

OUR MISSION

Helping parents raise their children to live effectively in God's world.

OUR VISION

As a ministry of Faith Baptist Church, Faith Christian School is dedicated to assisting Christian parents in fulfilling their God-given responsibility of training their children. FCS desires to provide a godly atmosphere that equips students to grow both academically and spiritually in order to serve God effectively in their home, church, and community.

OUR VALUES

Realizing that God has given the authority to the Christian home to train up successful young people, we at FCS endeavor to assist parents in the training process.

We endeavor to present each subject area in the light of the principles within the Word of God.

We must stress a Biblical worldview in the vital areas of life, sin, spiritual growth, self discipline, and communication.

We desire to train each student to accept individual responsibility before God for his actions and to challenge him to glorify God in every facet of his life.

We desire to minister to the needs of the whole child and to promote his spiritual and moral growth, academic and intellectual progress, and physical and social development.

Academically, we desire to have a high bar that stretches every student and a safety net for students who are trying their best.

Spiritually, we desire to reach the heart, not just have good behavior. We want students to please God whether or not authority is present.

Socially, we want students to focus on others rather than themselves. God has designed us to be "givers" not "takers" in order to be truly satisfied.

CORE VALUE 5 School Equipment, Vehicles, Facilities, and Grounds

- Continue to grow the future needs and special projects fund.
- Acquire document cameras to be used in elementary classrooms.
- Acquire additional classroom laptops and portable projectors.
- Continue to improve soccer and baseball fields.
- Plan for additional classrooms, library, band/choir, drama rooms.
- Add four fitness areas; enhance PE curriculum.



CORE VALUE 6 Fiscal Management and Future Development

- Increase "Friends of Faith" giving and support by \$100,000.
- Add 7 local churches to annually support FCS.
- Produce new FCS video and commercial.
- Foster student enrollment growth to 850 – 900 students.
- Strengthen alumni relations by administering an alumni survey and electing an Alumni Leadership Committee.
- Increase involvement in Special Events Committee.
- Grow current Special Events development projects.
- Improve and strengthen relationships with FCS Grandparents.
- Establish three legacy scholarship funds.
- Establish fiscal self sufficiency of K5 – 12th grade.
- Establish and maintain an effective data base of constituents.

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Planning for Excellence



Our Five-Year Strategic Plan



This brochure is the culmination of one year of praying, visioning, planning, and discussions with individuals committed to the long-term mission of Faith Christian School. In the summer of 2007 a survey was sent to all parents of Faith Christian School as part of the school's accreditation process. The information was collected and evaluated by the school staff, administration, and school committee. After a number of revisions, the draft was presented to the FCS staff and school committee in April and the final draft was approved and adopted by the school committee on June 4, 2008.

This brochure is a slightly abridged summary of the 2008-2013 plan. The plan highlights six core values:

1. Student Discipleship and Spiritual Growth
2. Curriculum Development and Academic Achievement
3. Teacher Development and Effectiveness
4. Parent Relationships, Local Church Relationships, & Community Outreach
5. School Equipment, Vehicles, Facilities, and Grounds
6. Fiscal Management and Future Development

With God's guidance, we look forward to implementing this plan in the coming months and years.

In Christ,
Your FCS School Committee

Faith Christian School Five Year Strategic Plan 2008-2013

CORE VALUE 1 Student Discipleship and Spiritual Growth

Discipleship

- Institute the Lydia Group for 11th and 12th grade girls.
- Evaluate and improve the senior and junior high school retreat.
- Continue to emphasize current student-servant leadership programs.
- Improve the student class rep program.
- Develop and strengthen the 5th grade leadership program with Glen Acres School.
- Establish a 6th grade student government group.
- Increase high school student involvement in elementary chapels.



Spiritual Growth

- Evaluate and improve our chapel program.
- Emphasize spiritual leadership in athletic and fine arts programs.
- Introduce basic Biblical Counseling Training curriculum in Bible classes.
- Establish stronger links between FCS students and their youth pastor and/or youth groups.
- Develop a student missions group to raise student awareness of missionaries and future vocational opportunities as a missionary.
- Establish a future pastors club that seeks to mentor young men to consider becoming pastors.
- Train and disciple young people to lead worship during chapel.

CORE VALUE 2 Curriculum Development and Academic Achievement

Curriculum

- Offer additional computer and technical classes/ applications.
- Increase and offer computer training and application for elementary grades.
- Determine the scope of special needs services that FCS should provide.
- Build and enhance the art program.
- Evaluate the need for a full time curriculum director and career counselor.
- Identify areas of curriculum weakness as measured by ISTEP and SAT results and address them.
- Provide additional foreign language training.
- Offer Advance Placement classes in science, English, and history.

Achievement

- Strengthen "critical thinking" and math/ science skills in students.
- Consider adding a full-time resource teacher for elementary students.
- Participate in Camp Tecumseh's Outdoor School in the 6th Grade.
- Increase involvement with Ivy Tech's Double Up program.
- Offer SAT prep class and Introduction to Business class electives.
- Develop a broad career information web page for students to access information about different career opportunities.
- Establish ecological awareness by implementing a school-wide recycling program.



CORE VALUE 3 Teacher Development and Effectiveness

Development

- Provide workshops and courses to meet the needs of teachers.
- Increase technical education training for teachers.
- Increase teamwork and collaboration of faculty and staff through cross-curriculum teaching, team teaching, peer evaluation, etc.
- Continue to require faculty to attend the Biblical Counseling Training program.
- Provide financial assistance for teachers to advance their educational training.
- Offer staff/faculty training for CPR, AED, and First Aid.



Teacher Effectiveness



- Continue to place certified teachers within their area of certification.
- Continue to evaluate, implement, and update our accreditation manuals on an annual basis.
- Train teachers to integrate biblical worldview in their subjects.
- Actively recruit minority faculty and staff members.
- Have a teacher nominated for the Golden Apple Teaching Award.

CORE VALUE 4 Parent Relationships, Local Church Relations, & Community Outreach

Parents & Families

- Initiate Ren Web Student Management Software package.
- Institute Sunday Evening open gym for students.
- Establish an orientation program for incoming 7th grade students and parents.
- Increase parent involvement in the Prayer Partners program.
- Increase involvement of grandparents as a resource to Faith Christian School.



Local Church Relations

- Increase Faith Ministry Team participation in local churches.
- Improve and strengthen FCS partnership with TEAMM.
- Coordinate future mission's trips between school and local churches.
- Continue to invite pastors to speak at chapels.

Community Outreach

- Evaluate and strengthen relationships with home school educators.
- Continue to participate in ISSMA competitions.
- Continue to participate in local community events.
- Increase participation with IHSAA schools.
- Establish a Lafayette Community Skate Park outreach program.
- Strengthen relationship with Glen Acres Elementary School.
- Institute a Community Service Day for 7th - 12th Grades.

