

EARLY RELEASE OR EMERGENCY RELOCATION Faith Christian Academy: Athens Campus

Parents: Please make yourself familiar
with these emergency pick-up procedures now.

ATHENS CAMPUS ONLY: In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation of the school, such as An emergency at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, the school coordinates the evacuation with the Limestone County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). We maintain a 24-hour radio warning link with EMA. There are three (3) possible emergency scenarios that parents need to be aware of:

- 1. Early Release.** Upon notification of an emergency by Limestone County EMA, we may decide to release students early under certain circumstances. In this event, announcements will be made over local radio and Huntsville TV stations. You may also check our home page at www.faihtacademy.org where announcements will be posted. Parents should then arrange to pick up their children at school as soon as possible (Athens campus only; Madison campus is NOT affected by Browns Ferry Relocation plans). Only authorized **persons on file in the office** may pick up students, and ID may be required. Be sure we have all of your authorized pick-up persons on file now to avoid problems later. (You will not be able to call us).
- 2. Emergency Evacuation. NEW EMERGENCY SHELTER LOCATION.** If events do not allow time for early release, we will conduct an emergency relocation of students as a precaution. Students will be loaded onto buses. Buses will be escorted by an official law enforcement vehicle. Once loaded no student will be removed from the bus until the bus reaches its destination. Students will be taken to the designed shelter site (**which is currently FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY AT 13902 BRADFORD ROAD, MADISON, AL.** (Directions: US Highway 72 East. At Butler Home Furnishings, turn south on Bradford Road and go one-quarter mile to Faith Christian Academy). This is a **NEW SHELTER LOCATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19, 2010.** Students will be supervised by FCA personnel until parents arrive to receive them. Parents or others should be prepared to show identification when they come to pick up a student. Students will only be released to persons pre-authorized to receive them and who can show proper identification. It is, therefore, vital that all persons who are authorized to pick up your child in an emergency be on file with the office. Obviously, there will not be time to authorize "new" people last minute in an emergency. Telephone communication will probably not be possible.

IMPORTANT: FOR EMERGENCY RELOCATION, STUDENTS AT THE ATHENS CAMPUS WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO OUR FCA MADISON/EAST LIMESTONE CAMPUS, LOCATED AT 13902 BRADFORD ROAD, MADISON, AL 35756. THIS IS IN LIMESTONE COUNTY. DIRECTIONS: US HIGHWAY 72 EAST, TURN SOUTH IN FRONT OF BUTLER HOME FURNISHINGS (ONTO BRADFORD ROAD).

- 3. SHELTER IN-PLACE.** In rare instances, it may be safer to keep children at school (in place) rather than transport them. For example, in a chemical spill on the

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roadway or other emergency where the immediate area is already contaminated. If a "shelter in place" recommendation is given, Faith Christian Academy will go into immediate lock-down. Doors will be locked and a safety plan implemented immediately. Parents would not be admitted and doors will be locked and cannot be opened for anyone because of the possibility of contamination. In this event, parents should listen for announcements on radio and TV issued by law enforcement and EMA officials. These announcements will tell parents when it is safe to come to school and pick up their children. Telephone communication with the school will probably not be possible during a Shelter-in-Place emergency. Students cannot be dismissed to anyone until the Shelter-in-Place emergency is declared ended by EMA or law enforcement. This is for the safety of your child and the safety of the entire school. You will not be able to pick up your child at school as long as the "Shelter-in-Place" emergency continues. This is per law enforcement instructions.

EMA officials will update and change details of the emergency plan from time to time. The academy will send any updated plans or changes home in the students' Friday folders. Parents should note any changes in the emergency plan, such as a change in the place students will be sheltered following an evacuation

C. Tornadoes, Snow, and other Weather Emergencies. School normally does not close for severe weather warnings unless Athens city schools close due to extreme conditions. Parents may pick up a student in weather related emergencies whenever they feel the welfare of the student is best served by doing so. The absence would be excused. Parents should note that we do monitor severe weather by using the following sources:

- NOAA weather radio (with automatic warning system)
- Limestone County EMA
- Television (Weather Channel and local channels are available to us).

It is not necessary to phone the school and tell us when there are severe weather warnings. (We get these reports *before* they are released to the public). During severe weather, our top priority is the safety of our students and staff, thus we may not be able to answer the telephone. Rely on local radio (Some stations listed below) and Huntsville TV (channels 19, 31, 48) for any closing information. You may also want to check the homepage of our website, www.faithacademy.org for announcements. If Athens City schools close for a weather emergency, we will close, also. We reserve the right to RE-OPEN before Athens City School, however. Note that we do NOT close because other school systems close (Limestone County, Madison schools, or other North Ala. School systems. We close only with Athens City schools for weather related emergencies.

SOME LOCAL MEDIA FOR CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio
WDRM RADIO (102.1 FM)
WKAC RADIO (1080 AM)
WRSR RADIO (96.9 FM)
WVNN (770 AM)

Television
WAAY – Channel 31
WHNT - Channel 19
WAFF - Channel 48

FCA WEB SITE (Home Page) www.faithacademy.org

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