

Faith Christian School (K-12)
4100 Ronnaki Road
Anniston, Alabama 36207
2006-2007

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. Check us out on our academics. 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, 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.

In His Service,

Ben Character, Ed. D.
Headmaster

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Tuition Schedule 2006-2007

The following tuition structure will be in place for the school year 2006-2007. 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, birth certificate, social security card, photo, and previous school's grades and standardized test results.**

2006-2007	Application Fee	=	\$50.00	For <u>first time students only</u>
2006-2007	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.**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

Kindergarten-noon dismissal	\$ 210.00 per month
Grades K-5th	\$ 320.00 per month
Grades 6-8	\$ 340.00 per month
Grades 9-12	\$ 410.00 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

Fall Semester (June - Oct):	due by June 10 th in full
Spring Semester (Nov. - April):	due by November 10 th in full
Kindergarten-noon dismissal	\$ 1029.00 per semester
Grades K-5th	\$ 1568.00 per semester
Grades 6-8	\$ 1666.00 per semester
Grades 9-12	\$ 2009.00 per semester
SCIENCE LAB FEES (due 1 June) (Physical Science, Chemistry, Biology, Physics)	\$50.00/year
Graduation Fee for seniors:	\$100.00 [Due by January 1, 2007]

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 a portion 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.

Faith Christian School

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 at least 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 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.



Faith Christian School's "Mission" Statement

Under the canopy 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

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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
Statement of Cooperation and Statement of Faith and Objectives signed

_____ Spiritual Foundation forms signed

_____ Grades and test results from previous school attached—
This is necessary for interview

Approval given by: Headmaster: _____ Date: _____

School Board Chairman: _____ Date: _____

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

9. 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: _____

10. 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]

11. Has this child repeated a grade? Yes: ____ No: ____ If yes, give reason for repeating: _____

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

13. Who referred you to Faith Christian School? _____

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

15. Name and address of current school: _____

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 10th 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 10th or November 10th in order to receive the discount.]

Spiritual Foundation of Parents
A Prerequisite at Faith Christian School

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:

Church or denominational affiliation:

Attendance: Circle one choice

Father: Church now attending: _____ Regular/Irregular/Seldom

Mother: Church now attending: _____ Regular/Irregular/Seldom

Write a brief statement to answer the following question: **“If you died today and God met you at the gate of Heaven and asked you to explain why He should let you into His Heaven, what would you tell Him?”**

Father: _____

Mother: _____

We ask for the father and mother of the child to complete the next two pages independently with the father completing one page and the mother completing another.

Faith Christian High School (K-12)

STATEMENT OF FAITH AND OBJECTIVES

1. To teach that the Bible is the only written Word of God.
2. To teach that Biblical truth is the foundation for the proper understanding of all academic subjects.
3. To teach that God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, of all life, and of man.
4. To teach that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to earth to die for our sin.
5. **To teach the necessity of being born again (born into the family of God by trusting in the finished work of Christ on the Cross and the power of His shed blood to pay the penalty of our sins). This faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is a gift of the Holy Spirit and results in a new life in Christ.**
6. To teach the application of Biblical principles to every part of daily life.
7. To teach that growth in the Christian life depends upon fellowship with God through reading the Bible, prayer and service.
8. To stress the urgency of world missions.
9. To teach the Christian social graces of love, self-control and fellowship.
10. To prepare the student to relate properly to non-Christians and to Christians who differ with them.
11. To teach the knowledge and skills required for future study or for occupational competence.
12. To teach the student to apply himself/herself to his/her work and to fulfill his/her responsibilities.
13. To teach the student to work independently and cooperatively.
14. To teach the student to think and to hold his/her convictions under pressure.
15. To develop creative skills.
16. To develop communication skills.
17. To develop an appreciation of the fine arts.
18. To teach wholesome recreation.
19. To teach our American heritage and the current problems facing our country and the world.
20. To show the student his/her civic responsibilities and to prepare him/her for adult citizenship responsibilities.

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)

Mission Statement

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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 2006-2007. **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, 2006, even though my child will not attend.** I understand that if I withdraw my child from the School after November 1, 2006 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: _____

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 2006-2007. 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 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 **prior to November.** Withdrawal after November 1 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: _____

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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.