

## **Valley Fellowship Christian Academy's Spiritual Goals and Mission's Goals**

Valley Fellowship Christian Academy's primary spiritual objective is the spiritual growth and maturity of all its students. Making the Word of God the standard in all facets of our mission is paramount to fulfilling the call of God at VFCA.

The central mission of VFCA is to raise up Godly students to take their place of leadership in the Body of Christ and in the world. We desire that our students reach out with God's love and hope to our world in practical ways.

### **Stated Spiritual Goals**

There are three general, yet foundational, spiritual goals well-known to the students, staff and parents of VFCA. These goals are stated in the handbooks, informational DVD, website and are discussed at length in the interview process for both students and faculty. The general spiritual goals are as follows.

The student and/or staff member should:

- Come to the knowledge of the saving Grace of the Lord Jesus – making Jesus the Lord of their life.
- Follow the example and teaching of the Lord Jesus being baptized in and yielded to the Holy Spirit.
- Obey the great commission of Christ and go into all the world – being a witness both near and far for Christ.

We believe that the students of VFCA will live lives that are characterized by a growing desire to glorify God in work and life. Students here will cultivate an appreciation of their uniqueness, having been created in the image of God, and will grow in that relationship as it gives expression to responsibilities towards God, others, and the physical universe. Responsiveness and submissiveness to the authority of home, church, and school, will characterize our students' behavior, as they learn to apply the Biblical principles.

It is our goal to help our students learn to glorify God by teaching them to perceive the world as God's special creation and to provide them with carefully constructed opportunities to put Biblical principles into practice while shaping productive and disciplined lives.

### **Stated Missions/Outreach Goals**

VFCA is a very, mission-minded school and desires to impart the vision of reaching the world to all of its students. Therefore, throughout the year, opportunities will arise that involve going out to reach the community and the world. The vision of VFCA is to raise up Godly leaders to take their places of authority in the Body of Christ and in the world. We desire that our students reach out with God's love and hope to our world in practical ways. Mission trips and outreaches vary each year and each has their own set of criteria. The trips/outreaches range from local missions to missions abroad. Students are encouraged to take part whenever possible.

### **Implementation of Spiritual Program**

The church is the primary institution to which God has committed the ministry of the Word and pastoral oversight. We encourage all of our students and their families to cultivate close ties with local churches of like-faith. In doing so, church membership is encouraged. We want all of our students to commit to fruitful participation in those churches, but especially insist that our students attend, at a minimum, one Sunday worship service weekly. The foundation for teaching the Word in the classroom is based on what is taught in the pulpit of Valley Fellowship Church. VFCA was birthed out of the prayers of Valley Fellowship Church and continues to be a place for the Lord's presence to dwell. From its inception, the pastors and teachers of VFCA have begun each day by meeting together for 30 minutes of praise, worship and prayer. This foundational practice has continued since 1987.

Worship is a central part of student life at VFCA. Weekly chapel services are designed to please God as well as strengthen the faith and life of our students. Attendance in chapel is required, and parents are always welcome to attend.

There are age-specific and detailed objectives for each grade level. These are listed on subject curriculum guides. The scope of the spiritual program at VFCA includes:

- Daily Bible classes for each grade.
- Weekly Chapel services that provide opportunities for corporate worship, Bible instruction and spirit-led ministry.
- Children's Prayer Network which offers an opportunity for daily morning prayer that is open for the entire student body. There is no fee to join. Students for K3-12<sup>th</sup> meet on designated mornings at 7:30 to pray for families, school, city, state, nation and the world. Annual prayer trips to our state capital and to Washington, D.C. are available for 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students at their own expense. During these prayer trips, our students visit state and national leaders to pray for them. They visit important and historical sites, participate in prayer walks, and grow in their understanding of our nation's Christian heritage.
- Morning Prayer for our faculty and staff every morning at 7:30am.

- Spiritual emphasis retreats for our 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Participation of each class in on-going and one-time outreaches to the local community and missions projects around the world (i.e. Voice of the Martyrs, local homeless shelters, nursing homes, local public school tutoring and mentoring, writing letters of encouragement to terminally ill children or children of other nations).
- Trips/outreaches range from local missions to missions abroad. Annual mission trip to Guatemala for our 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades where our students offer evangelism and physical work (building buildings for orphanages, communities and educational ministries).

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*If you would like more information, or would like to be a part sponsoring our Mission outreach, contact the VFCA school office At 256-533-5117.*