

## **Educational Philosophy**

IN EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN, WE STRIVE TO PROVIDE A STRONG FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO BUILD A LIFE PLEASING THE LORD SO OUR CHILDREN KNOW HOW TO HANDLE LIFE SKILLFULLY IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY.

WE LONG FOR OUR CHILDREN TO LOVE GOD AND OTHERS AND BE CONSISTENTLY GROWING IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD;

FOR OUR CHILDREN TO BE ACADEMICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY PREPARED TO LEAVE OUR HOME AND SUCCESSFULLY MANAGE THEIR LIVES IN GOD'S WAYS – PRODUCTIVELY FOR THE KINGDOM.

1 Timothy 1:5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

To achieve this we want to be the major influence in our children's lives however that may look. We want to build a close family unit where we frequently discuss issues below the surface and where we look to each other and trust each other. We want our ministry to be a family ministry.

For now that includes the benefit of the flexibility and increased family time of home schooling that allows our children more time with Daddy and more time to be involved in our ministry.

*\*\*Will be adding an overall character statement regarding biblical masculinity and femininity to help the kids see how tasks we give them are working toward a goal.*

Some methods for accomplishing these goals:

- modeling and shadowing us – helping with cooking, cleaning, lawn work, repairs, etc.
- allow them to be involved with others and see what heart issues surface
- Brent – teach Josh Hebrew, read with Karis, build things with Karis
- As teenagers – Brent to teach his class on Bible study principles to children



## **Character goals for our children**

Developed habit in how to read, study, meditate and apply God's word  
Wisdom to skillfully handle life in God's world  
Servant leadership at home, church and in community  
Humility and fear of God  
Thankful hearts/ content/ satisfied  
True Righteousness - love for God and others  
Importance of stewardship of mind, energies, body and possessions including finances  
LIFELONG LEARNING  
Fruit of the spirit  
Awareness of their strengths and weaknesses  
    -know their areas of giftedness and passions  
    -know their besetting sins  
Biblical worldview  
    -highest priorities are  
        -loving God (knowing Him, obeying Him, spending time with Him)  
        -loving others (investing in others for the sake of the kingdom)  
Accurate perspective of life in light of the next life

## **Academic/Skill Goals for our children**

Academically prepared to pursue college  
Karis – healthy cooking  
Josh – repair and maintenance basics (car maintaining, bathroom – plunger, unclog drains, etc., lights)  
Home maintenance – laundry, cleaning, cooking basics  
Knowledgeable of one foreign language- Josh Biblical Hebrew, both – Spanish  
Accurate view of stewardship of the body – health for the sake of ministry  
    -one physical activity they can enjoy and carry into adulthood  
Play one musical instrument – take piano lessons, guitar lessons, etc.