



FAITH FELLOWSHIP SCHOOL

Establishing The Kingdom Of God With A New Generation

Parent Handbook



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Our Vision

The Bible is the foundation of our ministry. Our vision is to partner with parents in the training of their children to serve others and develop leadership. It is our aim to assist students in reaching their spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social potential.

Parental Expectations

- Be familiar with the general policies and procedures set forth in the handbook and act accordingly.
- Important information and updates will be communicated through e-mail and MySchoolWorx.com
- IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS TO BE LOOKING FOR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE OFFICE!
- Parents should not loiter on campus. Parents are invited to be on campus for authorized and designated purposes only.
- Parents are required to volunteer 20 hours per student or 30 hours if the parents have two or more students in FFS. The administration will assign, check and approve the volunteer hours. Although we prefer our parents to volunteer at school, we do accept a \$10 donation per hour to the school if the families are unable to volunteer their time.
- Be aware of financial obligations, which include the cost of curriculum, school supplies, field trips, and activities in addition to the tuition and registration fee. See "School Payments" on pg. 14.
- Be aware of financial responsibility for any damage or destruction of school property by your child.
- Be aware that policies, procedures, and changes may happen if the school situation changes and the administration deems it necessary to make adjustments. Be flexible.

Volunteer Responsibilities

- All full-time and part-time volunteer parents must be on campus for a specific time and duty pre-assigned by the Business Manager and/or designee. Your position may be reassigned according to the needs of the school program. Volunteers are not to be on the phone or talking with other parents or teachers during their volunteer assignment.
- Only parents assigned as volunteers may be in a class unless they have prior permission from the administration.

- It is the volunteer parent's responsibility to obtain a substitute in the event of planned absences or a last-minute emergency.
- The volunteer parent needs to notify the administration of any change in their schedule that affects their assignment.
- The volunteer parent must follow the dress code and the policies of the school at all times.
- The volunteer must provide a local background check.

Dress and Conduct Code

Students, volunteers, and the staff of FFS are expected to demonstrate neatness, cleanliness, and modesty at all times.

❖ ***Please note: Students who come to school dressed inappropriately will be sent to the office until their parents can bring them the appropriate clothing or be picked up.***

School Uniform is **Mandatory**. Dress code standards are in effect from the time students arrive on campus until they leave. Physical Education (P.E.) uniform is **Mandatory** for fourth grade (4th) through eighth grade (8th) and tenth grade (10th).

Daily Uniform

- Polo shirt in black, white, or teal, embroidered with the school logo.
- Black jeans, black or khaki **uniform** bottoms (uniform shorts, uniform pants, uniform capris, uniform skirts)
- Closed-toed shoes with laces or velcro.
- Jackets and sweaters **MUST** be the same as the school's top solid colors (Black, White, or Teal).

Physical Education Uniform:

- Teal T-shirt, printed with the school logo.
- Black mesh shorts, printed with the school logo.
- Athletic shoes.

Dress Code

- All clothing pieces must have a proper fit to the body size, and shall not be oversized or undersized.
- Leggings, and jeggings are prohibited.
- Crocs, Flip Flops, Slides, Sandals, Open-Toed Shoes, light up shoes, or roller shoes are not allowed.
- Shorts must be of modest, mid-thigh length for all ages, no exceptions.
- Clothing with holes, tears or inappropriate messages are not allowed.
- No excessive jewelry or any jewelry deemed inappropriate will be allowed.
- Hair style should not be in extreme fashion or distracting.
- Hair color must be tasteful and not distracting.

- Boys must keep their hair presentable, behind and above the eyebrows. Mohawks are not permitted.
- Sunglasses, caps, bandanas, and hats are not to be worn in the school building.
- Makeup and nail polish should not be excessive, distracting, or inappropriate for an educational environment.
- Cleanliness of the physical person, consistent with the maintenance of good health, to avoid offensiveness to others is mandatory.

Dress Code for Special Events

The school will plan special events and/or extra activities when it is not mandatory to wear school uniforms. The school will give specific directions about the attire. The students are expected to follow the school dress code guidelines. If guidelines are not met, students may be denied access to the event.

Conduct Code

- Follow all instructions given by any of the school's authorities.
- Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Personal Electronic Devices are allowed with the following procedures:
 - Device must be turned OFF or SILENCED and out of sight. Device should not be SEEN or HEARD.
 - Classroom use at the teacher's discretion.
 - Use may be permissible during the last ten (10) minutes of lunchtime at the teacher's discretion.
 - If students are found breaking these procedures, the device will be confiscated at the teacher's discretion and delivered to the office. The device will be held in the office until parent pick up from the administration.
 - FFS is not responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of the device.
- Chewing Gum is not permitted at any time while the students are on campus.
- Consumption of food on campus is only permitted for designated times, activities, and places under supervision.
- Any kind of humiliation, harassment, or intimidation such as physical, mental, emotional, or sexual abuse will be properly addressed by the administration.
- Bodily demonstration of romantic involvement like hand holding, embracing, or any other physical contact between students on campus is not permitted.
- School computers must be used for educational purposes only. Visiting inappropriate websites or downloading inappropriate materials is prohibited.
- Weapons of any kind, or using any item in any way as a weapon, whether harm is intended or not, is prohibited.
- Language regarding a threat to the school building or any person (including if joking) is not acceptable. This includes but is not limited to, bomb threats, weapon threats, etc. Authorities will be contacted if "threat" language is used.

Disciplinary Actions

FFS has established a student code of conduct ensuring that the school setting is one that feels safe, is conducive to learning, and emphasizes a love for Christ our Lord, appropriate positive behavior, and academic success. Students are expected to exhibit an appearance and behavior that will be appropriate in keeping a Christian testimony in accordance with Biblical standards.

As part of the behavioral aspect of the school, consequences for behaviors will include any of the following, to be decided upon evaluation of the severity of the case:

- Oral warning to student regarding their actions.
- Limitation of normal privileges, such as recesses.
- Removal from class.
- Detention.
- Indoor suspension.
- Outdoor suspension.
- Probation.
- Expulsion.

A written report of misconduct will be placed in the student's file.

Student Referral

The student may be referred directly to the administration office for serious offenses. The designee may administer an array of disciplinary measures ranging from conferencing to expulsion. Teacher referrals to the administration will specify the offense for which the student is accused and indicate corrective measures the teacher has already tried. The principal may choose to involve the student's parent or guardian in the expulsion process.

After-School Detention

Detention will be served for one hour after school dismissal. Detention may be assigned by teachers and/or administration. The following specific provisions apply:

- Parents or guardians will receive a written notification with the day that the detention must be served.
- Failure to serve detention may result in an immediate Indoor Suspension.

Grounds for Detention

Grounds for detention may include, but are not limited to:

- Violation of the classroom or school rules and regulations
- Disrespectful and offensive conduct
- Persistent disruptive conduct
- Other serious infractions deemed inappropriate by the administration
- Being tardy to school three (3) times
- Missing assignments in any class

- Failing to return papers or notification that need a parent's signature

Suspension

Indoor Suspension

I.S. is a removal from a classroom for the entire school day to work on assignments delegated by the administration. It will be counted as an excused absence. Students with indoor suspension will receive a 25% reduction in all the assignments that are missed during the indoor suspension. The indoor suspension may be assigned only by the administration.

Outdoor Suspension

O.S. is a temporary removal from school. It will be counted as an excused absence. The student works away from school and completes all assigned schoolwork. Students with outdoor suspension will receive a 35% reduction in all the assignments that are missed during the outdoor suspension. The outdoor suspension may be assigned only by the principal. The following specific provisions apply:

- Parents or guardians will be notified to take the student home the day of the occurrence.
- If the parents or guardians cannot be notified immediately, the student will be kept in a designated area until the close of the school day.
- A parent or guardian of the suspended student must meet with the principal.

Grounds for Suspension

Grounds for outdoor suspension may include, but are not limited to:

- Lying
- Stealing
- Cheating
- Disorderly conduct
- Bullying/Harassment
- Persistent violation of the rules and regulations
- Infliction of physical harm to any student
- Use of profane and abusive language
- Damage to or destruction of school property
- Commission of any act that is disruptive to the best interest of the school
- Other serious infractions deemed inappropriate by the administration
- Defiance

Expulsion

The principal or designee may recommend expulsion if attempts to correct a student's misbehavior have failed, the misbehavior persists, or the offense is so serious as to warrant the most drastic sanction.

Grounds for Expulsion

The following serious offenses, though not exhaustive, are potential grounds for expulsion:

- Defiance or direct confrontation with school faculty, staff, or administration.
- Chronic violations of school rules not corrected by lesser measures.
- Possession, use of, or transmission of a weapon or any other prohibited article.
- Possession, use of, or transmission of a substance capable of modifying mood or behavior (Narcotics, alcohol, or cigarettes).
- Using any article as a weapon or in a manner to threaten any person.
- Assault or threat to school faculty, staff, administration, or other individuals.
- Bullying/Harassment.
- Fighting or other dangerous and/or disruptive behavior.
- Defacing or vandalism of school property.
- Igniting any flammable substance.
- Activities outside the school which call for law enforcement intervention.
- Petty theft.
- Verbal threats of harm to school property, including but not limited to, bomb, weapons, etc. (even if joking).
- Parent's negative behavior or conduct directed toward teachers, students, or administration.

Security Cameras

FFS has equipped our campus with an updated security camera system, for the security of our students, faculty, and staff. These cameras are recording, and it may also be used for disciplinary purpose in the investigation of improper behaviors on school campus.

Illness or Accidents

Parents will be notified immediately in case of sudden illness or an accident. Emergency numbers are an absolute necessity. Procedures followed to aid injured children are:

- Teacher will notify the office of the child's injury.
- Office personnel will notify a parent and describe the injury.
- Emergency contacts will be called if we are unable to reach a parent.
- Emergency rescue will be called for injuries requiring first aid, which cannot be administered by school personnel.
- An accident report will be completed and filed in the event of an accident.

❖ *Parents must be sure that the teacher and office are aware of any medical conditions or allergies that could affect the health and safety of the child.*

Contagious Diseases/Sickness

If your child contracts a contagious disease or pediculosis (head lice), please keep your child at home, give them the needed treatment, and/or take them to the doctor. Also, contact the school office so that we may alert others who might be affected. Children are not allowed in school with active head lice or nits. The child cannot return to school until treatment is obtained and there is no evidence of lice or contagious disease; We may require a doctor's clearance to return.

Illness during School Hours

From time to time, children may develop symptoms of an illness while at school. All children displaying a fever above 99 degrees F, rashes, itchy, red eyes, excessive colored nasal discharge, diarrhea, prolonged headache, severe/prolonged stomach ache, repeated vomiting, and nausea must be picked up from school.

Emergency Contact Information

Please notify the school office if you move or if your telephone number has changed, so that the student records may be kept accurate and up to date. It is important to advise the school office if the names and numbers given for the emergency contact have changed. In the event that neither parent nor the emergency contact can be reached during an emergency, Miami-Dade County Rescue Department will be called.

Necessary Articles

Teachers will inform parents about necessary school supplies. All uniforms, lunch boxes, backpacks, books, jackets, umbrellas and other personal items need students' names on them. Please buy a permanent marker and label all articles so lost items may be returned to your child.

Unnecessary Articles

Students are NOT allowed to bring personal toys, sports equipment, gaming systems, or pets to school, **only with a teacher's permission and for educational purpose**. Items that interfere with instruction will be removed and returned to parents. The popular portable book bags with string handles and/or rolling backpacks are considered a safety hazard and are not recommended. FFS is not responsible for loss, damage or theft of necessary or unnecessary articles.

Technology Use

The school makes available to the students electronic or computerized technology (laptops, iPads, internet, promethean boards, etc.). This technology is intended to facilitate and support the educational objectives of the school. The students must always get permission from their teacher prior to using any electronic or computerized technology. The school prohibits the transmission of any materials protected by trade secret, which violate local, state, and federal law or regulation, as well as the use of the internet for any purpose other than educational.

The School Day

DROP OFF

8:20am-8:45am DROP OFF

8:45am SCHOOL DAY STARTS /FRONT OFFICE OPENS

Students MUST be seated at 8:45am to not be counted as tardy for the school day. Students arriving at or after 8:45am must be accompanied to the office by a parent/guardian and checked in as tardy.

Unaccompanied students on campus prior to 8:20am without express permission or designated purpose will be considered trespassing.

PICK UP

2:15-2:30 pm K-3rd GRADE PICK UP
 3:15-3:30 pm 4th-12th GRADE PICK UP

In order to maintain an orderly pick up/dismissal, parents should not arrive earlier than 30 minutes prior to dismissal time (1:45 pm for K-3rd and 2:45 pm for 4th-12th). Students not picked up during scheduled times will be sent to aftercare. Aftercare rates will be assessed (\$1 per minute).

Absences

Your child must be in regular attendance in order to benefit the most from school. Absences may affect your child's academic performance. **Florida State law** mandates a minimum number of instructional hours for all students. Florida Law states, "Each parent of a child within the compulsory attendance age shall be responsible for such child's attendance as required by law." The students will have no more than five (5) unexcused absences in a semester. The student will have no more than ten (10) unexcused absences in a school year. Any student missing more than ten (10) unexcused days in a single year is subject to being retained at the same grade level for the following school year. The Florida State Law about absences and tardiness applies to every class in middle and high school. Excuse notes **MUST** be turned in within three (3) days of the student's return to the classroom. Please see the following instances for absences that may be counted as excused.

Excused Absences

The following instances are considered excused absences:

- Student illness: Students missing five (5) or more consecutive days of school due to illness or injury are required to provide a written statement from a health care provider. The written statement must include all days the student has been absent from school. If a student is continually sick and repeatedly absent from school due to a specific medical condition, he or she must be under the supervision of a health care provider in order to receive excused absences from school.
- Medical appointment: If a student is absent from school due to a medical appointment, a written statement from a health care provider indicating the date and time of the appointment must be submitted to the homeroom teacher.
- Death in the family.
- Observance of a religious holiday acknowledged by a majority of the faith.
- School-sponsored event or educational enrichment activity that is not a school-sponsored event, as determined and approved by the principal or principal's designee: The student must receive advanced written permission from the principal or the principal's designee.

Examples of special events include: public functions, conferences, and regional, state and national competitions.

- Subpoena by law enforcement agency or mandatory court appearance.
- Other individual student absences beyond the control of the parent/guardian or student, as determined and approved by the principal or the principal's designee. The principal shall require documentation related to the condition.
- Students with special circumstances should have their parent contact school administration. In some instances, this may enable the student to receive a permissible excuse to do the work assigned in advance.
- All suspensions are considered excused absences.

Unexcused Absences

The following instances are considered unexcused absences:

- Any absence that does not fall into one of the excused absence categories will be considered unexcused.
- Absences due to vacations, personal services, local non-school events, programs, or sporting activities, unless prior administration approval is obtained.
- Absences due to older students providing day care services for siblings.
- Absences due to non-compliance with immunization requirements (unless lawfully exempted).

Tardiness

Students who are tardy to school must report to the office with a parent or legal guardian to sign in the student. Three (3) or more late arrivals may result in loss of privileges, detention, parent conference, and/or suspension. Three (3) late arrivals will be accrued and count as one (1) unexcused absence, in regard to the absence limits.

Early Pick Up

Students cannot be released within the last 30 minutes of the school day unless authorized by the principal and/or designee. Exceptions can only be made in case of emergencies or sickness.

Each parent/guardian **must report** to the office for the student to be signed out. No child will be dismissed to anyone whose name has not been cleared through the office. Students who drive to school must have a parent or guardian's written permission to leave early and must sign themselves out in the school office. Students are NOT allowed to leave the school with other students without written parent consent. **Three (3) early pick-ups will be accrued and count as one (1) unexcused absence, in regard to the absence limits.**

Snack and Lunch

FFS does NOT provide snacks or lunch for students. Please make sure your child brings healthy snacks and lunch to school that does not need to be heated up.

On the rare occasion that one finds it necessary to bring lunch after the school day starts, it must arrive 15 minutes PRIOR to the student's lunch period. Lunches arriving after the school day starts must be delivered to the office. The school office will close Mondays – Thursdays from 11:30 am – 12:15 pm. Please plan for lunch deliveries to **arrive before 11:30 am**. Students will **not** be excused from class to eat because their lunch arrived late.

Visitors

Anyone entering the building, at any time, should first check with the assigned person in the office before entering the school. All visitors, including parents, must obtain a visitor's pass from the office upon arrival. Parents are NOT allowed to talk to teachers during drop off, school hours, and pick up hours, unless there is a scheduled appointment. This ruling is for the safety and protection of our students and teachers.

Extended Care School Care Program

FFS offers extended care. An application is required for extended care. Students **must** bring a snack for After Care. Parents are required to sign in/out on the provided form when they drop off and pick up students from Before and After School Care. For liability purposes, students are not allowed outside/inside school grounds without supervision by school staff or parents.

Extended Care:

Before Care: 7:00 am - 8:20 am

After Care: 2:15 pm - 5:30 pm

Fridays: 12:00 noon - 5:30 pm

Fees will be assessed. Be familiar with the Extended Care costs, terms, and policies.

Medications

Under **NO** circumstances will non-prescription drugs such as Benadryl, Tylenol, Pepto Bismol, etc. be administered to any child. If your child requires prescribed medication, an EpiPen, or an inhaler, please provide the completed medication form with the doctor's prescription, and bring both to the office before your child attends school. The school highly recommends that parents plan dosages according to school hours or come and personally give it to the student.

❖ ***Parents must complete the Medication Authorization Form and meet all the requirements for this matter.***

Standardized Testing

FFS tests every student annually with the MAPS standardized test, approved by the DOE. The results are available online. The school will provide the login information and distribute a digital copy as soon as received.

Online Reports

FFS teachers post all the grades and reports on a website system, MySchoolWorx.com, that can be accessed by parents. Incoming parents will receive an email with the information about how to

access the system at the beginning of the school year. Parents are responsible for checking this system often to follow the child's progress and to be able to help the child in case the child is failing.

Posting of Progress

FFS does not provide physical mid-term progress reports. However, a parent wishing to monitor the progress of their child can do so at any point during the grading period. This information is made available through MySchoolWorx.com.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent electronically through MySchoolWorx.com at the end of every quarter. Parents are required to sign electronically and return within the designated number of school days after the message was sent.

Grading Scale

- A - A grade of "A" (90-100%) indicates that the student demonstrated excellent achievement in the subject and/or skill area.
- B - A grade of "B" (80-89%) indicates that the student has demonstrated good but not outstanding achievement in the academic area.
- C - A grade of "C" (70-79 %) indicates satisfactory academic achievement.
- D - A grade of "D" (60-69%) indicates a minimal acceptable level of mastery of skills.
- F - A grade of "F" (0-59%) indicates a level of academic performance that is unsatisfactory.

Conduct Grades

Conduct grades are used to communicate clearly to students and their parents the teacher's evaluation of the student's behavior and citizenship development. These grades are independent of academic grades.

- E - Excellent
- G - Good
- S - Satisfactory
- N - Needs improvement
- U - Unsatisfactory

Academic Awards

- AB Honor Roll: Students must earn A's and B's for all subjects for the overall school year.
- A Honor Roll: Students must earn A's for all subjects for the overall school year.
- Principal's Award: Students must earn A's for all subjects and E (Excellent) in all subjects for conduct in every quarter for the school year.

Academic Standards for High School Graduates

24 Credits Required

English Credits	4
Math Credits	4
Science Credits (includes 2 labs)	3
Social Studies Credits	3
Physical Education (including Health)	1
Electives (includes Bible classes required by F.F.S.)	6
Practical/Fine Art	1
World Language	2
Community Service Hours (in high school)*	100

*Community service hours MUST be completed by **December** of the student's SENIOR year to graduate.

****** FFS offers a number of ways to acquire your community service hours. Check with the school office if you are interested in earning your hours at FFS ******

Admissions Policies

FFS is open to all families that are committed to the education of their children and agree with our statement of faith, procedures, standards, and policies.

FFS believes that God called us to be light to the world by practicing Christian-like behaviors in our daily life, and on behalf of this responsibility, the administration reserves the right to take whatever action is needed that includes but is not limited to, the denial of enrollment or removal from enrollment of any individual or family.

Enrollment Procedure

1. Administrative interview
2. Completing the application packet
3. Registration Fee and Financial Agreement

Scholarship Payment Procedures

All scholarships managed by SUFS requires the parent to approve payments, electronically, four (4) times a year. SUFS will notify the parent when the payment is ready for approval through email. The parent must login to their account and approve the payment within one (1) week of the notification or risk losing their scholarship for that quarter.

School Payments

Parents' support and commitment to the child's education and to their contractual financial agreement/obligations to the school are a big part of our success. Parents are responsible for the timely payment of any fees accrued at FFS in order for their child to maintain enrollment. The annual school fees are based on a 10 or 12-month payment plan, as it is stated in the financial agreement. The monthly payment must be paid within the first 9 days of every month. A \$30.00

payment penalty may be automatically applied to your account if your payment is paid on or after the 10th of each month. The bank fees that are charged by the different banks for returned checks, will be automatically applied to the correspondent school account. Understand that not fulfilling the financial obligations to the school may result in losing re-enrollment privileges for the following school year. Report cards and/or standardized test results will be held on all overdue accounts. Accounts that are overdue in excess of 30 days or more may result in children not being able to return to school until the account is made current unless there is a new written agreement with the business manager (this includes regular monthly payment charges, late payment or returned checks penalties, late pickup charges, extracurricular activity fees or any money from fundraising events or school supplies). **Account balances must be paid up to date in order for students to attend field trips and extracurricular activities unless arrangements have been made with the office.**

Traffic and Parking Procedures

Please follow these procedures with kindness, patience, and respect to avoid accidents, misunderstandings, and quarrels.

The parking lot is ONE WAY ONLY during drop off and dismissal; please drive around when leaving the campus, even if you parked. Please enter through the north entrance of the school. Follow the directions posted and painted on the roadway. Use only crosswalks to cross roadways. **Do not block the crosswalks with vehicles at any time. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THOSE DIRECTING TRAFFIC. THOSE ENDANGERING STUDENTS BY NOT FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS WILL BE FIRMLY CONFRONTED AND POSSIBLY FINED.** (Report any traffic violations to the office immediately. Cameras are also aimed at the parking lot)

Emergency Procedures

FFS follows the Miami-Dade County Public School emergency procedures for closures, dismissal, and re-opening of the school, in case of any catastrophes (hurricanes, tropical storms, eclipses, etc.) and/or lockdowns.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

FFS admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. FFS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Violation of this policy may lead to the immediate expulsion of a student or the termination of a faculty member.

Withdrawal Procedures

1. Notify the school office at least three days in advance for the paperwork to be processed.
 2. All the fees and balances MUST be paid in full.
 3. Sign and pick up the withdrawal form.
- ❖ ***These procedures are required before the school releases any paperwork to parents and/or other institutions.***

****Attending FFS is a privilege, not a right****

Parent Behavior

FFS has a ZERO tolerance policy with regard to a parent's negative behavior or conduct directed toward teachers, students, or administration. Such behavior includes but is not limited to verbal abuse, yelling, profanity, ridicule, intimidation, belligerence, and bullying. Parents are expected to conduct themselves in healthy, adult ways when expressing any frustration or concern. Failure to comply with this provision may result in a student's expulsion and/or removal from FFS. The determination of whether a parent's conduct violates this provision is at the sole discretion of the administration.

The purpose of our policies, procedures, and statements is to create an organized and safe environment.

Our Statement of Faith

Faith Fellowship School (FFS) is a ministry of Faith Church of the Redlands (FCR); we formulate the following declaration. We pray that there not be harmful or divisive differences of the belief which may injure any person or create a disturbance of peace and harmony of the church or any of its ministries, and that we all may be of the same mind and the same judgment, Speaking the same things in love, with one voice glorifying God, edifying His people and giving Christian witness to the world. ***(1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42).***

INSPIRATIONS OF THE SCRIPTURES

We believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God, and as such, is our final authority in all matters of faith and doctrine. ***(2 Timothy. 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:19-21)***

GOD

We believe in one God manifest in Three Persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. ***(Matt. 3:16; 28:19)***

MAN

We believe that man, in his natural state, is a sinner, lost, undone, without hope, and without God. ***(Rom. 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-2, 12)***

DIVINITY AND HUMANITY OF CHRIST JESUS

We believe the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His suffering and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection and His ascension to the right hand of God the Father. (*Philippians 2:5-12*)

HOLY SPIRIT

We acknowledge the Holy Spirit to be an equal Person of the Godhead, whose work is to convict of sin, constrain to Christ, confirm in righteousness, and continually indwell the believer. (*John 16:8-11; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12-12-14; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Ephesians 1:13-14*)

SALVATION

We believe that salvation of God is received only by undeserved favor (from God) through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ and is NOT of man's works or efforts. Works are excluded except as fruit of salvation. (*Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-10*)

ORDINANCES

We believe in the two ordinances of the Church:

1. Baptism by immersion, as a testimony of the believer's obedience to Christ, but NOT as a pre-requisite or requirement for salvation (*Acts 8:36-39*)
2. THE LORD'S SUPPER (Breaking of bread and communion) to be observed as a memorial of our Lord's death, burial, and resurrection (*Luke 22:14-20*)

LOCAL CHURCH

We believe in an organization known as the Church, which constitutes all true Believers in Christ: In the priesthood of all Believers; In the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the church; in the fact that Christ ALONE is the Head Of The Church and is to be given pre-eminence. (*Ephesians 5:22-32; 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Romans 12:6; Col 1:18*).

SECOND COMING

We believe in the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ to receive His own people to the eternal joys of Heaven; and in the ultimate eternal damnation of the souls of all Christ-rejecters to a lost eternity in Hell. (*Acts 1:10-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 1:7*)

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

We believe that it is God's will that we have fellowship with all other Christians of like faith wherever they may be found, and to receive such into our fellowship, providing there is no known sin or heresy which would bring the Gospel of Christ into disrepute. Our reception of such is to be without regard for race, color, nationality, or social position. (*Act 2:42-47*)

THE GREAT COMMISSION

We believe in obeying the Great Commission. Therefore, we will work for evangelism and the growth of churches at home and abroad. (*Matt 28:18-20*)



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Acknowledgment of responsibility

Each parent/guardian of a student and each student enrolled in FFS must sign and return this page to FFS to acknowledge receipt of the Parent Handbook. The school will maintain records of the signed statements.

As a parent, I acknowledge receipt of the Parent Handbook and I have read it in its entirety. I understand that I must support all the policies of FFS through my actions and words (including social media), and I must require that my child(ren) comply with all the policies in actions and word. I agree to do so in order to partner with FFS in the education of my child(ren) and I pledge my full cooperation.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Date

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Student Name & Grade

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****Decisions regarding ANY violation of the provisions of this handbook are at the sole discretion of the FFS administration. Should any legal action be taken against FFS or its employees, FFS will seek reimbursement for all litigation costs and expenses, including attorney's fees and court costs.**

****Students will not be allowed to attend FFS until we receive this signed Acknowledgment Form.**