



## ***Mission Statement***

***Our Mission*** is “to develop students with Christian character and a biblical worldview, equipping them for life, learning and leadership.”

***Our Foundation*** is the Word of God and its teaching.

***The Cornerstone*** of First Baptist Academy is its commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is truly our desire that "in everything He might come to have the supremacy" (Colossians 1:18).

***Our Goal*** is that each student would be equipped to pursue God's plan for his/her life while being salt and light in a decaying and lost world.

***Our Prayer*** for our students is "...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give (them) the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that (they) may know Him better...and that the eyes of (their) hearts may be enlightened..." (Ephesians 1:17-18a).

## ***Philosophy of Education Statement***

The educational philosophy of First Baptist Academy is based on a God-centered view of truth and man as presented in the Bible. Since God created and sustains all things through His Son, Jesus Christ, the universe and all life are dynamically related to God and have the purpose of glorifying Him. This is particularly true of man who was made in God's image, different in kind from all other creatures, with the unique capacity to know and respond to God personally and voluntarily. Because man is a sinner by nature and choice, however, man cannot in this condition know or honor God in life. Man can do this only by being born again through receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and thus be enabled to do God's will, which is the ultimate purpose of life.

The entire process of Christian education is seen as a means used by the Holy Spirit to bring the student into fellowship with God, to develop in the student the mind of Christ, and to train him/her in godly living, so that the student can fulfill God's total purpose for this life personally and vocationally. The student must:

- Be taught the Bible so he/she can understand God's nature and role as well as his/her own.
- Develop as a whole person-spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially.
- Develop a biblical worldview by learning to see all truth as God's truth and to integrate it with and interpret it by God's Word.
- Be educated as an individual with his/her own unique abilities and personality who must learn to live and work with others at home, in the church, and in a changing secular society.
- Be reared by a parent who models the Christian faith.
- Be taught by and interact with teacher models that are themselves growing Christians, have a biblical perspective on life and who are doctrinally and spiritually compatible with First Baptist Church of Naples.