Fellowship Academy Statement of Faith

The following statements represent what Fellowship Academy holds and teaches in classroom and Bible curriculum. All faculty members must subscribe to and teach these truths.

Fellowship Academy believes the Holy Bible—66 Books of the Old and New Testaments—was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure, with salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It is the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ. (Exodus 24:4; Psalm 19:7-10; Luke 21:33; John 5:39; Romans 15:4; II Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; II Peter 1:19-21)

Fellowship Academy believes there is one and only one living and true eternal God to whom we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with distinct personal attributes but without division of nature, essence, or being. (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3; Mark 1:9-11; John 1:1-18; Romans 1:3-4; Ephesians 1:20; Revelation 1:13-16; Acts 1:8; Galatians 4:6)

Fellowship Academy believes that man was created by the special act of God, in His own image, and is the crowning work of His creation, and though in the beginning, he was innocent of sin, by his free choice sinned against God and brought sin to the human race. Only the grace of God can bring man back into His holy fellowship and enable him to fulfill the creative purpose of God. (Genesis 1:26-30; Psalm 1; Isaiah 6:5; Matthew 16:26; Romans 1:19-32; Ephesians 2:1-22)

Fellowship Academy believes that salvation involves the redemption of the whole man and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer who turns from sin and trusts in Christ. (*Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; John 1:11-14; Romans 1:16-18; I Corinthians 1:18*)

Fellowship Academy believes that the New Testament Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is the local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel.

Fellowship Academy believes that biblical marriage is limited to a covenant relationship between a man and a woman. God's Word teaches that sexual intimacy is to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. Marriage has only one meaning sanctioned by God to join one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as defined in Scripture. Any form of sexual immorality, such as unbiblical 'marriage', adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, or disagreement with one's biological sex is sinful and goes against God's design. (Genesis 1:27-28; Genesis 2: 18-24; Exodus 20:14; Jeremiah 29:6; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:3, 22-33; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Romans 1:26-27; Galatians 5:19-2)

A. Core Family Values

All members of the Board, Administration and Staff of Fellowship Academy believe that the Bible is the Word of God without error in all its teachings. Because of our understanding of the Old and New Testaments, our school teaches these Core Family Values:

- 1. It is unacceptable for Christians to teach hatred towards any group or individual.
- 2. Human life begins at conception and that an unborn child at any stage of development is fully human and should be treated as such.
- 3. Extramarital sexual intimacy, heterosexual or homosexual, is morally wrong.
- 4. Marriage is an exclusively heterosexual institution involving one man and one woman.

B. Vision and Mission Statement

Fellowship Academy exists to graduate Godly leaders who will impact the community by serving others.

Our mission is to provide every child an opportunity for a safe, affordable, well-rounded Christ-centered educational experience. We are committed to educating our students on ways to serve the community by helping them realize their full potential as they work to discover their God given talents, gifts, and purpose.

(Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Matthew 5:13-14; Ephesians 6:4b)

C. Philosophy

The educational philosophy of Fellowship Academy is based on a God-centered view that all truth is God's truth, and that the Bible is the inspired and only infallible authoritative Word of God, which contains this truth. God created all things and sustains all things. Therefore, the universe and man are dynamically related to God and have the purpose of glorifying Him. Because man is a sinner by nature and choice, however, he cannot glorify or know God. He can do this only by choosing God's free gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ, thereby committing his life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The aim of Fellowship Academy is to provide a Christian worldview, from which will come a balanced personality and a proper understanding and acceptance of a person's role in life at home, at work, at play, and at worship...all grounded in Christian principles.

The responsibility of Fellowship Academy to the student encompasses the spiritual, mental, intellectual, physical, social, and emotional areas. These are inseparable and through them run the insistent thread of the spiritual. This scarlet thread must be woven through the total curriculum. It must be the aim of Fellowship Academy to shun the tendency to teach the Bible compartmentally or on the intellectual level alone. The spiritual must permeate all areas; else the teaching becomes textbook-oriented rather than student-oriented.