



GENERAL INFORMATION

School Starting Date

August (Varies)

Regular School Hours

8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Monday – Friday)

3:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. (Dismissal)

Before School Hours

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Grades

Pre-Kindergarten (Age 3) – Ninth Grade

Tuition and Fees

Registration Fee	\$150.00 (Non-refundable)
Instructional Materials Fee	\$350.00 (PreK-5 th)
Instructional Materials Fee	\$450.00 (6 th -9 th)
(Annually)	
Monthly Tuition	\$550.00 (Per Month)
School Lunch	\$ 3.35 (Per Day)
PTFO Membership (Family Annually)	\$ 25.00
Physical Education Uniform	\$ 75.00

Uniforms

Students wear uniforms purchased locally.

Enrollment Information

Applications for enrollment for the upcoming school year may be obtained by calling 222-6605 or visiting www.betheltally.org. The school participates in the Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) Program; School Readiness through the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend, (call 385-0551); and the Step Up for Students (www.stepupforstudents.org) and McKay Scholarship programs (www.floridaschoolchoice.org).

BETHEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

A “FOCUSED” SCHOOL

A SCHOOL THAT EMPHASIZES COMPETENCE ...

- Academic Excellence
- Effective Oral and Written Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Readiness Skills
- Language Development

A SCHOOL THAT EMPHASIZES CHARACTER...

- Christian Principles
- Positive Self-Concept and Self-Esteem
- Attitudes of Respect/Responsibility
- Good Sportsmanship
- Moral Behavior

A SCHOOL THAT EMPHASIZES CREATIVITY...

- Development of Imaginative Thinking
- Exploration of the Arts
- Varied Multicultural Experiences
- Exposure to Cultural Events
- Physical Education Skills Enhancement



BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

224 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard

Tallahassee, Florida

(850) 222-8440

Reverend Dr. R. B. Holmes, Jr., Pastor

Acknowledgement

School seal designed by the late Hazel Scott

Bethel Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Bethel Christian Academy



**Theme: Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**

Proverbs 22:6



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Reverend Dr. R. B. Holmes, Jr., Chancellor

Dr. Gloria P. Holmes, Administrator

Ms. Sonja Terrell, Principal



BETHEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Where Every Child is S-H-I-N-I-N-G...

*(Successful, Helpful, Imaginative, Neighborly, Intelligent,
Noble, and Good-Natured!)*

Selecting the best school for a child is a major decision parents face. Parents need to know that their children are enrolled in an institution which focuses on the student's complete development – spiritual, academic, physical, cultural, and social.

MISSION

We provide an environment that is conducive to learning; a staff that is sensitive to the needs of the children; and a well-balanced program that is child-centered, academically challenging, and based upon Christian principles. Additionally, our aim is to provide a strong support system that will help develop God-fearing, law-abiding, well mannered, and highly motivated learners.

GOAL

The primary goal of the school is to satisfy the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social needs of each student. The result will be the development of the whole person.

SCHOOL OBJECTIVES

- To instill moral values, self-esteem, self-worth, self- respect and respect for others.
- To encourage academic appreciation and excellence.
- To build and maintain positive attitudes.
- To develop good and decent law-abiding citizens.
- To enhance students appreciation of technology and the arts, including music education.
- To develop positive lifelong habits through physical and health education.

GRADE LEVELS

PreKindergarten (Age 3) to Ninth

FACULTY

The faculty is comprised primarily of teachers whose minimum training includes a bachelor's degree; who meet appropriate certification requirements for the State of Florida; and whose expertise in the field of education is enhanced by their ongoing professional development training.

HISTORY

The Bethel Christian Academy (BCA) is a ministry of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and represents one component of "the vision" which was conceived by the pastor, Reverend Dr. R. B. Holmes, Jr. Embraced by the church's officers and congregation, BCA opened its doors for instruction and welcomed its first class of thirty-four boys and girls on September 8, 1992. These children were enrolled in prekindergarten through third grade.

Prior to the opening ceremony on Saturday, August 29, 1992, twelve committees, under the leadership of the pastor, worked diligently to develop a Christian academy that would provide an academically and morally sound learning environment for boys and girls of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Four individuals played key roles in the establishment of the school: Dr. Ida Adams, Chair; Dr. Doris Clack, Co-Chair; Mrs. M. Lucille Williams, Curriculum Chair; and Mrs. Juanita J. Johnson, Student Services Chair. Committees included accreditation and licensing; budget; counseling and support services; curriculum; food services; fund raising and grant writing; organizational structure; personnel; physical plant and facilities; policies and procedures; public relations; and tuition, fees and scholarships. The school's motto and logo were developed by Dr. Gloria Holmes and Ms. Hazel Scott. Burgundy and gray plaid uniforms were chosen for the girls and khaki pants with white shirts for the boys.

To provide instruction for these thirty-four students, three teachers, whose minimum training included a bachelor's degree and certification by the State of Florida, were employed. One of the teachers, Mrs. Shelia Littlejohn-Blake, served in a dual role as teacher/director. The Reverend Dr. R. B. Holmes Jr., served as Chancellor, providing God-inspired leadership. Other staff members included a receptionist, an instructional assistant, and a food service coordinator. The school was first housed in property, a former Western Sizzling restaurant, which was purchased and renovated by the Church and located directly across the street. Supported by a strong Parents, Teachers and Friends Organization (PTFO), under the leadership of Mrs. Beatrice Spencer, the first president, BCA thrived.

At the end of the first year, BCA received high marks of evaluation from the students, parents, and instructors as well as commendations from a peer review team. The commendations included the following comments:

- The collaborative team effort was obvious. The moral base of the program is very strong, providing many opportunities for students to serve in leadership roles, including leading daily morning devotion and weekly chapel services.
- This is a very fine program; keep up the good work.
- Student's self esteem appeared to be very positive.
- There was a lot of positive interaction between the teachers and the students.

After evaluation and careful consideration, it was determined that the fourth and fifth grades would be added for the second year. During the 1993-94 academic school year, BCA enrolled forty-seven students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades. Throughout the years, the enrollment has grown and the number of staff members has increased. However, as the school celebrates each anniversary, the mission remains the same. With students in grades Pre-Kindergarten (age 3) to sixth grade, we are extremely proud of our many accomplishments.

When "the vision" of the Pastor lead the church in the development of the C.K. Steele/Leroy Collins Charter Middle School, BCA transitioned to the basement of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Upon completion of the Bethel Family Life Center, BCA moved to this state-of-the-art facility, providing a beautiful and spacious learning environment. Each nine weeks, a student recognition program is held to recognize students' achievements in academics and citizenship. The Adams/Clack Award, named in memory of the late Dr. Ida Adams and Dr. Doris Clack, is given to students who excel academically, and the Chancellor's Most Improved Student Award is given to the student in each class who makes the most improvement during each nine weeks. The academic progress of students is further documented by the results on the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) administered in the spring of each school year. The primary goal of the school remains to satisfy the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social needs of each student. The result has been and continues to be the development of outstanding students who possess excellent competence, character, and creativity.

BETHEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: A COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM

The curriculum of the Bethel Christian Academy is comprehensive and based upon what is known about how children develop and learn. A Beka instructional materials, along with a variety of other resources, are used. The Academy:

- Includes goals, objectives, skills, and activities that address the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, cultural, and social needs of children.
- Uses an integrated approach in which subject matter divisions are presented through thematic units of study and learning experiences, allowing for rich, conceptual development.
- Integrates assessment with ongoing classroom activities.
- Provides a child centered academically challenging experience.
- Encourages experimental learning that promotes critical and creative thinking in a warm, accepting, rich, and aesthetic environment.
- Uses appropriate instructional materials and practices to meet the developmental needs and interests of children.
- Is success oriented and promotes continuous and sequential learning.
- Requires students to master basic courses encompassing reading, mathematics, science, social studies, language arts, Bible, music, computer skills, health, physical education and the arts.
- Fosters development of information and technology skills through a well equipped library media center and computer laboratory.
- Provides daily morning devotion and weekly chapel services.
- Provides Title I services (reading, math and science skills enhancement) and Speech and Language services as appropriate.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

*Field Trips
Cheerleading
Athletics Teams
Cultural Events*

CHURCH, VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

*All of these aspects and activities are provided to
enhance our students' educational experiences!*