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**Faith & Discipleship  
Class Handbook**

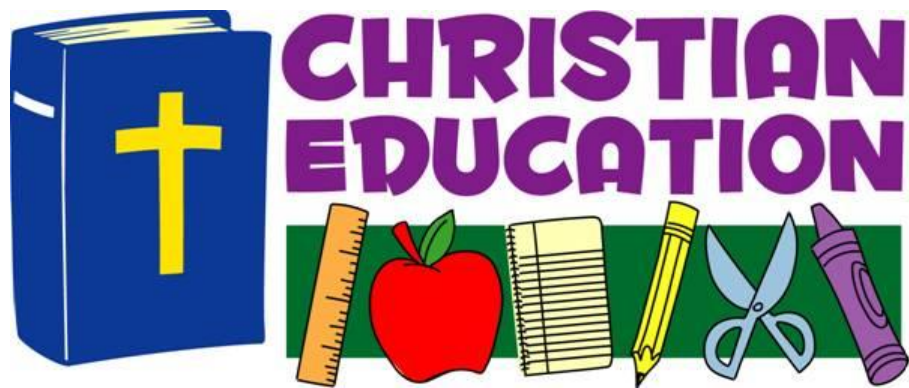
Christian Education & Discipleship Committee

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## **Church School Mission Statement and Responsibilities**

The Mission of the Christian Education & Discipleship Committee is to develop and supervise the church school and educational program of the church. It will provide for the growth and discipleship of church members and for their equipment for ministry.

The term Faith & Discipleship will normally be used to describe Church School / Sunday School.

### **Among the regular responsibilities of the Christian Education & Discipleship Committee:**

1. Oversees Church School (Staffing, Resources, Education Space)
2. Oversees Vacation Bible School (Staffing and Resources)
3. Serves as Adult Discipleship, Communicants Liaison
4. Oversees Discipleship of Congregation
5. Manages Church School Superintendent

## **Curriculum/Lessons**

All curriculums used in our Christian Education classes are approved by the Session. They are reviewed for theological content, appropriateness for grade level, teachability, ability to engage students, and overall mood. The goal of our entire curriculum is to build our students into the body of Christ by offering fun, challenging, and interesting classes that promote Christian maturity and encourage missions.

## **Attendance**

The educational and spiritual benefits of our Faith & Discipleship program are dependent on the presence of the student for continuity of instruction and participation. We understand that there are presently many demands of our time even on Sundays, but we hope to realize a substantial commitment to attend Faith & Discipleship as regularly as possible. To encourage continuous attendance, the Christian Education & Discipleship Committee has instituted a perfect attendance award program. Students who have perfect

attendance in their Faith & Discipleship Class will be recognized with a perfect attendance award.

If a student is planning to be absent from a Faith & Discipleship class (if, for example, he or she is on vacation) and attends worship at another church, the student may bring the worship bulletin from that church. The student will not be counted as absent.

### **Worship**

Christian Education is but one component of following Christ. The Christian Education Committee strongly encourages all Faith & Discipleship students and their parents to attend worship.

### **Grade-Level Goals**

The Christian Education and Discipleship Committee has compiled a list of age-appropriate learning goals for the students to work on during the year. The teachers will incorporate these goals into their classes, but the students are encouraged to learn them on their own as well. The achievement of these goals each year will help to provide the basic building blocks for a faith-filled foundation in life.

#### **Pre-K: The Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12)**

“Do to others what you would have them do to you.”

#### **Kindergarten: The names and a small bit of information about the 12 disciples**

Simon (who is called Peter),  
Andrew (Simon-Peter’s brother);  
James son of Zebedee,  
John (James’s brother);  
Philip  
Bartholomew;  
Thomas (sometimes called “Doubting Thomas”)  
Matthew the tax collector;  
James son of Alphaeus,  
Thaddaeus;  
Simon the Zealot,  
Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

#### **First Grade: The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20: 3-17)**

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not lie.
10. You shall not want for yourself what your neighbor owns.

**Second Grade:        The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Third Grade:        The Apostles' Creed**

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen

**Fourth Grade:        The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me e all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Grades 5 & 6:        The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12)**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

After the first goal is reached, all first through sixth grade classes will begin to learn the books of the Bible. Grades one and two will work on the New Testament. Grades three through six will review the New Testament then move on to the Old Testament. Our goal is to have the children know all the books of the Bible upon leaving the Primary Department.

**Written by Moses**

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

**OT Narratives**

6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. 1 Samuel
10. 2 Samuel
11. 1 Kings
12. 2 Kings
13. 1 Chronicles
14. 2 Chronicles
15. Ezra
16. Nehemiah
17. Esther

**Wisdom Literature**

18. Job
19. Psalms
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Songs

**Major Prophets**

23. Isaiah
24. Jeremiah
25. Lamentations
26. Ezekiel
27. Daniel

**Minor Prophets**

28. Hosea
29. Joel
30. Amos
31. Obadiah
32. Jonah
33. Micah
34. Nahum
35. Habakkuk
36. Zephaniah
37. Haggai
38. Zechariah
39. Malachi

**NT Narratives**

40. Matthew
41. Mark
42. Luke
43. John
44. Acts

**Epistles by Paul**

45. Romans
46. 1 Corinthians
47. 2 Corinthians
48. Galatians
49. Ephesians
50. Philippians
51. Colossians
52. 1 Thessalonians
53. 2 Thessalonians
54. 1 Timothy
55. 2 Timothy
56. Titus
57. Philemon

**General Epistles**

58. Hebrews
59. James
60. 1 Peter
61. 2 Peter
62. 1 John
63. 2 John
64. 3 John
65. Jude

**Apocalyptic Epistle by John**

66. Revelation

**Mission/Service Projects**

Each year the entire Faith & Discipleship participates in various mission projects. The purpose of these projects is to encourage each student to participate in the mission of the larger church and to consider the vast mission field. Examples of these mission projects are the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, a Mitten Tree, etc. Teachers may also provide other approved service opportunities to their classes on an individual basis.

**Faith & Discipleship Offering**

An offering is collected for Faith & Discipleship during the opening assembly each morning. The collection is intended to teach the importance of Christian stewardship in the lives of all God's people, including our young disciples.

### **Discipline in the Classroom**

The approach to classroom management and discipline at New Bethlehem Church is guided by an overall objective of showing the children how to work together in Christian community, supporting and respecting each other in our faith journey.

The Session adopted the following policy for Faith & Discipleship, Nursery during Sunday Worship Services and Vacation Bible School:

1. Children shall keep their hands to themselves and use only kind words.
2. Any child who is aggressive and violent toward others; or uses language that is profane or otherwise unacceptable, may be removed from the class for that day and the child's parent(s) will be notified. The child will be welcome to return to the class when it next meets or when the behavior has been corrected.

In the event that a child is removed from his or her class group, the pastor and/or clerk of session will be notified as soon as possible.

### **Students are Expected to:**

- ❖ Arrive for the F&D opening assembly on time (9:40am).
- ❖ Be respectful of others in class, both peers and leaders.
- ❖ Speak in turn so that only one person talks at a time and listen when others speak.
- ❖ Participate fully in class with fun and fellowship.
- ❖ Be respectful of classroom materials.
- ❖ Turn off cell phones or leave them at home.

### **Teachers are Expected to:**

- ❖ Use a curriculum that has been approved by the Session.
- ❖ Arrive for the F&D opening assembly on time (9:40am).
- ❖ Prepare the weekly Faith & Discipleship class lesson in advance.

- ❖ Track student attendance.
- ❖ Teach the Grade-Level Goals.
- ❖ Serve as a Christian role model for the students.
- ❖ Be clear and consistent about expected behavior.

**Assistants are Expected to:**

- ❖ Be prepared in the event that the teacher is going to be absent.
- ❖ Be friendly to everyone in class.
- ❖ Be ready to observe, participate or assist as teacher directs.
- ❖ Accompany students Grade 2 and under to the restroom (wait outside).

**Parents/Guardians are Expected to:**

- ❖ Make sure children/youth understand what is expected of them at Church.
- ❖ Encourage children/youth to attend consistently by example.
- ❖ Play an active role in the Christian Education of their children.
- ❖ Pick up children Nursery-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade in classrooms at dismissal of worship.