knowledge for this world, but we will prepare man for eternity!

*Southwest Florida Christian Academy Values. . .*

- The relationship that every individual is called to in making Jesus his or her personal Savior.
- Man as God's special creation, unique from all other living things. We see each person as special with limitless potential.
- The total person and our responsibility in meeting intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual challenges in each life.
- The opportunity to challenge young people to commit their lives to vocational Christian service.
- The relationship that God has called His people to in the local church.
- The teachers, counselors, office and all other staff, recognizing their key role is affecting the lives of every Southwest Florida Christian Academy participant.
- The unique calling by God that each staff person feels as he carries out his responsibilities.
- Excellence in our learning experiences and all other aspects of our program endeavors.
- The families that entrust us to be a positive influence and a partner in guiding children and young people through their growing years.

For details about our Core Values, [click here.](#)

### *Purpose and Objectives*

Southwest Florida Christian Academy was specifically organized to train students to become Christian leaders so that they can be “Salt and Light” to the rest of the World. The following objectives are designed to help achieve this goal:

- To so effectively teach, that each student will take as his personal commitment and belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that His death and resurrection provide forgiveness of sin and new life through faith in Him.
- To create in each student a firm conviction that the Bible is the Word of God to men and women and that it is a practical guide to life and living.
- To develop within each student a keen understanding of the fundamentals of God’s creation, including all the academic studies; to cause within his thinking an understanding that Jesus Christ is central in all of these areas; and to instruct him thoroughly in the arts and sciences that he might develop to the glory of God, spiritually, socially, mentally and physically, not in his natural energy, but through new life in Christ.
- To so effectively teach the principles of faith that each student will purpose to yield himself completely to God in submission and obedience to His will as revealed in the Bible.
- To cause each student to progress in Christian living through fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ in studying the Holy Scriptures, prayer and Christian service activities.
- To develop the practice by teachers of applying scriptural principles in the disciplining of students.
- To cause each student to work effectively with perseverance both independently and cooperatively.
- To develop within each student an effective attitude of self-discipline and responsibility.
- To cause each student to appreciate and desire wholesome recreations.
- To develop in students the proper attitude, ideals, habits, knowledge and skills, which are necessary in the preparation for life.
- To give the student the kind of experiences that will help him face life with courage and understanding and to help him experience a living faith in God that will make him a credit to Christ, his community, his nation and himself.

## *Statement of Faith*

1. We believe God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

These three are coequal and are one God. (See Genesis 1:1, 26-27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; I Peter 1:2; II Corinthians 13:14.)

2. We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is coequal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. (See Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; I Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13.)

3. We believe the Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living and understanding of spiritual truth and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily. (See II Corinthians 3:17; John 14:16-17, 16:7-13; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18.)

4. We believe the Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error. (See II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; II Timothy 1:13; Psalm 12:6, 119:105, 160; Proverbs 30:5.)

5. We believe people are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life. (See Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2.)

6. We believe salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith. (See Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 1:12, 14:6; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1.)

7. We believe because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot "lose" it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security. (See John 10:29; II Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25, 10:10-14; I Peter 1:3-5.)

8. We believe people were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is eternal existence in Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life in Heaven. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. (See John 3:16, 14:17; Romans 6:23, 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15, I Corinthians 2:7-9.)