



### **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to serve the Christian community by providing quality education based on a Biblical perspective and to nurture students to grow in knowledge, conviction, and maturity in faith, living as servants within community and reconciling all relationships to Jesus Christ.

### **Philosophy**

Lake Worth Christian School is a necessary and joyful means to bring glory and honor to God in response to His mercy to His people. The school is necessary because education is essential for effective obedience to God's will; it is joyful because as God's children we individually and communally serve, explore, participate, and delight in His creation.

Every human has a perspective of world-view that directs and empowers the way he speaks, acts, and lives. The educational perspective of Lake Worth Christian School is based on the authority of the Bible as the written Word of God. In our understanding of the Bible, we find help and direction in the Reformed heritage and confessional standards. The school recognizes that Christians adhere to a variety of confessional standards and it actively supports interdenominational ministry by helping all Christian parents in their efforts to lead their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

One way to summarize the philosophy of Lake Worth Christian is to understand the relationships between the individual and God, the individual and self, the individual and other human beings, and the individual and all other aspects of God's creation. The purpose of Lake Worth Christian is to train the students to live and respond to these relationships as commanded in God's Word.

In creation these relationships were established to bring honor and glory to God. Man, created in the image of God, is given special responsibility to be God's representative to insure that his life and all of his relationships are consistent with the ideas God has established. Man has a special role as steward in subduing, controlling, and preserving the earth.

All of the ideal relationships, however, were distorted when man willfully rejected his assigned place and attempted to build his own kingdom. In spite of man's response, God provided through the atonement of Jesus Christ the means of restoring the relationships. God's restoring His relationship with mankind permits the restoration of each of the other relationships. Men are free in thankful response to serve God as sovereign Lord, to love and respect themselves as God's image bearers and love their neighbors.

We are called as Christians to grow in maturity in Jesus Christ, to be knowledgeable about our faith, to stand firm in our convictions, to live as servants within community, and work toward reconciling all things and relationships to Jesus Christ. The home has the primary responsibility for the children and is the children's primary source of nurture and guidance. The school serves as an extension of the home. The Christian parent, as a member of the body of Christ, seeks for the family growth in faith and practice with regular and active involvement in a local Christian church.

# LAKE WORTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Mission Statement continued

## School Goals

The school is to help the parents train the individual child to be mature and unique within the family of God, and to accept deliberately and joyfully his or her special responsibilities. The school is to be an effective instrument of God on behalf of Christian parents to train their children to become mature Christians, desirous and capable of developing the relationships established by God.

The school must help the student, as an image bearer of God and members of the community, to discover and develop his individual worth, talents, gifts, and responsibilities. The training of students must incorporate Christianity in every aspect of learning: understanding, decision-making, and serving.

**Understanding:** The school must teach content. The student must know God, self, others, and all of creation. He must learn what the proper relationships were created to be, what they became through sin, and what they can become through restoration in Jesus Christ. There must be growth in knowledge, in a clear understanding of what things are like in identifying observations, concepts, and generalizations. There must be growth in abilities to analyze, synthesize, apply, create, and interpret.

**Decision-making:** The school must train and admonish the student to respond appropriately and to apply the knowledge in forming the relationships as directed in the Bible. There must be growth in right choosing, discernment, appreciation, right attitudes, and the making of appropriate judgements and commitments.

**Serving:** The school must train the student how to act, respond, and apply Biblical principles in establishing correct relationships. There must be growth in applying and practicing the skills to have a positive impact within the world.