

## Our Purpose

Bethlehem Christian Academy, as a ministry of Bethlehem Baptist Church, is committed to providing a thorough Christian education to the children of our church family and others of like Biblical convictions. We view our ministry as one that supports parents in the fulfillment of their God-given responsibilities to educate their children both spiritually and academically. Through a balance of Bible teaching, spiritual guidance, solid academics, discipline, and loving leadership, we endeavor to make a permanent investment in the life of each student. We stand accountable to God for the children He has entrusted to us. The purpose of our heart is that every aspect of our school will glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Our Objectives

In recognizing the God-given responsibility that parents have for the education and general development of their children, Bethlehem Baptist Church has established Bethlehem Christian Academy to build upon the foundation laid in the home. To provide an education that encourages maximum development spiritually, academically, socially, and physically, the following specific objectives are incorporated into all aspects of the educational program at Bethlehem Christian Academy:

We will endeavor:

### **Spiritually:**

1. To lead all students who have not already trusted Jesus Christ as Savior to do so without delay.
2. To encourage in each student a love for Jesus Christ and a submission to His authority in our lives.
3. To promote spiritual awareness and confidence that produces a mature and vital testimony for Jesus Christ.
4. To develop an appreciation of the Bible and an ability to make daily application to life.

### **Academically:**

1. To provide as an alternative to secular humanistic education an instructional program that is based on a fundamentally Christian perspective, that integrates Biblical truth with the academic subjects, and that meets the requirements for our school as set by the Ohio educational code.
2. To enable students to master the tools of learning and communication so that they will think logically and independently.
3. To challenge students to use the abilities God has given them to their fullest potential.

### **Socially:**

1. To nurture and instruct students in such a way as to develop in them a world and life view consistent with Biblical principles.
2. To promote within each student the ethical and spiritual qualities that constitute Christian character.
3. To develop patriotism and respect for the godly values, common memories, and traditions that make up our heritage as Americans.

### **Physically:**

1. To provide students opportunities to discover and develop talents in athletics.
2. To develop physical strength, motor skills, and the concepts of teamwork, fair play, and balanced competition through organized physical activities.

At Bethlehem Christian Academy we have a deep concern that each child have an opportunity to have a Christian education; but at our present stage of development, we are unable to meet the needs of students with the following problems:

1. Extremely low academic performance, as indicated by standardized testing program and/or psychological referral. (We do not have resources to meet their needs.)
2. Emotional, attitude, and/or discipline problems.
3. A physical handicap which would impair the learning process. (We do not have the resources to meet their needs.)
4. Coming from a home that would oppose the type of instruction that would take place. (The Christian school is not a remedy for parents who are unwilling to fulfill their God-given responsibilities of raising their children in the home.)
5. Do not agree with the statement of faith, purpose, philosophy, and objectives of Bethlehem Christian Academy.

The following items are taken into consideration in the enrollment process:

1. Reflections of citizenship, behavioral habits, and standardized test scores from schools previously attended shall be a determining factor in admissions.
2. The fact that our school will teach the Scriptures as the Word of God and final authority must be clearly understood.
3. Each child will be admitted on a yearly basis with re-enrollment completed before general registration begins. Priority on

the admittance is based not only on a first-come, first-served basis but also on the overall evaluation of the student as to how the school will facilitate his/her educational development.

4. Students will be admitted and disciplined equally without regard to sex, race, color, and nationality or ethnic origin.

5. We understand that according to **I Corinthians 6:1-8** it is wrong to take other Christians to court, and agree to fully follow the principles outlined in **Matthew 18:15-20**:

If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgement instead of before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, appoint as judges even men of little account in the church! I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers? But instead, one brother goes to law against another - and this in front of unbelievers! The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? Instead you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers.

*I Corinthians 6:1-8 NIV*

## Our Beliefs

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired of God, that as such they are inerrant in the original manuscripts, and that they are the supreme authority on faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. We further believe that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, inherited from Adam, and become sinners in thought, word, and deed.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a substitutionary sacrifice and that all who believe in Him are justified by their faith on the basis of the efficacy of His shed blood.
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord, that He ascended into Heaven, and that His is now our Advocate with the Father.
7. We believe in the personal, premillennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
9. We believe in two ordinances for the church: 1.) baptism by immersion for believers, 2.) the Lord's Supper.
10. We believe in the prominence of the local and visible church.
11. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting and conscious punishment of the lost.
12. We believe that marriage was planned by God to consist of one man and one woman, and that any other arrangement is un-biblical. We believe that scripture teaches that homosexuality is always unacceptable, and therefore, a homosexual relationship cannot constitute the basis for a biblical marriage or family. We believe that God's design is for a married couple never to be separated by divorce. We believe that men and women are of equal value and standing in God's sight, but that by God's design, the husband is to be the head of the home. We believe that it is the responsibility primarily of the parents to raise their children in the counsel of the Word of God, using discipline when necessary. We believe that single believers are to marry only in the Lord.

Bethlehem Christian Academy recruits and admits students of any race, color or ethnic origin to all its rights, privileges, programs and athletics/extracurricular activities. Furthermore, the school is not intended to be an alternative to court or administrative agency ordered, or public school district initiated desegregation. Bethlehem Christian Academy will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or ethnic origin in the hiring of its certified or non-certified personnel.

# Student Application

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

We are required by the State of Ohio to ask for the following optional information:

Place of birth: USA \_\_\_\_\_ Outside of US \_\_\_\_\_ What country? \_\_\_\_\_

Race/ethnic composition of each student enrolled. Please check the appropriate category.

African American \_\_\_ American Indian \_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_ Caucasian \_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_ Multiracial \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Grades of Brothers and Sisters \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student live with Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes/No Yes/No

Where should school correspondence be sent? \_\_\_\_\_

Who referred you to Bethlehem Christian Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list two references other than family or pastor

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Grade for which admission is sought \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Presently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Has the student repeated any grade? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, state the grade and reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the student been dismissed or suspended from any school previously attended? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

We reside in the following PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Child's interests and hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special physical or mental disabilities or limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHURCH/SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

Family Attends What Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church Attendance: Father Regularly \_\_\_\_\_ Occasionally \_\_\_\_\_ Seldom \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Regularly \_\_\_\_\_ Occasionally \_\_\_\_\_ Seldom \_\_\_\_\_

Prospective Student Regularly \_\_\_\_\_ Occasionally \_\_\_\_\_ Seldom \_\_\_\_\_

In what church functions/activities does the student participate? \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent's Agreement

1. We understand that the school agrees to maintain liability insurance for the protection of students in an aggregate amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000). We rely on the protection afforded by such insurance for injuries to our child as a result of participation in approved school functions unless the injury results from willful misconduct of a school employee.
2. We agree to uphold and support the academic standards of Bethlehem Christian Academy by providing a place at home for our child to study and by giving him/her encouragement in the completion of class assignments and homework.
3. We recognize that confidence in our child's teachers and school administration is essential. Therefore, we will encourage our child to respect and obey school policies and school officials. We agree that, if our child should become involved in any difficulty at school, we will not complain to other parents, but, with a prayerful Christian spirit, will register only necessary complaints with the appropriate teacher and/or administrator (Matthew 18 principle).
4. We agree that should there arise a difference or disagreement between parents and school authorities concerning Bethlehem Christian Academy's philosophy of education which cannot be resolved, we will withdraw our children from the school and not pursue the matter any further.
5. We realize that a Christian school is not a substitute for the training, fellowship, and discipline of the local church and agree to have our child in regular attendance at a fundamental, Bible-believing church where the Word of God is taught, believed, and obeyed.
6. We agree to be prompt in payment of tuition and fees. We understand that our child will be subject to dismissal any time payments are 30 days overdue. Any check written which is returned to the school due to insufficient funds will be subject to an additional penalty.
7. We recognize that our student must exemplify by his/her attitude and lifestyle that he/she is committed to being conformed to the image of Christ, to be obedient in God's Word, and to exhibit a teachable spirit. This will be reflected in speech, respect for authority, reverence for the Lord, and in fruit evident to believers around him/her.
8. We grant permission to the school authorities to discipline our child when necessary. We understand that this may include the use of corporal punishment as outlined in the student/parent handbook. We understand that such discipline, when necessary, will be administered in love and in a manner consistent with Biblical principles. We further agree to discipline our child in the home. We understand that a student may not respond in a positive manner to discipline administered and would, therefore, be subject to expulsion. Such expulsionary action would be taken by the school Trustees Board upon recommendation of the administrator.
9. We understand that, if our child is withdrawn or expelled from Bethlehem Christian Academy, all fees that are due must be paid in full before the students' records will be forwarded to his/her new school.
10. We have read the "Standards for Dress & Appearance" and agree to see to it that our child adheres to this policy.
11. We also agree to give permission for our child to go on field trips and school trips, and will not hold the school or any person responsible in case of an accident. It shall be the school's obligation to provide as safe an environment as possible.
12. We agree to uphold the Purpose, Objectives, and Beliefs as set forth in this document.

This agreement is to be read and signed by both parents or guardians and submitted with all other forms upon application for admission to Bethlehem Christian Academy.

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Father's Signature

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Mother's Signature

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Date

# Bethlehem Christian Academy

## Academic Recommendation

To the Applicant:

After completing the first three lines, this form is to be given to your current school principal or counselor. Please provide a stamped envelope addressed to Bethlehem Christian Academy.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Present Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Name of Current School \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

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To the Principal or Counselor,

The student named above has applied to Bethlehem Christian Academy and is requesting that you complete this recommendation form. We are interested in your estimation of the applicant's academic performance, intellectual promise, and personal qualities. Feel free to allow a teacher to help complete this recommendation.

Your statement will become a part of our admissions files to be used by those involved in our decision process.

1. What is the student's achievement in relation to his/her ability? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The student's greatest strengths are: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The student's greatest weaknesses are: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. In relation to other students, how would you rate the applicant in the following areas?

ACADEMICALLY:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Class participation	_____	_____	_____	_____
Concentration/Depth of perception	_____	_____	_____	_____
Computational skill	_____	_____	_____	_____
Creativity and imagination	_____	_____	_____	_____
Quality of daily preparation	_____	_____	_____	_____
Consistency of daily preparation	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communication skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Intellectual curiosity	_____	_____	_____	_____
Organization and use of time	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reaction to criticism	_____	_____	_____	_____

PERSONALITY:

Social and emotional maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____
Compatibility with peers	_____	_____	_____	_____
Integrity and honesty	_____	_____	_____	_____
Manners and appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-respect	_____	_____	_____	_____
Respect for others	_____	_____	_____	_____
Openness with adults	_____	_____	_____	_____
Concern with issues beyond school	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____
Eagerness to assume responsibility	_____	_____	_____	_____
Family support	_____	_____	_____	_____

5. Please attach:

- \* A current report card copy and
- \* Copies of all State and standardized testing results for this applicant.

6. The applicant has attended your school for \_\_\_\_\_ (years/months),  
beginning \_\_\_\_\_ (month & year).  
Length of time acquainted with the applicant \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of School Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of School Official \_\_\_\_\_

School Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pastoral Recommendation

To the Applicant:

After you complete the top portion of this form, please forward the recommendation to your pastor along with a stamped addressed envelope to Bethlehem Christian Academy.

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Full name of student(s):

Applying for the Grade(s) of:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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To the Pastor,

Thank you for giving consideration to the following questions regarding this/these applicant(s). Bethlehem Christian Academy is a school committed to excellence in education while providing a Christ-centered environment. Your prompt return of this form would be appreciated.

1. Do you personally know the family? Yes No
2. Has the family been in regular attendance for more than one year? Yes No
3. Which members of the family have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and are living an exemplary scriptural lifestyle?

Father:	Yes	No	Children _____	Yes	No
Mother:	Yes	No	(Names) _____	Yes	No
			_____	Yes	No
			_____	Yes	No



4. Has all their attendance been faithful and what services does the family attend? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Please relate the Biblical plan of salvation: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Are members of the family active in the work of the church? If "yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Based on your personal knowledge of the applicant and his/her family, would you recommend them to us?    Yes    No    Reason \_\_\_\_\_

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Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Church Telephone \_\_\_\_\_