

## A-I. FOUNDATIONAL IDEAS

### VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to provide an excellent Christian Education uniting home, church, and school in Jesus Christ through *Kingdom Education*\* so that the generations to come will know the Truth of God's Word and not forget His works, nor be taken captive by the vain philosophies of their day.  
*Psalm 78:1-7, Colossians 2:8*

\**Kingdom Education* defined: A life-long, Bible-based, Christ-centered process of leading a child to Christ, building a child up in Christ, and equipping a child to serve Christ into adulthood.

### MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of Blue Grass Baptist School, in partnership with the home and church, is to provide an affordable, academically-challenging Christian education, set in traditional classrooms with fully-qualified teachers, while cultivating students' hearts and minds for Jesus Christ.*

### STANDARD FOR TRUTH

We believe the sixty-six Books of the Old and New Testament as the standard for all truth. We believe that all truth is God's truth and its source is in Jesus Christ (John 14:6). Every subject, whether scientific, historical, mathematical, literary, or artistic, is to be taught with the consciousness that Jesus Christ is to be the center in all living and learning.

### BALANCED EDUCATION

BGBS is a traditional school with a balance of conventional instruction and hands-on application. We see the need for spiritual, moral values to be taught as the foundation on which to build the academics. Spiritual, moral values are seen as the key to motivation for learning. Support programs are available in library, computer, art, foreign languages, music, drama, leadership development, and sports.

### TRADITIONAL EDUCATION

The emphasis of traditional education is to pass on to each generation the knowledge learned by former generations so that each individual can learn to use his or her God-given abilities for the glory of God and to edify other men and women. Traditional education has always aimed at developing the intellect, improving the habits, and forming the character of the individual so that he or she could conform to traditional standards of conduct, prosper in his or her chosen vocation, and learn things that would enrich his or her life and enable him or her to serve others.

### LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

BGBS students are regarded as individuals and unique learners. Each is guided and encouraged to reach for his or her best in our personalized environment. We strive to make students' education a great adventure and their successes worthy of recognition by classmates, faculty members, and family alike. Since the challenge of Matthew 28:1 is to make life-long disciples, we endeavor to instill in all students the idea that they are part of a learning community, not just while at BGBS, but forever.

## CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

In addition to the three R's of Reading, wRiting, and aRithmetic, students must learn the three spiritual R's of Repentance, Regeneration (rebirth), and Reconciliation. The three social R's of Respect, Responsibility, and Resourcefulness should also be known. We desire to see our students equipped with moral strength, spiritual discernment, and the academic integrity to impact our American society through responsible, effective Christian living. Worship, prayer, and Bible study inspire students to develop a Christ-like character. As a Christian school, our objective is to obey the Scriptural imperatives of Deuteronomy 6:5-7: "And Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children..." We seek to nurture development of the following character traits in the lives of our students:

**INTEGRITY: Maintaining a lifestyle that is above reproach.** A Christian should be honest, moral, and trustworthy in all dealings (Titus 1:8; Job 27:5; Proverbs 11:3, 20:11; 1Kings 9:4; Psalm 15).

**RESPECT: An attitude that highly esteems those in properly placed authority.** Parents, teachers, employees, governmental authorities, and church leaders have been placed in our lives by God. God has given us a biblical command to honor them for our own good (Romans 13:1-7; Hebrews 13:7; 1 Peter 2:13-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

**OBEDIENCE: Putting into action the attitude of respect.** We are to obey God and all those He has placed over us in our lives. When we obey, we show our love and respect for God and the authorities He has ordained. Our lives then will be long and fruitful as He has promised (John 14:21; Ephesians 6:1-4; Romans 13:1-7; Proverbs 6:23).

**SELF-DISCIPLINE: The ability to control one's thoughts and actions.** The goal is to have a life under self-controlled discipline by the Spirit of God (Galatians 5:22-26; Job 5:17; Proverbs 16:32, 25:28; 1Timothy. 4:7-8).

**GODLY LIVING: A lifestyle that exhibits the fruit of the Spirit and flees from the acts of sinful nature.** Our standards are found in God's Word, and our desire must be one with God and His holiness (Galatians 5:16-26; 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 Peter 1:13-16, 2:9-10; 1Corinthians 6:12-20; Proverbs 23:29-35; Philippians 4:8; Romans 8:6-8).

**WISDOM: Understanding what is true from God's perspective and doing what is right.** Wisdom comes from God and our respect for Him. It is developed in our lives by our proper response to correction. We need to respond to correction with a teachable spirit. Otherwise, the Bible calls us fools who are unable to attain wisdom (Proverbs 1:7, 20-33; Proverbs 2:1-22; Proverbs 4:7).

**RESPONSIBILITY: Being dependable and accountable in all relationships and tasks.** We are accountable to each other to love, encourage, confront, and forgive. Furthermore, initiative, intellectual integrity, and excellence should be the marks of all tasks we attempt (Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1-5; Ephesians 5:29-32; Ecclesiastes 9:10).

**THANKFULNESS: Developing an attitude of gratefulness.** We are to be thankful for everything God brings into our lives. Knowing that God's dealings in our lives are intended for our "good" will help create an attitude of gratefulness for the things others do for us (Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Colossians 2:7; Ephesians 5:20).

**SERVICE: A spirit of humility in focusing on the needs of others.** Christ is our example in living a life that is not self-centered but seeks ways to serve rather than rule (Ephesians 5:21; Philippians. 2:3-11; James 4:6-10).

## **STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE**

BGBS is accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public School Commission and is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International.

## **PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS**

While we believe BGBS holds a sacred trust to mold the lives of students, we further believe that God ultimately holds parents responsible for the education and upbringing of their children. We seek to glorify God by partnering with families and churches in educating future generations through Christ-centered instruction, application, and example.

## **GOALS FOR STUDENTS**

- To develop fundamental skills in mastering the English language in reading, writing, speaking, and listening in all subject areas
- To develop fundamental skills in mathematics
- To gain knowledge of science
- To gain knowledge of history and geography
- To have knowledge of and appreciation for the fine arts (art, music, drama, literature, etc.)
- To know the importance of studying foreign languages
- To gain life management skills
- To develop and utilize sound habits of personal health and safety
- To develop the ability in all curriculum areas to use information in thinking critically, applying abstractions to a variety of situations, and arriving at reasonable conclusions
- To know the Lord as personal Savior and make a public profession of faith.
- To have a working knowledge of the Lord and His Word in order to have a victorious life
- To have the spiritual maturity to be a positive influence: (1) in their homes, (2) in their churches, (3) in their occupations, and (4) in their communities
- To be conscious of the will of God in every aspect of their lives

## **BGBS STATEMENT OF FAITH**

We Believe.....

- ◆ The Bible is God's verbally inspired and infallible word and is our final authority (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21).
- ◆ There is one all-present, all-powerful, all-knowing God who exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).
- ◆ In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 10:33), His virgin birth, (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His shed blood, vicarious suffering, and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His bodily resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of God the Father (Mark 16:19), and His imminent and personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
- ◆ That, for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential and that men are justified by faith in Jesus Christ and His shed blood, and that only by God's grace and through faith are we saved (John 3:16-17, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5).

- ◆ In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: those who are saved unto the resurrection of eternal life, and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal separation from God (John 5:28-29).
- ◆ In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, Galatians 3:26-28).
- ◆ In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life (Romans 8:13-14; I Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).
- ◆ That God has ordained the local church for the perpetuation of His truth and work in the world (Acts 9:31, Gal. 1:13, Phil. 3:6).

## EVANGELISM FOR STUDENTS

It is our policy for each teacher to give a clear presentation of the Gospel to each student during the course of the year, and for each teacher to know where each child in his/her class stands in regard to his or her relationship with Christ. It is the desire of the BGBS Board and Staff that every student have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## STUDENT PRAYER

Prayer is a vital ingredient in our program of Christian training. Teachers lead the students to understand how God is central to all life and that continual communication with Him is essential to consistent Christian living. Students are trained in the habit of prayer throughout the school day, before beginning the responsibilities of each day, before eating lunch, for special needs, and to give Him praise in all things. Students are encouraged to make their requests known before God and are given opportunities to pray and to share needs with others as they share their requests with Him.

Our students in grades 7 – 12 are encouraged to form and participate in prayer groups and Bible studies during the school year.

## WEEKLY CHAPEL

Chapel is held weekly for students in grades 1 – 12. Wednesday is the normal chapel day for grades 1 – 6 and Thursday is the normal chapel Day for grades 7 – 12. Chapel is an opportunity for students and faculty to corporately worship the Lord. Chapel is opened by pledging our allegiances to both God and Country. Through singing, prayer, and inspirational speaking, students are introduced to Jesus Christ as the only Son of God who has come so that they might have an abundant life.

Every student is expected to bring his or her Bible to chapel. Chapel is an opportunity for students to display self-discipline, respect, obedience and thankfulness.

The men of our staff serve as the primary speakers for high school chapel. Local Baptist pastors and youth ministers serve as guest speakers from time to time. Students may participate in chapel by sharing their testimony or sharing a message from God's word.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Believing that our role at BGBS is to assist the home and the church in the task of training young people, we feel that it is of utmost importance for all of our students, with their families, to be in regular attendance at their church. We do not feel that we are working in full harmony with the home if the family is not active in a local church (Hebrews 10:25). *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another.”*

## FACULTY AND STAFF

Each member of the faculty and staff of BGBS is a born-again Christian, committed to the basic fundamentals of the Christian faith and the education of all students enrolled in the school.

No member of the faculty or staff is authorized at any time to impose his or her non-essential beliefs upon the students. Strict adherence to the Biblical basics and confinement within them is required.

It is the declared purpose of BGBS to educate students, adhere to academic discipline, and promote basic moral excellence—not to engage in doctrinal conflict.

## AMERICAN IDEALS

Our academically-challenging, traditional curriculum places premier value on liberty, ethics, ideas and responsibility—American ideals born in the biblical truths of our founding fathers are highlighted in our history curriculum and literature readings in the heroes of our faith and country. We purpose to endow each student with the traditional values of honesty, morality, manners and respect for others. *Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:1-8*

## NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

*“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:26-28)*

BGBS was established to provide a quality Christian education for students who are average or above average academically and to assist parents in the spiritual development of their children. It is not intended to be an alternative school for those wishing to avoid public school or court agency-ordered placements.

We are not equipped to serve those with special education needs beyond what can be met through a low student teacher ratio and through a structured learning environment.

BGBS admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin and extends to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the organization. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship programs, and other organization-administered programs.

BGBS will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or ethnic origin in the hiring of any of its personnel.