

## ***HOMEWOOD CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION POLICY***

The **MISSION** of Homewood Christian Association is to support Christian home schooling families in our area by helping them connect through joint service to one another in order to provide fellowship and educational opportunities.

The **GOALS** of Homewood Christian Association are:

1. To glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in all our activities and communications.
2. To provide opportunities for families to support and encourage one another in our efforts to teach at home.
3. To offer educational and social opportunities for our home schooled children and parents.
4. To establish a link in a chain for information to be passed on to individual home schooling families from local, state and community-wide home school organizations.

### **Homewood Statement of Faith**

1. The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and constitutes completed and final revelation. The Bible, in its original autograph, is without error in whole and in part, including theological concepts as well as geographical and historical details.
2. God has existed from all eternity in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ was God who came in human flesh being fully God and fully man except without sin.
3. All men are in violation of God's righteous requirements and His holy character both by nature and by act, and therefore are under His wrath and just condemnation. The central purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to pay the penalty for man's sin through His substitutionary death on the cross—the successful accomplishment of which was attested to by His subsequent visible, bodily resurrection.
4. Salvation is offered as a gift, free to the sinner. This gift must be responded to in individual faith, not trust in any personal works, but in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ alone.
5. We hold as a belief and conviction that marriage is ordained by God as a union between a man and a woman. Children are given by God as a stewardship to the parents (father and mother) and not the state. Further, we hold that parents have the wherewithal and authority to educate their own children. (Prov. 22:6, Deut. 6:6-7, Eph. 6:4)

### **Homewood Policies for Private and Public Activities**

Because we are representing Jesus Christ, as well as Homewood, in our conversation, attire, and behavior, we ask that members follow these policies while attending Homewood events.

#### **Homewood Activities**

1. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children during Homewood functions. Children (or parents) who behave in a manner that is out of control or damages the reputation of the group will lose the privilege of attending future functions.
  - a. Please restrain your children from running in buildings and climbing on structures that are not playground equipment.
  - b. Encourage children to demonstrate respect and listen to the tour guides, leaders, or staff members.
  - c. Show respect for property by disposing of all trash and by leaving the area as it was found.

2. Restitution for property damage caused by any student, sibling, parent, or their guests will be the sole responsibility of the person(s)/family causing the damage and not Homewood Christian Association. This applies to all venues for official Homewood events: church facilities, homes of members, field trip locations, library, or any other location used for an official Homewood event.
3. The use of alcohol or tobacco is not allowed at any Homewood function.

### **Homewood Dress Code**

Because we are representing Jesus Christ as well as Homewood in our conversation, attire and behavior, we ask that members please dress modestly and in good taste. This dress code applies to both parents and children.

1. Shorts may be worn, but not short-shorts.
2. Skirts and dresses must be at least of mid-length (to the knee).
3. Midriffs, halter tops, halter dresses, spaghetti straps, strapless tops, strapless dresses, tight or low cut clothing are not to be worn to Homewood events.
4. Undergarments should not be visible on any person (student or adult) at any time.
5. Clothing with inappropriate graphic designs or inappropriate written messages may not be worn at Homewood events.

### **Homewood Name and Logo**

The Homewood Christian Association name (including the use of "Homewood" and "HCA") and any logo(s) or motto(s) may not be used in any print or electronic media. This includes, but is not limited, to Web pages, blogs, MySpace, Face Book, YouTube, or any medium yet to be invented, for unapproved or unofficial Homewood activities without written permission from the Homewood Christian Association Steering Committee.

### **Photographs**

Out of respect for the privacy of our Homewood families, photos taken at Homewood events should not be published for public (outside of Homewood) distribution in any form, or on any internet site, including but not limited to social networking sites, such as Facebook

### **Homewood Membership Requirements:**

- Family is currently home schooling at least one child.
- Family is in full agreement with the Homewood Statement of Faith.
- Family agrees to abide by all Policies governing Homewood.
- Family commits to serve at a minimum of one Homewood event or activity per year.
- Payment of annual membership dues.

### **Homewood Membership**

1. All Homewood members are asked to serve Homewood in some capacity during each school year. Opportunities for service will be made available to members throughout the year.
2. Members who consistently display overtly self-serving agendas may risk losing Homewood membership. Examples of this include joining Homewood for the purpose of advertising a business or of promoting a political or social agenda.
3. Members of Homewood who consistently disregard Homewood policy will be asked to leave Homewood Christian Association.