

The Values of FBBC&TS: Explaining Our Mission

The mission of Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary is to equip vocational Christian workers and other servant leaders while inspiring them to take the Word to the world.

Our institutional mission statement is supported by our defining documents. We expect complete allegiance to our doctrinal statement and by-laws and support and adherence to the core values, historic position statement, and our music philosophy statement on the part of board members, administrators, faculty, and staff.

FBBC&TS Values Bible-Centered Training

- As a Bible college, we purpose that our students evidence a comprehensive working knowledge of the Bible and of the great systematic truths of Scripture. This is accomplished by requiring that all of our four-year graduates complete a Bible major and by holding daily chapels and annual conferences to enhance the biblical education of our students. We firmly believe that this Bible major is at the heart of the college curriculum.
- As a seminary, we strive to develop proficiency in interpreting and communicating the Bible, discernment based on the absoluteness of God's truth, and a commitment to biblical doctrine and philosophy of ministry. We accomplish these goals through the study of the original biblical languages, hermeneutics, expositional preaching, and biblical, historical, systematic, and practical theology.

FBBC&TS Values Academics

- As a Christian institution, we maintain the historic doctrine and standards of conservative Christianity and uphold the accuracy and authority of the Bible. Thus, in our curriculum, we seek to teach the Scriptures so that we might instill a thoroughly biblical worldview in every academic pursuit. We celebrate the gospel of Christ as the central message of the Bible and desire to share this good news with the lost.
- We have built a faculty that is composed of highly qualified professors who are developing and assessing academic programs and policies. We champion academic freedom on the part of our professors so that they might teach, research, and publish within the parameters of the institution's doctrinal, professional, and positional standards.
- We teach a comprehension of Western civilization and the application of information literacy, communication, and critical thinking skills that characterize broadly educated people. We prioritize the campus community, face-to-face instruction, and discipleship.
- We seek compliance with accepted standards of institutional integrity and value assessments by accrediting agencies.

FBBC&TS Values Our Fundamental Baptist Heritage

- We believe in the historic distinctives of Baptists.
- We maintain the historic fundamentals of the faith: the inspiration of Scripture and its inerrancy, the virgin birth, the deity of Christ, His substitutionary death, His physical resurrection, and His literal return to the earth. We unashamedly and earnestly contend for these truths and purposefully limit institutional cooperation on the basis of these principles, refusing to cooperate in ecumenical ministry endeavors with apostates and with believers who work with apostates.
- In our institutional distinctives we hold to traditional dispensationalism, a non-charismatic position, a historical-grammatical hermeneutic, and a literal, six-day creation.
- In light of God's holiness, we value and teach conservative expressions of worship and music, seeking to develop biblical convictions in our students. We reject pragmatism as a philosophical basis for ministry.

- We promote high standards of ethics and righteous living and strive to avoid behavior that compromises one's testimony or brings reproach upon the name of Christ. With an attitude of humility and grace, we desire for everyone in the Faith family to glorify God in character, speech, action, and association.

FBBC&TS Values Discipleship

- Faith exists as an institution for intensive discipleship. We provide a campus environment conducive to Christian growth by nurturing maturity, biblical discernment, personal responsibility, self-discipline, and good decision-making skills.
- We purpose to model authentic Christian lives and service before our students. We communicate class content that imparts knowledge and touches the affections of the students, leading them to follow Christ. We cultivate a passion for discipleship by promoting interaction with students in and out of the classroom. We implement a discipleship model through the use of our handbooks to promote Christian conduct and growth in biblical virtues.
- We believe that strong academics provide the foundation for intensive discipleship. Therefore, as a Bible college and seminary, we seek to develop quality programs so that we might excel at training Christian workers and leaders.
- We value the opportunities for discipleship that face-to-face contact with students affords, and so prioritize campus classes over online offerings. Our online courses emphasize personal interaction with the instructor.

FBBC&TS Values Preparing Christian Leaders

- Faith exists primarily to train individuals for vocational Christian service. We also exist to prepare every student for life and ministry according to God's calling. We emphasize the Bible and ministry in every degree program. We press the claims of Christ upon our students and want them to consider the sacred trust and high honor of vocational Christian service for their lives.
- We design our new programs in light of their contribution to and compatibility with our mission as a Bible college and seminary.

FBBC&TS Values the Church

- We believe that the local church is the center of God's program for this age. We exist to train and educate workers and leaders to serve in and through local churches. In light of the Great Commission and the Great Commandments, we emphasize Bible, theology, prayer, evangelism, and ministry through the local church. Furthermore, we require our students to participate in Christian service in local churches.
- Faith's motto is "With the Word to the World." To this end, we train our students to evangelize locally and globally. We provide opportunities for students to participate in short-term missions and cross-cultural ministries. We encourage students to consider the possibility of life-long Christian ministry worldwide.