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We are a family-oriented, Christian support ministry for home educators in the Central Ohio area.

**Our purpose is to:**

- Honor the Lord Jesus Christ in the teaching of our children.  
Encourage parents in their God-given responsibility of training their children in the way they should go.
- Promote academic and social events for families within our group.  
Share information regarding Christian homeschooling.
- Encourage families to seek and develop friendships within our group.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The Church accepts the Scriptures as the revealed Will of God, the all sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts these fundamental Tenets of Faith and Doctrine.

### **Section 1. The Scriptures Inspired.**

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man, the living, infallible, and everlasting rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason. (II Timothy. 3:15-17; I Peter 1:23-25; Hebrews 4:12).

### **Section 2. The One True Godhead.**

The triune Godhead is comprised of three separate and distinct personalities, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, who are eternally self-existent, self-revealed and function as one entity. Jesus Christ, who is God manifested in the flesh, is the second member of the Godhead, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and The Holy Spirit. (John 1:1-5, 10-14; Matthew 28:18-20).

### **Section 3. Man, His Fall and Redemption.**

Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness". But, man, by voluntary transgression, fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God. (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7: Romans 5:12-21).

### **Section 4. The Salvation of Man.**

- A. Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:24; John 3:3) On the cross Jesus Christ became sin and sickness providing both salvation and divine healing for all mankind (Psalm 103:3), being justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. For by grace we are saved through faith. (Ephesians 2:8) "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart; that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be

saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." (Romans 10:8-10).

- B. **The Evidences of Salvation.** The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit. (Romans 8:16; I John 3:18-19, 24) The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. "You will know them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:16-20).
- C. **Faith and Works.** Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works will determine the rewards in eternity. (Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 2:16; II Corinthians. 5:10).

### **Section 5. Baptism in Water.**

The ordinance of baptism by a burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures by all who have truly repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Savior and Lord. In so doing, they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4; Acts 10:47-48).

### **Section 6. The Lord's Supper.**

"And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (I Corinthians 11:24-25, 28).

### **Section 7. The Promise of the Father.**

All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5; Acts 2:38) With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. (Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 12:1-31). This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. (Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16).

### **Section 8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.**

The full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance and by the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power in public testimony and service. (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:2, 6; 1:8; Galatians 5:16-26).

### **Section 9. The Church.**

The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the first born, whose names are written in Heaven. (Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23).

### **Section 10. Totality of the Atonement.**

1. Spiritual. III John 2; II Corinthians 5:17-21.
2. Mental. II Timothy 1:7; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3.
3. Physical. Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24.
4. Financial. Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; II Corinthians 9:6-15; Deut.28:1-14.
5. Social. Proverbs 3:4; Luke 2:52; Esther 2:15.

### **Section 11. Blessed Hope.**

Jesus is coming again to gather all His Saints to ever be with Him (I Corinthians 15:51-52; I Thessalonians. 4:16-17).

### **Section 12. The Lake of Fire.**

Those who have not accepted the redemptive work of Jesus Christ will suffer eternal separation from the Godhead. The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and anyone whose name is not found written in the Book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (Revelation 19:20; 20:10-15).

### **Section 13. The Millennial Reign of Jesus.**

The Scriptures promise the return of our Lord Jesus Christ with His saints from Heaven to rule and reign for one thousand years on earth (II Thessalonians 1:7; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6) After this, there shall be a new heaven and a new earth. (Rev. 21). Section 14.

### **Marriage and Sexuality.**

The Bible recognizes marriage as exclusively the legal union of one man and one woman (Titus 1:6). Therefore, the Church will not recognize, perform, or condone any marriage between individuals of the same gender or between more than one man and one woman. The Bible also teaches that legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Sexual activities, such as, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, incest, homosexuality, pedophilia and bestiality violate the teachings of the Bible and the Church. Further, lascivious behavior, the creation and/or distribution and/or viewing of pornography, and efforts to alter one's gender, are sinful and incompatible with Christian behavior. (I Corinthians 6:9-10; Leviticus 18:22; Leviticus 20:13; Romans 1:26-27).

These enrichment classes are organized by FLHE for children in preschool through high school and are designed to support, enhance, and compliment the learning our children do at home. We also provide support and encouragement for homeschooling families as well as offering group classroom experiences.

### **GROUP MEETINGS**

We believe homeschooling is a high calling, but we know it isn't always easy. Our meetings for home educators are designed to encourage and inform as well as fellowship. Our goal is for attendees to be refreshed and invigorated in their homeschool journey. Meeting announcements will be issued through email, Facebook, and the website. You can become a member of our FLHE Facebook Group by searching "Faith Life Home Educators."

### **ENROLLMENT**

At the beginning of each academic year, all families must complete the registration form and pay the annual membership fee. In addition, Faith Life Church requires an Activity Release Form to be signed upon registration for co-op classes.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Membership dues for the 2018/19 school year is \$40 per family. This fee covers the cost of FLHE materials and portions of FLHE-hosted events. This fee does not cover the cost for any co-op classes, or class materials. Registration and payment is only available onsite. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Some classes are limited. If a class you wish to register for is closed, you may choose to have your child waitlisted for the class.

### **CO-OP COMMUNICATIONS**

We have established an email-based communication system in addition to our Faith Life Home Educators group Facebook page, and website. As a member, you may receive emails from the Board and/or your child's teacher. Information regarding any weather delays, special events, and other information will be posted on our FLHE group Facebook page in addition to an email being sent out.

### **CO-OP LEADERSHIP BOARD**

The Board of FLHE establishes the policies of the co-op and ensures those policies are followed. It is the responsibility of the Board to implement the homeschool vision from Pastors Gary and Drenda Keese and to provide a place of support and encouragement for children to learn within a positive Christian environment. Board members are to represent the diverse age/grade levels of FLHE children and must have been involved in the FLHE co-op for more than one year in order to become eligible to be a Board member.

### **SIGNING IN AND OUT**

Children should **NEVER** be dropped off at the Now Center. A parent or guardian **MUST** always accompany his/her children into the building and sign them in at the FLC guest services kiosk and then accompany his/her children to Chapel from 10:30am -10:50am. Children may then be dropped off at their first class.

## **PARENT ROLE & LEAVING THE PREMISES**

As this is a cooperative learning environment, not a school, parents must agree to serve in some capacity during co-op. Ways in which parents may help are: classroom aide, nursery worker, café monitor, during chapel, or administrative aide, etc. You are **REQUIRED** to remain on the premises while your child/ren are in class.

## **LUNCH**

Lunch is scheduled during each co-op session. The café will not be open during lunch but slices of pizza and pop will be available for purchase. Students may bring their own lunches as well. Lunch must be eaten in the Café area and students are expected to clean up their trash before proceeding on to their next class.

## **ACCIDENTS/INJURIES**

If there is an accident or injury on the Now Center property, all involved parties must complete an occurrence form. These forms can be obtained at the FLC guest services desk. One copy will be kept on file with the FLHE co-op Board and another copy will be given to the parent/guardian of the child involved.

## **GRIEVANCES**

Should anyone experience a disagreement within the co-op, he/she must adhere to the following steps for resolving the conflict. During this process it is absolutely necessary that complete confidentiality be upheld. Refusal to adhere to this policy may result in dismissal from the co-op.

1. Discuss the problem with the person with whom you have a disagreement.
2. Involved parties meet with a Board member.
3. If the issue cannot be resolved, it must be presented to the entire Leadership Board. The final decision will be at the discretion of the Leadership Board.

## **TEACHER COMMUNICATION**

Teachers will use email to communicate with parents and other teachers. Each teacher is expected to communicate the following to parents:

- Projects, homework, or assignments to be completed at home. (Teachers should send these emails early to give parents the opportunity to work with their students during the week and to collect materials for the next week's lesson.)
- Any supplies needed for the class.
- Behavior concerns. Remember to preserve confidentiality and respect feelings.

## **TEACHER UNDERSTANDING**

Teachers should be aware and sensitive to any special needs of students in their classes. Remember, co-op may be the first group education experience for these children. You may use a seating chart to alleviate disruptions.

### **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION POLICY**

It is the responsibility of the parent to make sure his/her students understand the rules that are in place at the FLHE co-op. Please review the Student Code of Conduct with your child. If students do not comply with the Student Code of Conduct, disciplinary actions may need to be instituted.

All children attending the FLHE co-op are required to:

1. Respect individuals in authority at all times. This includes but is not limited to teachers, teacher's aides, hall monitors, co-op leadership, and church staff.
2. Respect fellow students at all times. Respect one another's personal space. Gossiping, yelling, or teasing one another, even in fun, is not permitted. Speak to and about everyone in a kind, encouraging, and respectful manner.
3. Respect the building and church property at all times. If a student damages church property, parents may be financially responsible for the damage and more serious disciplinary actions may be taken.
4. Understand the building is a place of business. Be quiet and don't run in lobby or café area.
5. Participate in class. Answer questions and share related, short, personal ideas or experiences when called on. Actively take part in class activities and discussions. *Note: Children not in a class must be with their parents at all times.*

### **DISCIPLINE FOR BREAKING THE ABOVE EXPECTATIONS WILL BE HANDLED AS FOLLOWS:**

**First Warning:** Student will be encouraged to improve his/her behavior and will be reminded of the expectations.

**Second Warning:** Continued inappropriate behavior will result in the removal of the student from the class for the remainder of the class session. The student will be delivered to the parent for further discipline. Refunds will not be issued.

**Third Warning:** If a child has been removed from more than one class in one day, the student will not be permitted to return to ANY classes for the remainder of that day. Should a child be removed from classes for the remainder of the day on two occasions, the parent will be required to be in attendance with his/her child at all times for the remainder of the co-op term.

**MORE SERIOUS DISCIPLINARY INFRACTIONS AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES ARE AS FOLLOWS:** The following behavior will not be tolerated in any way and will result in immediate dismissal for the day:

- Any abusive or foul language.
- Bullying, intimidation, and/or sexual misconduct, toward teachers, parents, church staff, or fellow students.
- Willful physical harm to any person or property.
- Theft.

Depending on the seriousness of the offense, the student may be dismissed from the co-op program and may face charges with appropriate civil authorities. Because we desire to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all students and their parents, there is zero tolerance for the possession of weapons, firearms, alcohol, or any controlled substance. The student or parent will be dismissed from the program immediately and charges will be filed with the appropriate civil authorities.