

**VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
**Enrollment Checklist**  
**Elementary/Middle School**

- Completed Application
- Signed Declaration of Agreement and Commitment Form
- Application Fee
- Curriculum Fee
- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Medical Report (can be marked on immunization form)
- Previous school transcripts (must be requested upon application to school)

# VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

482 County Road 725 | Riceville, TN 37370 | (423) 462.3008

## WELCOME!

Thank you for your interest in Valley Christian Academy. We understand that planning your child's educational future is an important process, and we would be delighted to help you better understand what Valley Christian Academy has to offer.

We are a life preparatory school with a focus on developing academically and spiritually prepared champions for Christ. All classes are challenging, and individual attention is the norm. Our teachers will use a variety of teaching methodologies to assure every child's strengths and interests are developed. We celebrate each student's excitement of discovery and we consistently work to develop a lifelong love of learning.

Valley Christian Academy provides a forward-thinking learning community with a caring and connected faculty and student body. We emphasize spiritual formation with a desire for students to be prepared to be "*world changers*" whatever their God-given path.

If you are interested in learning more about Valley Christian Academy, please contact us at your convenience. We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Thank you,

## VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Board of Directors

482 County Road 725

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Valley Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally made available to students. Valley Christian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships, financial aid and athletic and other school-administered or sponsored programs and events.

## ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Valley Christian Academy welcomes applications for admission from students entering Kindergarten through grade 8. This is a three-step process. Once your application folder is complete with all of the documents required for admissions, you will be contacted to schedule testing and interview dates. Students at every grade level are required to turn in an application for admission. We actively seek to create and cultivate a loving, learning Christcentered culture.

**Step 1: Complete and Submit the Application forms**, one for each child you wish to enroll. Before the application can be processed, the following documents must be received:

- Completed Application for Admission
- Application fee
- Copy of the student's transcript
- Copy of most recent standardized achievement test scores (or comparable testing)

**Step 2: Interview and Assessment:** A member of the Admissions Committee will meet to discuss the particulars of your completed application and give you an opportunity to ask questions. Participation by both parents/ guardians is required. Before the interview can occur, the following documents must be received:

- References (pastor's referral form)

### STANDARDS FOR EVALUATING PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS:

#### Spiritual Considerations

- Personal Christian commitment of parents/guardians and student(s).
- Willingness of parents/guardians and student(s) to be supportive of Valley Christian Academy's philosophy of Christian education.
- Willingness of parents/guardians and student(s) to support the administration and faculty in carrying out the goals and programs of Valley Christian Academy.

#### Behavioral Considerations

- History of acceptable citizenship in previous school.
- Agreement of parents/guardians and student(s) to abide by the behavior standards established by Valley Christian Academy.

#### Academic Considerations

- Documented record of acceptable grades in previous school.
- Acceptable scores on achievement tests.

#### Personal Considerations

- Student's special interests, talents, and skills.
- Valley Christian Academy makes no distinction in its admission policy on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin.

We support an environment that enriches the learning experience of the school community and prepares students to become leaders as well as followers of Christ in an ever-changing world.

**Step 3: Notification of Acceptance:** After all of the above steps have been completed, the Admissions Committee will review and rule on the application. *Notification of acceptance will be sent by mail, and a response must be received within ten business days.* All students are considered to be on probation for the first nine weeks at Valley Christian Academy. Excessive behavior problems or extremely poor academic performance may result in dismissal or recommendation to a lower grade level.

# VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## Mission Statement

**Valley Christian Academy** partners with parents/guardians to provide a distinctively Christian education with academic excellence with a Biblical worldview in order to expand the knowledge and critical thinking skills of our students, which will develop their God-given potential to impact the world under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

## Vision Statement

Valley Christian Academy's vision is to impact our world by preparing students to become Godly men and women, as we implement **Discipleship** (Mt. 28:16 -20), expect **Excellence** (1 Cor. 10:31), and encourage **Integrity** (Psalm 15).

## CORE VALUES

### Discipleship

Disciples not only loving God, but also striving to imitate Him in all that they do and say. Jesus calls us to not only speak the Gospel but to also develop relationships with others so they can learn how to imitate Jesus Christ in their own lives.

### Excellence

When a student grasps the impact of the Gospel and recognizes the love and sacrifice of Jesus to provide salvation for a lost world, the natural response should be to live a life of excellence, a life worthy of such love and sacrifice. At Valley Christian Academy, students are encouraged to complete all tasks, whether they are academic, athletic, or artistic, with the mindset that they are working to bring glory to God.

### Integrity

Those who are followers of Jesus are called to lives of integrity, which means that their attitudes and behaviors are wholesome and blameless at all times, not just when they are being watched by someone else. A person who lives with integrity understands that he is ultimately responsible to God and will give an account to Him for all things.

## More Values We Share

- Parents/guardians are ultimately responsible for the education of their children. (Deut. 6:6–7)
- The role of the Christian school is to come alongside parents/guardians with delegated authority.
- The Bible is the infallible Word of God, and all truth is God’s truth. (John 16:13; 2 Timothy 2:15)
- The most important goal in life is to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to know Him. (Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9–10)
- God’s truth is to be integrated into all disciplines.
- The acquisition of wisdom is to be desired over the accumulation of knowledge. (Proverbs 1:7)
- All children have different gifts that should be cultivated in a well-rounded curriculum and program. (Psalm 139:13–16)
- The teacher is the “Living Curriculum” and should be a Christ-like model for students in speech, conduct, relationships, work habits, and devotion to God.
- The educational environment and atmosphere should encourage spiritual, personal, academic, and relational growth of students, faculty, and staff.
- Wholesome interpersonal relationships will be fostered and developed among peers and staff.
- Service to others will be modeled and encouraged. (Galatians 5:13; Romans 2:10)
- Respect for authority, good citizenship, and patriotism will be instilled in the students in order to foster responsibility to their homes, community, and country. (1 Corinthians 10:11)

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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## Student and Family Information

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Information

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

SS # \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Name student goes by: \_\_\_\_\_ Student resides with: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Suite \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Last School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Last School Attended:

\_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent (or Guardian) / Family Information: Please check all that apply

Student resides with:  Mother and Father  Mother  Father  Guardian  Stepfather  Stepmother  Grandparent

Special circumstances:  Father is deceased  Mother is deceased  Parents are separated  Parents are divorced

Parent with legal custody if divorced:  Mother  Father  Joint Explanation if needed: attach additional information.

Send mail to:  Home of Student  Father at different address  Mother at different address

Name: Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address if different than above:

Home Address if different than above:

\_\_\_\_\_

Street

\_\_\_\_\_

Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the box below that indicates your ethnic and cultural heritage. (Note: Your response is optional.)

African American  Asian  Caucasian  Hispanic  Native American  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Family's Church \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor

Church Phone

**Emergency Contact Information: (other than parents or guardians)**

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name	Relationship	Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone

**Place of Business, Father (Guardian):** \_\_\_\_\_ Company Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Business, Mother (Guardian):** \_\_\_\_\_ Company Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Guardian (if different from above)** \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings or others in household not applying to Valley Christian Academy (use additional paper if necessary):

Name	Relationship to student:	DOB	School Attending
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____

**Student Information:**

Please list the school(s) your child has attended over the last three years. Please include full address of the school. If more space is needed, please provide the information on a separate sheet of paper.

Child	School Name & Address	Phone Number	Grade
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

**Valley Christian Academy is not staffed to teach children with significant learning disabilities or behavioral issues. We would appreciate your assistance in answering the following questions as candidly as possible. Further elaboration on your answers will take place during the interview.**

1. Does your child have any special learning needs (ADD, ADHD, dyslexia, autism, etc.) that would require special attention in a traditional classroom setting? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Has your child ever been referred for testing or placed in a special program? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain:

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3. Has your child ever seen or been referred to a counselor/physician/psychiatrist for any type of social, behavioral, emotional, or mental issue? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, briefly state the nature of the issue: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Has your child ever taken medication for a learning or behavioral issue? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain:

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5. Has your child ever experienced any disciplinary problems at a previous school? (i.e. Has a teacher or administrator ever contacted you regarding your child's behavior?) \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Please describe any physical disabilities (heart, hearing difficulties, speech impediments, asthma, sensory interaction dysfunction, etc.), any serious illnesses, allergies, diseases, injuries or hospitalizations. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Has your child received a recent visual or hearing examination? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, what were the results? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Has your child ever repeated a grade for any reason? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which grade: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Has your child ever been suspended, expelled, or asked to withdraw from any school? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper, including principal's name, school name, and school address and phone number.

10. Has the child ever had any involvement with legal authorities? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please attach an explanation.

11. Is the student currently under any disciplinary action? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please attach an explanation.

12. Why do you want your child to attend Valley Christian Academy?

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## References

Please list three references:

1. Pastoral – About your family - Pastor of the church you are now attending.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

2. Friend – About your family - Person who has known your family for a number of years and is not a relative.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

3. Friend – About your child - A person who knows your child well and is not a relative.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

## Grandparent Information

Please list contact information for all grandparents.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Permission and Release

By signing this application, I give permission for my child to take part in all school activities, including sporting events and practice, and school-sponsored trips away from school premises (except as specifically listed below). Further, in the event my child becomes ill or is injured while under school supervision, I authorize school authorities to take the following steps:

- Contact a parent/guardian of the student and follow his/her instructions;
- In the event neither parent/nor guardian can be reached, contact the student's physician and follow his/her instructions.
- If the student's physician cannot be reached, contact at their discretion, a licensed, practicing physician and to follow his/her instructions.

Person to call in case of emergency \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Exceptions (if any) to permission: \_\_\_\_\_

**Release:**

I agree to release the board and any school employee from any and all liabilities in connection with these activities and instructions, and to hold them harmless from injury or damage caused by my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Valley Christian Academy

## Statement of Faith

### Article II: Articles of Faith The Baptist Faith and Message (As revised 2000)

#### I. The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

*Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.*

#### II. God

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

#### A. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

*Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11ff.; 20:1ff.; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9ff.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7.*

#### B. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

*Genesis 18:1ff.; Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.*

#### C. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He

enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

*Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 22:17.*

### **III. Man**

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

*Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.*

### **IV. Salvation**

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. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior.

B. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

C. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

D. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

*Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.*

### **V. God's Purpose of Grace**

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

*Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-8; 1 Samuel 8:4-7,19-22; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31ff.; Matthew 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34;*

*Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44-48; John 1:12-14; 3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18; Acts 20:32; Romans 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15; 11:5-7,26-36; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11; Colossians 1:12-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:12; 2:10,19; Hebrews 11:39-12:2; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2.*

## **VI. The Church**

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

*Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3.*

## **VII. Baptism and the Lord's Supper**

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

*Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12.*

## **VIII. The Lord's Day**

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

*Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 12:1-12; 28:1ff.; Mark 2:27-28; 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3,33-36; John 4:21-24; 20:1,19-28; Acts 20:7; Romans 14:5-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Colossians 2:16; 3:16; Revelation 1:10.*

## **IX. The Kingdom**

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

*Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 3:2; 4:8-10,23; 12:25-28; 13:1-52; 25:31-46; 26:29; Mark 1:14-15; 9:1; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 9:2; 12:31-32; 17:20-21; 23:42; John 3:3; 18:36; Acts 1:6-7; 17:22-31; Romans 5:17; 8:19; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 11:10,16; 12:28; 1 Peter 2:4-10; 4:13; Revelation 1:6,9; 5:10; 11:15; 21-22.*

## **X. Last Things**

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

*Isaiah 2:4; 11:9; Matthew 16:27; 18:8-9; 19:28; 24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 9:43-48; Luke 12:40,48; 16:19-26; 17:22-37; 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31; Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 15:24-28,35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:5; 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 5:1ff.; 2 Thessalonians 1:7ff.; 2; 1 Timothy 6:14; 2 Timothy 4:1,8; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff.; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14; Revelation 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13.*

## **XI. Evangelism and Missions**

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

*Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8,16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 22:17.*

## **XII. Education**

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

*Deuteronomy 4:1,5,9,14; 6:1-10; 31:12-13; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalms 19:7ff.; 119:11; Proverbs 3:13ff.; 4:1-10; 8:1-7,11; 15:14; Ecclesiastes 7:19; Matthew 5:2; 7:24ff.; 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 2:3,8-9; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:12-6:3; James 1:5; 3:17.*

## **XIII. Stewardship**

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

*Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 8:18; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 6:1-4,19-21; 19:21; 23:23; 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21,42; 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47; 5:1-11; 17:24-25; 20:35; Romans 6:6-22; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:15; Philippians 4:10-19; 1 Peter 1:18-19.*

## **XIV. Cooperation**

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

*Exodus 17:12; 18:17ff.; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4; 2:68-69; 5:14-15; Nehemiah 4; 8:1-5; Matthew 10:5-15; 20:1-16; 22:1-10; 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1ff.; Acts 1:13-14; 2:1ff.; 4:31-37; 13:2-3; 15:1-35; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:5-15; 12; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Galatians 1:6-10; Ephesians 4:1-16; Philippians 1:15-18.*

## **XV. The Christian and the Social Order**

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. In the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including

adultery, homosexuality, and pornography. We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

*Exodus 20:3-17; Leviticus 6:2-5; Deuteronomy 10:12; 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zechariah 8:16; Matthew 5:13-16,43-48; 22:36-40; 25:35; Mark 1:29-34; 2:3ff.; 10:21; Luke 4:18-21; 10:27-37; 20:25; John 15:12; 17:15; Romans 12-14; 1Corinthians 5:9-10; 6:1-7; 7:20-24; 10:23-11:1; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27; 2:8.*

## **XVI. Peace and War**

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war.

The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love. Christian people throughout the world should pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace.

*Isaiah 2:4; Matthew 5:9, 38-48; 6:33; 26:52; Luke 22:36, 38; Romans 12:18-19; 13:1-7; 14:19; Hebrews 12:14; James 4:1-2.*

## **XVII. Religious Liberty**

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7; Matthew 6:6-7,24; 16:26; 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Romans 6:1-2; 13:1-7; Galatians 5:1,13; Philippians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; James 4:12; 1 Peter 2:12-17; 3:11-17; 4:12-19.*

## **XVIII. The Family**

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

*Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.*

# Valley Christian Academy

## Declaration of Agreement and Commitment

- ❖ We have read and understand the school's Statement of Faith and Mission Statement, and we are in agreement with the purpose of Valley Christian Academy.
- ❖ We, as parents/guardians, accept the challenge to "Train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6), and we do state that this training will be carried out at home. We place our trust in Valley Christian Academy to extend the training more completely.
- ❖ We, as parents, agree to participate in the Christian education of our child by regularly attending a Bible-believing church as a family and by exemplifying Christian principles in our home.
- ❖ We do hereby state that we have made a thorough investigation of the school's program, curriculum, discipline, and dress code; and we agree to make them our choice while enrolled at Valley Christian Academy.
- ❖ We understand that we have an obligation to be actively involved in the education of our child. We agree to uphold and support the high academic standards of this school by providing a place at home for our child to study and to give our child encouragement in the completion of school assignments.
- ❖ We understand that parental involvement in our child's education is pivotal to his/her success and agree to attend all parent meetings and lend support to the programs of Christian education.
- ❖ We will willingly give hours of Christian service to Valley Christian Academy in order to be a positive factor in our child's Christian education and to enrich his/her experience at Valley Christian Academy.
- ❖ We will faithfully support the school through our prayers and a positive attitude, and in keeping with Matthew 18:15 we are committed to giving a good report by sharing any complaints and negative comments only with the people involved. Unresolved issues will be taken care of by using the school's chain of command.
- ❖ We understand that the standards of Valley Christian Academy do not tolerate profanity, obscenity in work or action, lying, cheating, dishonor to the Trinity and the Word of God, disrespect to the personnel of the school, or continued disobedience to the established policies of the school.
- ❖ We understand that Valley Christian Academy does not permit the possession of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, non-prescription controlled substances, firearms and weapons (except for authorized personnel) on the entire campus; and that the violation of any criminal or civil law shall be construed as a violation of Valley Christian Academy policies.
- ❖ We believe that discipline is necessary for the benefit of each student as well as for the entire school. We give permission to the teachers and administration to make and enforce regulations in accordance with the school's core beliefs and Statement of Faith.
- ❖ We understand that the standards of Valley Christian Academy apply both on and off campus and that Valley Christian Academy students are expected to uphold these standards at all times.
- ❖ We understand that falsification, withholding pertinent information, or failure to comply with Valley Christian Academy policies may result in denial of admission or immediate dismissal.
- ❖ **We understand that Valley Christian Academy is under no obligation to admit any student and has the right to accept or reject a student as it deems advisable.**

I support the Declaration of Agreement and Commitment and am in support of my child enrolling in Valley Christian Academy.

Father's (guardian's) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's (guardian's) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

