

GOALS FOR GRADS

Our desire is that we as a faculty at Bible Baptist Christian School and you as parents have “goal congruence” for your child’s Christian education. In other words, we want to make sure we are all “on the same page.” One thing that is absolutely necessary to have such an agreement is the constant communication of our goals for the students under our care. Below is a summary, compiled by our faculty, of what we believe are biblical goals for your children in four areas: spiritual, physical, academic, and social. On the back of this sheet is the positional statement of our church.

Spiritual

- A saving relationship with Jesus Christ
- An obvious desire to “grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”
- A habit of personal devotions (prayer and Bible reading)
- Behavior that exhibits Spirit-dependence (i.e. the fruit of the Spirit)
- Active and committed membership in a Bible-believing church
- An accurate understanding of the Word of God
- An ability to apply explicit commands or biblical principles to any real-life situation
- An eagerness and ability to witness for Christ
- Courage to stand for Bible truth
- A dedication to do God’s will
- Humility to serve others

Physical

- Purity of mind and body
- Attire and appearance that honor God
- A program of physical fitness in order to serve the Lord and others more effectively
- Disciplined time management
- Emotional stability
- A striving for excellence in ability and attitudes in any athletic endeavor

Academic

- A teachable spirit
- Disciplined study habits
- Critical thinking skills
- An aptitude for reading with comprehension and discernment
- An ability to clearly and accurately communicate orally and in writing
- An appreciation for America’s Christian heritage
- An understanding of history and current events from a biblical world view
- An understanding of science and math from a creationist’s viewpoint
- An exposure to foreign language learning
- An appreciation for the Fine Arts
- A readiness for further education

Social

- Submission to authority
- Discernment in choosing friends
- Initiative in using time, talents, and treasures to serve the Lord
- An ability to cooperate with others to achieve worthwhile goals
- A willingness to serve family, friends, church, community, and country
- Proper etiquette in any social setting
- Respect and dignity to others- especially those of the opposite gender
- A disciplined work ethic
- Conviction to reject situational ethics

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.” *Luke 2:52*

Since Bible Baptist Christian School is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church, we want you to be aware of the position of our church regarding certain key issues and movements of our day. Although you may not agree with each point of the following statement, you should understand that your child will be taught from this perspective. We will always try to help students who have sincere questions or desire clarification on any position they do not understand, but we cannot accept students who will be argumentative or seek to cause division among the student body regarding any of these or other beliefs of our ministry.

POSITIONAL STATEMENT

Because there are a number of theological statements in our day, which we believe are not biblical, we desire to clarify our standard as a church regarding these theological movements and current social issues, in the light of our stated doctrinal position.

1. We believe in the fellowship of all believers in Jesus Christ who have been born again by faith in His blood. However, this fellowship of believers has the following limitations:
 - a. Those whose doctrines are contrary to New Testament teaching are to be marked and avoided (Romans 16:17-19; II Thessalonians 3:14; I John 4:1-6; Jude 3-4; II John 7-11).
 - b. Christians are to withdraw from those whose manner of life is in willful rebellion to New Testament teachings (II Thessalonians 3:6; I Corinthians 5:11).

These scriptural limitations of fellowship preclude any cooperation with unbelievers in any type of ecumenical movement or evangelism. We believe that the scriptural unity of believers is spiritual and based upon the Word of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ and not a unity of organization.

2. Bible Baptist Church is an independent church and can have no organic union with any other organization of any nature. This does not preclude cooperation (in light of the above statements) in efforts concerning the spread of the gospel and the advancement of God's work.
3. The Charismatic Movement with its emphasis on subjective experiences (i.e. speaking in tongues, healings, direct revelations, etc.) is non-Biblical and open to all manner of satanic confusion. It is ecumenical in nature and is being used of Satan to break down distinctions between light and darkness and truth and error. Bible Baptist Church is non-charismatic. We believe that both the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (i.e. the Holy Spirit's placing the believer into the family of God and under the authority of Christ) occur at the moment of salvation.
4. Ecumenism is a popular religious movement designed to catch the unwary. Its philosophy of Christian unity has been largely promulgated by the World and National Councils of Churches, the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the world at large, and tragically by some elements of New Evangelicalism. The ecumenical movement seeks the eventual union of all religions into one super church. This means that every church, religion, or religious body participating in the merger must compromise its beliefs in areas of faith and practice to conform to the will of the whole body. We unalterably oppose any dialogue or overture whatsoever, which has as its ultimate purpose the breaking down of the determination of Christians to stand true to their God and to the traditional Christian faith as outlined in the New Testament (II Corinthians 6:11-18; Revelation 2:9, 15).
5. Neo-orthodoxy is a reaction to liberalism using words, phrases, and language familiar to Christians everywhere, and in this manner projecting an evangelical image. The adherents of this movement claim to accept the Bible yet reject its verbal plenary inspiration. We repudiate neo-orthodox teaching.
6. New Evangelicalism is a more subtle movement, paradoxically promoted by professed Christians who consider the fundamentalist view of Christian theology as being too negative, and by "good words and fair speeches" seek to diffuse the fine line of demarcation between fundamentalism and liberalism. We maintain that those truths considered fundamental Christian theology and the vagaries of Christ-denying liberalism cannot be made to walk together. To attempt this unscriptural union is to compromise pure Christian doctrine by subjecting it to an unscriptural and therefore unequal yoke. Bible Baptist Church adheres to firm fundamentalism as opposed to the New Evangelical movement (II Corinthians 6:11-18; Colossians 2:8).
7. We believe that homosexual acts are sinful, unnatural, and a perversion of God's creative design. These acts emanate from man's sinful and unregenerate nature. Therefore, we, take our stand, based upon the infallible Word of God, against any and all forms of sexual perversion. If any member of Bible Baptist Church is guilty of advocating or practicing homosexuality, that person shall be disciplined by the church according to Article VIII of the church By-Laws. In essence, we believe that God loves the sinner, but hates the sin. (I Corinthians 5:14, 6:9; Genesis 19:1-11; Leviticus 18:22, 20:13; Judges 19:22-25; Romans 1:26-27; I Timothy 1:9-10).