

Ebenezer Christian School

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Dear Parents:

Thank you for your interest in our school. We have an admissions policy that opens the school to families who are like-minded spiritually, who are supportive of our philosophy, objectives, and standards of education, and whose children meet our enrollment standards. Our purpose is to serve families who desire not simply a private education, but a distinctively Christian education for their children.

Before applying for admission to our school, please read the Student Handbook provided in this introductory packet. The Student Handbook will introduce you to many of the school's policies, procedures, and expectations for both parents and students.

The first several pages of this packet explain our religious purpose, mission, and beliefs. This school unashamedly believes, teaches, and practices a literal interpretation of the Word of God. If you do not agree with our religious mission and beliefs, enrolling your child in our school will likely cause him or her confusion. For example, if a question regarding biblical lifestyles arises in chapel or your child's classroom, the teacher will answer from a biblical viewpoint consistent with our mission and belief statement. If your beliefs and lifestyle choices are not in agreement with our doctrinal stance, that answer will likely create conflict in your child's heart and mind. This internal conflict could drive a wedge between you and your child, or force your child to choose between our teaching and what he or she learns at home. We respect your desire to place your child in the best possible learning environment, but if you are not in full agreement with our doctrinal positions, it will be best for all concerned if you do not enroll your child at our school.

Biblical principles are integrated into every subject taught at our school. Our staff is committed not only to academic excellence, but also to teaching students how to apply the truths of God's Word to every aspect of life. If you are in agreement with the teachings of God's Word, this school will complement the beliefs and ideals your child is taught at home. We look forward to partnering with you to educate your children in God's truth.

In His Service,

Ebenezer Christian School Board

EBENEZER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

I. How to Apply:

If you are interested in applying for the admission of your child (ren) to Ebenezer Christian School, please read the contents of the Enrollment Information packet, then complete and return the following:

- A. 1 copy of Parents’ Statement of Belief and Agreement.....Page 4
(Keep 1 copy as a reminder of your commitment to your child’s education.)
- B. Application for Admission.....Page 5

II. How application will be Considered:

- A. Students whose parents(s) are members of a Christian church and whose parent(s) have signed the Parental Statement of Belief and Agreement will be admitted following the approval of the application by the Board of Directors.

Representatives of the school may wish to meet with the parents after receiving the application.

You will be contacted as soon as your Application has been considered.

- B. Before final approval is given on an application, the school’s principal; shall have had the opportunity to visit with the parents and child (ren) with the school and its facilities and to answer any questions or concerns prospective parents (s) or student (s) may have.

III. Financial Obligations Arrangements.....Page 3

IV. Ebenezer Christian School accepts enrollment without discrimination to race, color, sex or national origin. All rights and privileges are afforded to all students.

NOTE: The school’s Principal, a board member, or a teacher will be happy to visit anyone to answer any questions or concerns about the school—educational, religious, financial or otherwise.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY OF EBENEZER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

I. BASIS

Ebenezer Christian School is an expression of a Christian philosophy of life, which brings together men's faith in God and its manifestation in his daily living. Ebenezer Christian School presents an unconditional and wholehearted commitment to the proposition that all things are of God, through God, and unto God.

PARENTS: The responsibility for education rests upon the parents (Deut. 6:6-9, Eph 6:1-4). They in turn delegate a part of this responsibility to a school, which is able to carry forward their God-given tasks.

TEACHER: Responsibility to God and Christian parents define the teacher's role in respect to subject matter, character training, and discipline. To fulfill this role each teacher will strive to gain a thorough knowledge of both subject matter and the teaching-learning process; will seek to establish a close, personal relationship with each student, and will strive to demonstrate, both inside and outside the classroom, an exemplary Christian life.

STUDENT: Each student is a person created in the image of God, and as such, has inestimable worth. Moreover, each student is capable of developmental growth in relation to his/her ability in three dimensions of learning: the intellectual, the decisional, and the creative.

CIRRICULUM: Curriculum involves all that is done in the school to create an atmosphere in which all students have the opportunity toward a full and obedient life in Christ and to experience a community that demonstrates the healing qualities of the Christian faith.

II. SCOPE AND FUNCTION OF THE CURRICULUM

A. The scope of our school curriculum is the totality of God's revealed truth: His truth in creation, His truth in Scripture and His truth in Jesus Christ.

B. The function of the curriculum is to train covenant children in their understanding and practice of the Christian life. Through a planned teaching-learning process, the school strives to help students see the wholeness of life (Col. 1:15-17): to see their call to cultural obedience (Gen. 1:28): to discover their callings in both the Christian community and in society at large; all this rooted in and expressive of their commitment of Christ in a life of discipleship.

GOALS OF EBENEZER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A. To foster the child/s vision of himself/herself as God's image bearer, having a personal relationship with Christ assuming responsibility for stewardship toward God, God's world, others, and himself/herself.

B. To train each student in developing an awareness of the culture in which he/she lives, and of other cultures he/she may encounter in life; more important, to help each student to be

a discerning critic of and a contributor to these cultures thus developing the ability to respond Christianly to all of life as he/she experiences it.

C. To develop every ability and talent that each child has to the fullest potential.

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FINANCIAL ENROLLMENT POLICY

- i. **Purpose:** we believe that this “Financial Enrollment Policy” will give uniformity to the enrollment process and will help parents understand their financial obligations as they relate to the total operation of our school.
- ii. **GOAL:** to provide affordable Christian Education to any Christian parent desiring a Christian Education for their child(ren).
- iii. **PROCEDURES:** Parents who enroll their children at Ebenezer Christian School have full responsibility to meet the cost of tuition. The school board in general and the tuition treasurer in particular will work with the parents to meet this responsibility.

Parents pay their tuition directly to the school. At the beginning of the school year the tuition treasurer sends a tuition statement to each parent. This may be accomplished by allowing the children to be couriers. The tuition statement will be sent with the child. The school board’s scheduled monthly meeting is the first Monday evening of each month. If this methodology is not addressable, the parent should work directly with the tuition treasure to consummate an agreeable payment schedule.

Ebenezer Christian School has a Ways and Means Committee for the purpose of raising additional operating funds for the school.

The tuition schedule of Ebenezer Christian School as well as supporting churches offerings, private donations and many and varied fundraisers accounts for the needed operating funds. With this in mind, parents are also responsible for serving on these committees for the reason set forth earlier.

Many of the school’s additional needs are met through voluntary resources. Parents or friends of Ebenezer provide valuable help in the form of teacher’s aids, secretarial help, providing transportation to special events, cleaning of the school and many maintenance activities required to maintain a fully functional facility.

EBENZER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STATEMENT OF BELIEF

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- A. We believe that God originally created man in His image with the ability to live for His glory.
- B. We believe that all men have sinned and lost their ability to fulfill this divine demand.
- C. We believe that it is only through faith in Jesus Christ that this divine demand can be fulfilled.
- D. We believe that the Holy Bible is the Infallible Word of God which points out the only way of Salvation and is the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
- E. In addition, we believe that God has given parents the responsibility of bringing up their children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord". Since the accomplishments of this objective are a very complex task, the parents look to the school and the church for assistance in reaching this goal. We believe that a consistent and meaningful education results when the home, the school, and the church are in agreement on the basic concepts of life.
- F. We further acknowledge that the teachings at Ebenezer Christian School shall be based on the infallible Word of God.

PARENTAL AGREEMENT

- a. We are enrolling our child in Ebenezer Christian School primarily because of our earnest desire that our child receives a God-centered academic training.
- b. We agree that our child shall be educated in a manner consistent with the basis and goals of Ebenezer Christian School
- c. We agree to cooperate with the school in every way possible for the Christian educational advancement of our child. We also agree that our child must abide by the principles, rules and regulations of the school.
- d. We agree that in matters of discipline the student involved is subject to the disciplinary action of the faculty and administration as presented in the Ebenezer Christian School discipline policy. We understand that parents will be given the opportunity to discuss disciplinary matters affecting their child. Additionally, after every means has been exhausted in discussing the matter with the faculty and administration the parents may address the Board of Trustees in the presence of the administration.

PERSONAL COMMITMENT:

As parents we are responsible to the Triune God for our child (ren). We pledge to use very effort to aid the Ebenezer Christian School in its efforts to create a Christian environment in our home to the best of our ability and to attend church for our spiritual growth.

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PARENTS COPY

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Date _____

Parent's Name _____ Telephone _____

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Home Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ Township _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Church Affiliation _____

Local Congregation _____

Name of Pastor _____

Reason(s) for enrolling child(ren):

Children enrolling:

_____ Grade _____ Birthdate _____

Present school(s) children attend:

Does your child need bussing? Yes _____ No _____

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ACADEMIC HISTORY OF:

Child's Name _____

(To be completed when student has attended other schools)

1. **SCHOOLS ATTENDED** list last two schools, starting with the most recent.

<u>School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Teacher</u>

2. Does the student have any academic problems? If so, please supply details (this will help us establish whether and how we can meet the student's needs.)

3. Please complete the attached release form so that your child's school and health records may be sent to Ebenezer Christian School.

4. Does the student have, or has/she experienced any social problems?

5. List student interest and hobbies (e.g. soccer, piano, stamp collecting, etc.)

6. Is there anything else you wish to convey to the school?

If you desire to register more than one student, please obtain additional copies of this page from the office and fill out one for each student.

ELEMENTARY OFFICE RECORD

EBENEZER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Name of School last attended _____

Address _____

Other Members of Your Family Attending This School:

Name	Age	Grade	Memo

Student's Name _____
(Last name) (First name)

Student's Grade _____ Year _____

Student's address _____

Phone Number _____

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

Parent or Guardian _____

Occupation or Where Employed _____

Where can parent or guardian be reached? _____

Phone Number _____

Doctor to be called if needed _____

Before your child is accepted at Ebenezer Christian School, the school reserves the right to enter into a discussion with the principal and/or teacher in the school where the student is presently attending.

Parent's signature

Date