

Faith Christian School (K-12)  
4100 Ronnaki Road  
Anniston, Alabama 36207  
2010-2011

Dear Parents,

We would like to share some information with you concerning Faith Christian School which includes grades 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,

Ben Character, Ed. D.  
Headmaster  
bcharacter@faithchristian.info

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Fax: 256-236-4673  
[www.faithchristian.info](http://www.faithchristian.info)

## Tuition Schedule 2010-2011

The following tuition structure will be in place for the school year 2010-2011. 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.

2010-2011	<b>Application Fee</b>	=	<b>\$50.00</b>	For <u>first time students only</u>
2010-2011	<b>Enrollment Fee</b>	=	<b>\$400.00</b>	For <u>Full-day Kindergarten - Grade 12</u>
			<b>\$250.00</b>	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)

K4 and K5 Kindergarten-noon dismissal	\$ 330.00 per month
Grades K4-5 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$ 435.00 per month
Grades 6-8 grades	\$ 450.00 per month
Grades 9-12 grades	\$ 520.00 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 10<sup>th</sup> payment on April 1.

### SEMESTER PAYMENT SCHEDULE (2% discount)

Fall Semester payments ( <b>June - Oct</b> ):	due by June 10 <sup>th</sup> in full
Spring Semester payments ( <b>Nov. - April</b> ):	due by November 10 <sup>th</sup> in full
K4 and K5 Kindergarten-noon dismissal	\$1617.00 per semester or \$3234 per year
Grades K4-5 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$2131.50 per semester or \$4263 per year
Grades 6-8 grades	\$2205.00 per semester or \$4410 per year
Grades 9-12 grades	\$2548.00 per semester or \$5096 per year
Science Lab Fee \$50.00/year (all students in grades 9-12)	
Graduation Fee: \$150.00 one time (seniors only)	
Choir fee: \$40.00/year (middle school and high school choir students)	
AP course fee: \$150/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 (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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 (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.

[This form is for school use only. Please do not mark.]  
**INTERVIEW CHECKLIST FOR NEW STUDENTS**  
**FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**2010-2011**

CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration fee paid      Check number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Cash      Amount \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Photo attached

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificate attached – copy of original accepted – must be state copy.

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Social Security Card attached

\_\_\_\_\_ Immunization form attached or included in records from previous school

\_\_\_\_\_ Application forms completed—all blanks filled in

\_\_\_\_\_ Application forms signed including Spiritual Foundation forms and  
Statement of Cooperation and Statement of Faith and Objectives

\_\_\_\_\_ Grades and test results from previous school attached—  
This is necessary for interview.

\_\_\_\_\_ Custody/parental placement documentation (if necessary)

Approval given by: Headmaster: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Board Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date school records have been **requested** from previous school

\_\_\_\_\_ Date school records have been **received** from previous school



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?

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11. Who referred you to Faith Christian School? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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13. Name and address of current/previous school: \_\_\_\_\_

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***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*



Street

City

State

Zip

## Spiritual Foundation of Parents – Father in home

Faith Christian School is a non-denominational, K-12 school. We welcome families of all Evangelical Christian denominations.

Regardless of denomination, however, one of our standards for acceptance to FCS is that **at least one parent in the home of the student must be a born-again Christian--a Biblical follower of Jesus Christ.** We make no judgments whatsoever concerning denominational teachings regarding the nature of salvation. We do insist, however, that at least one parent in the home have a credible profession of faith in Jesus alone for salvation.

Please understand that Faith is a community of believers who desire that their children be taught the same salvation foundation which is practiced in the home. **It is essential that parents hold the same Scriptural understanding of salvation as the school in order for there to be harmony in our spiritual fundamentals. This is essential for admittance to Faith Christian School.**

**Please answer the questions below to indicate your understanding of the basis for your faith:**

**We ask for the father and mother of the child to complete these pages independently with the father completing this page and the mother completing another form which is attached.**

### Spiritual Foundation Questions completed by Father/Guardian

1. Are you absolutely certain that if you died today that God would permit you to enter into Heaven?  
**Yes                      No                      (please circle one)**

2. Please explain how a person becomes a true Biblical Christian?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What do you trust to get you into God's Heaven?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Please explain what the cross of Jesus Christ has to do with salvation.  
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5. Please explain what your lifestyles, your good works, your efforts for God have to do with salvation.

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6. When did you become a believer?

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**If you feel uncomfortable answering these questions or if you realize that Faith Christian School is not the best place for your child, please accept our appreciation for making contact with us. We pray that God will bless you and your family as you seek His will.**

Father's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# Family Information

(Complete one per adult)

Relationship to student listed above:

**Mother**

Living:    yes    no
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Note for relationship if not mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Living in home with child?    Yes    No

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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Address:

Street address	City	State	Zip
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Mailing address

Street address	City	State	Zip
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(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 – Mother in home

Faith Christian School is a non-denominational, K-12 school. We welcome families of all Evangelical Christian denominations.

Regardless of denomination, however, one of our standards for acceptance to FCS is that **at least one parent in the home of the student must be a born-again Christian--a biblical follower of Jesus Christ.** We make no judgments whatsoever concerning denominational teachings regarding the nature of salvation. We do insist, however, that at least one parent in the home have a credible profession of faith in Jesus alone for salvation.

Please understand that Faith is a community of believers who desire that their children be taught the same salvation foundation which is practiced in the home. **It is essential that parents hold the same Scriptural understanding of salvation as the school in order for there to be harmony in our spiritual fundamentals. This is essential for admittance to Faith Christian School.**

Please answer the questions below to indicate your understanding of the basis for your faith

We ask for the father and mother of the child to complete these pages independently with the mother completing this page and the father completing another form which is attached.

## Spiritual Foundation Questions answered by Mother

1. Are you absolutely certain that if you died today that God would permit you to enter into Heaven?

Yes                      No                      (please circle one)

2. Please explain how a person becomes a true Biblical Christian?

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3. What do you trust to get you into God's Heaven?

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4. Please explain what the cross of Jesus Christ has to do with salvation.

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5. Please explain what your lifestyles, your good works, your efforts for God have to do with salvation.

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6. When did you become a believer?

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**If you feel uncomfortable answering these questions or you realize that Faith Christian School is not the best place for your child, please accept our appreciation for making contact with us. We pray that God will bless you and your family as you seek His will.**

Mother's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Faith Christian High School (K-12)**

## **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 (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**

# 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 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 2010-2011. 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 Kindergarten) is given as consideration to insure that my child has a slot at Faith Christian School for the school year 2010-2011. 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 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 10<sup>th</sup> of each month; additional late fee of \$10 due after the 20<sup>th</sup> 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. <b>Please mark one.</b>	
_____	Option 1: <b>Monthly payments</b> Monthly payments begin in June and are payable by the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the month.
_____	Option 2: <b>Semester Payments</b> A semester payment receives a 2% discount for each semester payment. [Semester payments must be received by June 10 <sup>th</sup> or November 10 <sup>th</sup> 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."**

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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

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Date Signed

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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.**