



## PARENT SPIRITUAL AGREEMENT

Faith is a central element of Life Christian Academy-Emmaus (Emmaus) as we prepare students for life and aim to raise strong Christians who can lead in their generation. We believe that God has given parents the ultimate responsibility of raising their children, and we strive to support parents in this role. To avoid confusion between what children learn at school and at home, we have developed a Parent Spiritual Agreement to prevent any inconsistencies in the lives of our students.

We will be teaching our students about God's plan for marriage, so it would not make sense if the parents are living together without being married. Being imperfect is a part of being human, and we are not seeking perfection. However, we are looking for families, not just students, who are walking together in God's path and plan for their lives. We are more interested in the direction people are heading rather than where they currently are in their journey. We are open to working with new-believing moms, dads, and kids as long as they have the desire to walk their own road with the Lord.

Here are our requirements:

1. Therefore, at least one parent must be a believer and affirm a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. If the spouse or other parent is not an active follower of Jesus Christ, we require a written agreement that they will not oppose what we teach in the Parent Spiritual Agreement.
3. Being part of a Bible-believing local church is an essential aspect of the Christian experience for children. At school, we will teach children about the local church and support their involvement in it. Therefore, parents and students must attend a local Bible-teaching church and actively participate in serving there.
4. A completed Pastoral Recommendation from the current pastor is mandatory.
5. We are training our students to be leaders in the church, and we expect families to find a place of service in their church. This will greatly strengthen your family and provide the best example for your children.
6. The Spiritual Agreement must be recertified annually.
7. In summary, Emmaus values faith and strives to raise strong Christian leaders. We provide support to parents in their ultimate responsibility of raising their children and have established the Parent Spiritual Agreement to ensure consistency between what children learn at school and at home.

### **DOCTRINAL AGREEMENT – Please initial next to each statement you agree with.**

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree that the Bible is the Word of God and God's Word does not change.

*Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."*

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree that God created the heavens and the earth.

*Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree that, without salvation, man is a sinner and is hopelessly lost.

*John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."*

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree that Jesus is God the Savior, that He is the only way to Heaven.

*John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree that you must be born again.

*John 3:7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"*

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree to be connected to a local church.

*Colossians 1:18 "And He is the head of the body, the church."*

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree that God desires unity.

*John 17:20;22 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word...that they may be one just as We are one."*

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree that each person has received a gift that differs according to the grace given to us.

*1 Peter 4:10 "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."*

*Romans 12:6 "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them."*

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree that God created people male and female. We agree that all people are created to be either male or female and that a person's biology and gender are one and the same.

*Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree that the Holy Spirit is a person with all the divine attributes, just as Jesus is a person. He indwells all believers at the moment of salvation and actively leads and guides them. While Emmaus accepts that there is a Baptism of the Holy Spirit subsequent to salvation, no student will be coerced or pressured to move in any spiritual gift. Scripture is clear that each person has received a gift from God and that we should earnestly desire the best gifts. Part of each person's development is to understand how God uses them. While Emmaus is a Spirit-filled school, we recognize that gifts differ from one student to the next. Our goal is to help each student identify and learn to walk in the gift that God has given them. Should a student inquire about receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we will pray with the student and inform the parents.

*John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."*

*Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

### **BIBLICAL LIFESTYLE REQUIREMENTS FOR STAFF, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES**

Science changes, the world changes, and cultures change, but God and the Bible do not change. Emmaus staff and volunteers will teach and demonstrate biblical living. We believe it is crucial for all parents, guardians, and students engaged with Emmaus to uphold these biblical standards in order to maintain the function and integrity of the academy and provide a biblical role model to Emmaus members and the community. Emmaus families are expected to commit annually to living a lifestyle consistent with the Bible. Choices that the Bible describes as sinful will not be accepted. If a parent, guardian, or student determines that their beliefs or lifestyle no longer align with Emmaus' stated beliefs, administrators will meet with them to discuss the student's future. If it is determined that the parents and/or student's beliefs conflict with the Bible's clear interpretation of biblical lifestyle, the student may be immediately disenrolled. In such cases, tuition will be owed until the end of the current semester.

\_\_\_\_\_ We believe that God wonderfully and unchangeably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejecting one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the union of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive relationship, as outlined in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25).

\_\_\_\_\_ We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur solely between a married man and woman (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God commands that no sexual activity take place outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and pornography, is sinful and offensive to God (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

\_\_\_\_\_ We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). We believe that every person deserves compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke

6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be rejected and are not in accordance with Scripture or the doctrines of Emmaus.

After you have initialed, Please Sign on Page 4

**The undersigned understand and agree with the spiritual direction set forth above.**

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Parent/Date

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Student(s) Name(s)

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