

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

VII. CORE VALUES

(Please read including all Scriptural references)

1. Love and Glorify God as He is revealed in the Holy Bible. (Matt. 22:37-38) (Col. 3:17) (1 Cor. 10:31). The Holy Bible is our standard of truth and final authority for faith and practice in all matters relating to this ministry. Our chief aim is to love and glorify God through everything we do.
2. Help Fulfill the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20). The governing imperative verb of Christ's Great Commission in Matthew's gospel is "disciple" or "make disciples." Members of Christ's churches, therefore, are commanded to make disciples among all peoples by "going, baptizing, and teaching." They are to do so in the confident assurance that all authority is given to Christ and that always He will be with them. This ministry seeks to build up the body of Christ by cooperating with Christ's Great Commission purpose, encouraging all men, women, boys and girls to be both personal disciplined followers and public character witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ everywhere they go.
3. Affirm and Encourage Parents in their God-given opportunities and responsibilities. (Deut. 6:5-7). The first two instructions to God's people after the original giving of the Great Commandment was that they (1) keep God's commandments in their hearts and (2) teach those commandments in their homes. Parents are God's first plan, His single most effective agents for spreading the Gospel to children and discipling young believers. The vast majority of Christians come to a "saving faith" in Christ when they are children, under the influence of their parents; furthermore, the successful sharing of a parent's faith and values is best facilitated when actively-involved parents take the time, make the opportunity, and employ the tools needed for developing close, loving, and nurturing relationships with their children. Whether the issue is instilling positive traits (e.g.. respect for authority, personal integrity, honesty, dependability, loyalty, and commitment) or avoiding negative consequences (e.g.. teenage suicide, substance abuse, adolescent violence, sexual promiscuity, and teenage pregnancy) parents must take their proper place on the front line. If the influence of parents ever breaks down, the cost will be measured in lost souls. The percent of children who come to faith later in life is so small, and the consequences of a negative, neglected childhood are so great, that the positive influence of parents early in life must command our utmost attention and priority
4. Educate with Excellence in a Christ-centered environment. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving"(Col. 3:23-24). Children, like their Lord, are to keep "increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). Likewise, "Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding" (Pro. 3:13). Also, "Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; instruct a righteous man and he will add to his learning (Pro. 9:9). If we are to teach and instruct students "as working for the Lord," the standard of our performance can be nothing less than excellence.
5. Integrate Home and School in age-appropriate ways throughout the curriculum design and student activities. A Christian, university-model school exists to assist parents with the modern-day difficulties of preparing their children for college while also recognizing and supporting the parents' unique role in communicating their faith and values. For parents to succeed in their all-important task of discipleship, it is essential for families to experience meaningful time together. Traditional school systems, by their very structure, tend to rob parents and students of this most precious commodity. UMS gives time and access back to parents in exchange for their

commitment to be academically and relationally involved with their students outside of class according to the college-preparatory, curriculum design. Such involvement, when lovingly and joyfully administered, leads to greater opportunity for parents to succeed in teaching their most important “subjects” faith, hope, and love. This good-faith partnership between parents and teachers makes home and school integration for a family-strengthening, quality education both possible and practical.

6. Reach Out to Other Communities. God’s blessings are for the glory of His name and the enrichment of our world. If an educational approach, such as University-Model Schooling, can successfully demonstrate that a high quality, college-preparatory education can be provided in a manner that also protects and even enhances the roles of parents in the discipleship of their children, then it is right and proper to do everything possible to communicate that approach with anyone who needs and wants it. As this ministry experiences God’s blessings, therefore, it will be about the business of sharing those blessings with our community, New England, and “the world.”