



MIDDLE TENNESSEE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Commitment to FAITH & HERITAGE

Middle Tennessee Christian School serves students from pre-Kindergarten through high school from Rutherford and surrounding counties in Middle Tennessee. The school was founded by leaders in the community who were also active members of congregations of Churches of Christ from across Rutherford County. These founders directed that their successors as well as the administrators and faculty of the school should likewise be members in good standing of congregations of the Churches of Christ. Churches of Christ are autonomous, nondenominational congregations associated by common core beliefs as recorded in the Bible and practiced by the first century church.

In addition to educating children in the traditional areas of study in elementary and secondary schools, a primary goal of the founders of Middle Tennessee Christian School was to provide students daily instruction in the Bible. The charter of the school specifically requires that the school "provide a minimum of one class period per day of instruction in the Bible as the inspired word of God for every child enrolled and to emphasize the Bible in every course taught; to provide for Christian influence and environment in every phase of the school's activities."

Middle Tennessee Christian School is grounded in core Christian principles. We affirm God as the Father and Creator of the universe and Jesus Christ as His Son. We believe the Bible's teaching that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, was crucified, buried, and resurrected. We affirm the divine inspiration and authority of the Bible and the church as the body of Christ.

We submit to the Lordship of Jesus, and we believe that salvation comes by grace through obedient faith in Him and that we enter a covenant relationship with God through baptism in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of sins and receive the indwelling Spirit as a gift of God. We acknowledge that God is the ultimate judge of all mankind.

The school will support in practice and teaching:

- The affirmation of personal faith and godly living based upon Biblical principles.
- The recognition that the school is not the church and is not to be governed by one church or any group of churches.
- A continuous attitude of prayer among its Board, administration, faculty, staff and students.
- Service to others.
- The commitment to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.
- The affirmation that men and women were created distinctively by God in His image and that each person's God-given gender is determined biologically at birth.
- The affirmation of God's design for the family composed of one man as husband and one woman as wife in a marriage.
- That the purpose of the home is to nurture and provide for children.
- The use of A Cappella singing only in all chapels, campus devotionals and other worship activities of the school.
- The recognition that scriptures teach the autonomy of individual congregations of the Lord's church, giving them the right to engage in benevolence and evangelism as determined by their leadership.
- Teaching the Biblical account of creation.

We welcome students from all backgrounds, and it is our purpose that all grow like Jesus - intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually. We affirm Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do." We challenge students not just to complete the grade or the curriculum but to recognize and value these good works and lead lives of productive service in the home, the Church and the community. Although our programs for students end with the completion of high school, the skills learned, the principles instilled, and the faith developed impact their lives forever. We are training for eternity!