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(Note: All students are required to sign agreement to these standards as a condition of enrollment.)

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Heritage Bible College was established to provide systematic and comprehensive training in the Word of God from a Pentecostal perspective. The philosophy of Heritage Bible College is Christ centered and is rooted in the truths of the Word of God. All truth is regarded as originating and coming from God and is therefore to be fully pursued and internalized.

The College believes in the education of the whole person. The educational process is Christ centered and is aimed at the entire being: Body, Mind, and Spirit.

The Scriptures are the basis for the learning experience and are recognized as the source and the integrating force for all Biblical Christian Education. Personal Christian development is an aim of Heritage Bible College. The college stresses the enhancement of spiritual growth and promotes a wholesome Christian attitude in the life of the student.

Heritage Bible College integrates the Bible with all other areas of study. This process becomes a vehicle that leads the student into the knowledge of natural as well as revealed truth. In this process, the student must recognize the Holy Spirit as the ultimate teacher and the Bible as the supreme authority. It also provides the rubric for a right interaction with society and a right relationship with God. The commitment of Heritage Bible College is that it is, and shall always be, a Bible College.

There are no aspirations to be a liberal arts college but to be a Bible College fulfilling a basic need and unique purpose within the Kingdom of God.

PURPOSES & OBJECTIVES

Purposes

The establishing of Heritage Bible College is for the purpose of providing a systematic and comprehensive training in the Word of God from a Pentecostal perspective. With this understanding, the student can become effective in his or her Christian service.

In order to accomplish this purpose, the College seeks to teach and exemplify the following goals:

- A. To enable students to come to an understanding of God's Word and be wise in applying these axioms to daily living. The College seeks to guide students in biblical analysis and synthesis; research into biblical, systematic, and historical theology.

- B. To direct students to commit themselves to the Lord and to be willing to minister in the area that God would choose. The College wants to help the students to see the vision of evangelizing the world for the Lord.
- C. To enhance and enrich the student's spiritual growth and maturity. The College desires to encourage advancement in the life of each student and to promote a wholesome Christian attitude within the framework of the student's personality.
- D. To direct students to high standards of Christian education and scholarship. The College wants to guide students in the practice of lifelong habits of serious study, including clarity of thought, impartial judgment, and the logical expression of ideas.
- E. To give the student the training that is necessary to effectively communicate the Gospel to the world. The College wants to help each student to become successful in presenting the message of the Bible in a variety of methods.

Institutional Objectives

Heritage Bible College seeks to train individuals at the college level with skills for ministry; therefore, we approach education from a basis of core values that form the foundation of a student's character combined with mastery of core competencies that enable him or her to be effective in ministry as an occupation or as a spiritual imperative. When a student graduates from Heritage Bible College, he or she should:

1. Exhibit evidence of being Christ centered through knowledge of the Bible, active and faithful involvement in church, personal testimony and lifestyle.
2. Exhibit evidence of Christian character by a discernible and demonstrated Christian walk.
3. Demonstrate commitment to ministry by faithful participation in ministry opportunities, active lay or professional ministry, service to Christian, secular, civic or community organizations seeking to meet the natural and spiritual needs of individuals and families, and thorough college-level preparation for a particular ministry.
4. Demonstrate mastery of the *core competencies* and acquire knowledge common to college-educated people as measured by academic standards established by the College.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

I. The Scriptures Inspired

We believe in the verbal and plenary (full) inspiration of the Bible. The Bible is the inerrant Word of God, free from any error in its original form, and is the final authority in matters of faith and life (II Timothy 3:16-17).

II. The One True God

We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 10:10; 1 John 5:20; Matthew 3:16-17).

III. The Deity of Christ

We believe in the deity and the humanity of Jesus Christ. He is very man and perfect God, hence fully God and fully man; that Christ is the only begotten Son of God, and born of the virgin Mary; that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and raised from the dead and that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor (Luke 1:35a; John 1:31-34; Matthew 11:19; Luke 9:22).

IV. The Fall of Man

We believe that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God", and that repentance is necessary for the forgiveness of sins (Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12-19).

V. The Salvation of Man

We believe that justification is by faith alone, and that regeneration or the new birth through faith in the blood of Christ is absolutely essential (Psalms 51:3, 4, 17; Romans 4:25; 5:1-2; 10:9, 10; Ephesians 2:13; John 3:3).

VI. Sanctification

We believe that sanctification is subsequent to regeneration and is a second definite instantaneous work of grace, obtained by faith on the part of the fully justified believer. Sanctification in a word is the love of God made perfect in the heart of the believer. This is perfection in quality (initially and definitely), but not quantity. The latter comes by progressive growth (Romans 6:6; Hebrews 10:20; Ephesians 4:20-24; Titus 3:5-7).

VII. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Pentecostal Baptism of the Holy Spirit is an enduement of power for those who have clean hearts, and the initial evidence of the reception of this experience is speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance (Acts 2:1-8).

VIII. The Ordinances of the Church

Baptism in Water

We believe that the saved should receive water baptism, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as a testimony to the world that he has accepted Christ as Savior and Lord (Matthew 28:19; Colossians 2:12).

Holy Communion

We believe in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper as commemorating Christ's death and anticipating His second coming (Matthew 26:26-28).

Feet Washing

We believe feet washing is a sacred ordinance of humility, instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ and enjoined upon His Disciples as a duty to be observed by them. In this He set the example (Matthew 28:19, 20; John 13:1-17).

IX. Divine Healing

We believe that healing provided in the atonement is both spiritual and physical (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:16, 17). Sin is directly or indirectly responsible for sickness. The same Christ who can deliver from sin can, if it pleases Him, deliver from sickness. We do not believe that there is anything morally wrong with taking medicine or receiving human aid. Healing is God's promise to receive, rather than a command that must be obeyed (James 5:14, 15).

X. The Creation

We believe in the literal Genesis account of creation. We believe that the first eleven chapters of Genesis are the literal and historical accounts of God's creation of all things and that man was created by God in His image and not the product of some process of evolution (Genesis 1-11).

XI. The Second Coming of Christ

We believe in the personal premillennial, second coming of Jesus; first, to resurrect the righteous dead and to carry away the living saints to meet Him in the air; second, to reign with His saints on earth a thousand years followed by the eternal state of the righteous (Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 20:4-6).

XII. Satan

We believe in the existence of a personal devil who at one time was holy and honored in heaven, but through pride fell from his lofty estate and is now completely evil, unholy, anti-God and is now the power and the prince of the air (Isaiah 14:11-15). The devil, the fallen angels, and the unbelievers of all ages shall be banished to an eternity in hell (2 Peter 2:4).

XIII. Resurrection, Final Judgment, and Reward

We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved to life eternal and the lost to everlasting punishment (Acts 24:15, 17:31; II Corinthians 5:10; Luke 22:36).

STUDENT STANDARD OF CONDUCT

In this day of disappearing moral absolutes, it is imperative that all Christians be reminded that the Bible, as the revelation of God's truth, must determine not only our doctrinal beliefs, but also our lifestyle. In a changing world, the Christian has an unchanging standard, the Word of God. Heritage's standard of conduct is based on the teachings and principles of Scripture, seeking to develop personal holiness and discipline exemplified in a lifestyle glorifying to God.

I understand that my involvement in, or my preparation for, Christian work requires my personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and separation from sin. I further realize that as a Heritage Bible college student or employee, I represent the Lord Jesus Christ as well as the college. I am aware that Scripture denounces specific sins and attitudes, which are to be avoided. In addition, I understand that certain types of activities are questionable and will avoid these activities as determined by the College for testimony's sake. As a member of the Heritage Bible College family, I purpose, by God's grace, to follow Scriptural principles which will help protect myself, others, and this institution from destructive influences, false philosophies, and Satanic temptations. In that regard:

- I believe that the ultimate priority in life is to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ who personally declared that He is the Son of God. I purpose to glorify Him in all that I do, and seek to build my goals around His priorities, as they are taught and revealed in His Word (Psalm 31:23, 119:2; Matthew 6:24-33, 22:34-40; John 4:23; Philippians 3:7-10; Acts 2:41-47).
- I consider my body to be the living temple of God and acknowledge His demand that my body be kept clean from sin and that it be daily set apart for His use (Romans 12:1,2; II Corinthians 6:14-18; I Peter 1:14-16).
- I regard marriage to be a biblical and holy institution, and I will endeavor to conduct myself in such a manner so as to continually strengthen my home and marriage (if applicable) and the marriages of those around me (Genesis 2:21-25; Proverbs 6:32; Matthew 5:27-28; Hebrews 13:4).
- I purpose to guard my tongue and keep my words in harmony with the Word of God (Psalm 19:14; Proverbs 14:28; Luke 6:45; Ephesians 5:29-32; Philippians 4:8; James 1:19).
- I endeavor to be faithful to the local church where I am a member in prayer, attendance, service, and scriptural giving (Luke 18:1; Hebrews 10:25; Psalm 100:2; II Corinthians 9:6-7).
- I aspire to use my life as a positive, Godly testimony to those who know not Christ as Savior (Psalm 126:5-6; Proverbs 11:30; Matthew 5:13-16; John 15:8).
- I respect God ordained authority in the Christian church and Heritage Bible College, and pledge myself to submit and pray for those in authority that they might function according to the principles, standards and doctrines of God's Word (Thessalonians 5:12-13; I Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 13:7-17).

- I purpose that my activities and conduct will be used as a means of encouragement and growth to other believers, and in no way be used to weaken their biblical convictions and/or hinder their spiritual progress (Proverbs 28:10; Matthew 18:6; Romans 14:13; I Corinthians 8:9-13).
- I believe the Bible is God's inspired reliable Word of God and that it is to be taught and preached as such. I further acknowledge that God's Word is the final authority for my life and conduct (Psalm 19:7-9; 119:11, 44, 128, 167; II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21).
- I acknowledge that differences of opinion and/or misunderstandings easily surface under the best of conditions. Because of this, I purpose to communicate openly, honestly, and lovingly with those I have offended or those who have offended me. I plan to follow the principles as given in the Word of God regarding such situations (Matthew 18:15-17; Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 4:6).
- I understand the importance of maintaining a Godly testimony for Jesus Christ in my attitude, appearance, and actions. I will strive to exhibit Godly character and present a positive Christian witness in all that I do (Colossians 3:17; I Timothy 2:9-10; I Peter 3:17).
- I understand the importance of upholding the integrity and reputation of myself and Heritage Bible College to avoid bringing reproach upon my God, my family, my community, my church, the College, or myself. I will therefore treat my body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and strive to abide by scriptural principles and College guidelines, rules, and policies as outlined in the Bible, Student Handbook, and the guidance of College administration and leadership.
- I further understand that the College teaches abstinence from the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products and prohibits their use on campus. I further understand that violation of these prohibitions and the requirements outlined in the Student Handbook will result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the College (Psalm 101:3; Proverbs 19:27; 20:1; Habakkuk 2:15; Romans 12:21, 14:8; I Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 3:17; I Thessalonians 5:22; James 4:4).

Note: Please retain this statement for your reference. Sign, date, and return the Signature Page provided to the Student Services Office.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

I understand that this Standard of Conduct is the guide to my behavior on and off campus for the time I am enrolled at Heritage Bible College. I have read and understand these standards and I agree to respect them as a student of the college without any attempt to undermine them or to influence others against the tenets expressed herein, even if in conflict with my personal or theological beliefs. Such an attitude on my part is a way I can develop Christian discipline, exhibit Christian maturity and demonstrate the love of Christ in concern both for the integrity of the College itself, as well as for the personal welfare of other believers. Further, I understand failure to cooperate in maintaining the Standard will lead to appropriate disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from the College.

This is to certify that I have read and that I understand and I will comply with the requirements of this document.

Print Your Name Here

Signature

Date

Comments or reservations in relation to this Document:
