



CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM

Part I: To be completed by the family after appropriate study of the information on the reverse side of this form.
After you have filled in Part 1, please give this form to your pastor (if a member of a church).

Names of Parents _____
 Names & Grades of Children applying to RVCS _____
 Family Address _____ Phone _____
 Name & Address of Church _____
 Name of Pastor _____ Phone _____

I have read the enrollment eligibility statements on the reverse side of this form and agree to the commitments expressed as they pertain to my family and the relationship of my family to my local church and RVCS. With full understanding, I hereby request a written reference from my pastor.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Part II. To be completed by the Pastor, after appropriate study of the information on the reverse side of this form.

Dear Pastor, It is our desire at Roanoke Valley Christian Schools to work hand-in-hand with families and churches as we train children in truth. Our church's and schools' doctrinal statements are listed on the back of this form. Your candid input is greatly appreciated. Please identify any of the doctrinal statements listed on the back of this form that are inconsistent with the beliefs of your church. Thank you.

Rick Brown, Associate Pastor for School Ministries
Shenandoah Baptist Church/Roanoke Valley Christian Schools

Is your church a member of the National or World Council of Churches? Yes _____ No _____

Does the above family attend your church regularly? Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

Are they members of your church? Yes _____ No _____

How is this family involved in ministering/serving in the church? _____

Are the children active in the youth program of the church? Yes _____ No _____

Do you consider the children open to spiritual instruction? Yes _____ No _____

What is your understanding of this family's relationship to Jesus Christ? _____

How would you describe the testimony of this family in their "daily Christian walk" (vocational, social/entertainment, financial life, etc.?) _____

Are there any other matters that you feel would be helpful to know while considering the admission of this family? _____

Do you recommend this family for admission to RVCS? _____

I have read the doctrinal statement on the reverse side of this form.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please return this form within five days.

ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for RVCS enrollment consideration, a family must agree to their child/children being taught the fundamental doctrines of the faith as stated.

1. We believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, the written record of His supernatural revelation of Himself to man, absolute in its authority, complete in its revelation, final and without errors in its content (Exodus 34:27; Jeremiah 30:1-2; II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21; Revelation 22:18-19).
2. We believe in one God, sovereign, almighty, holy, unchanging, and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16, 17; 28:19; John 14:16-17).
3. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:16; John 1:1-2; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:3), His virgin birth (Matthew 1:18-20), His blood atonement (Matthew 26:28; I Peter 1:18-19; I John 1:7), His sinless perfection (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26), His bodily resurrection (Luke 24:20, 51; Acts 1:9), and His present life in heaven for us as High Priest and Advocate (Mark 16:19; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 4:14; 6:20; 7:25; I John 2:1).
4. We believe in the personal, pre-millennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:27; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18).
5. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person of the Godhead, that He is sent by the Lord Jesus Christ from God the Father to convict the world of sin, to regenerate, seal, indwell, guide, teach, anoint, and intercede with each believer, and to baptize each believer into the body of Christ (John 15:26; 16:7, 13; Ephesians 1:13; I John 2:20, 27; I Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:27).
6. We believe that man in his natural state is spiritually lost, alienated from God, and is incapable of any personal effort or merit for the attainment of salvation (Romans 3-5).

We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably created each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological sex. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other 1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God's command is that there be no sexual intimacy between a man and a woman outside of or apart from marriage.
7. We believe that the salvation of man is by grace, a free gift of God, received through faith in the Lord Jesus (Romans 3:23-25; Ephesians 2:8-9), who "died for our sins according to the scriptures," and who is "the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I Corinthians 15:3; I John 2:2). Without His death and the shedding of His blood there is no remission of sins (Romans 5:9; Hebrews 9:22; 10:19-20). Those who receive Christ by faith (John 1:12) have their sins forgiven (Ephesians 1:7) and are baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:13), thereby becoming children of God (John 1:12).
8. We believe that all true believers have eternal life as a present possession, being "sealed unto the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30), and can therefore have full assurance of salvation for time and eternity (John 3:16; 5:24; 10:28-29; I Peter 1:3-5; I John 5:12, 13; Jude 24).
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust (John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:51-52; I Thessalonians 4:16-17), the everlasting blessedness of the saved (I Thessalonians 4:17), and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:12-15).
10. We believe that the Church is the company of believers baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13); that the duty of each believer is to faithfully identify and serve through a local church whose mission is the fulfillment of the Great Commission as stated in Matthew 28:18-20, and whose power to fulfill that mission is the power of the indwelling Christ (Galatians 2:20; Philippians 1:6; 4:13; II Peter 1:3).
11. We believe that baptism (immersion) in water is a symbol signifying the union of the believer with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection to newness of life (Romans 6:3-11).
12. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial signifying the offering of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, for the sins of the world, and a reminder of His promised return (Matthew 26:26-30; I Corinthians 11:23-26).
13. We believe that every child of God is commanded to live a life of obedience to God and separation from evil. We believe that the beginning evidence of this life of obedience and separation is repentance from sin (Romans 12:1-2; II Corinthians 6:14-18; I John 2:15) and that the power for such a life is provided by the indwelling Spirit of God (Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 5:18).

Our Statement of Faith is not exhaustive of all of our beliefs. The Bible, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with absolute authority regarding the proper conduct of mankind and is the unchanging foundation for all belief and behavior. The Elders of Shenandoah Baptist Church hold final interpretive authority on biblical meaning and application with regard to faith, doctrine, policy, practice, and discipline.