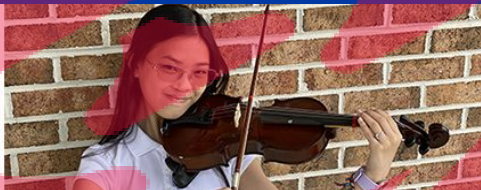




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## What We Believe

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## ARTICLE II – STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

We recognize that God has ordained the family as primarily responsible for training children. We believe that a strong relationship between the home, the church, and the Christian school is essential to successful Christian education. Teachers in a Christian school are responsible for being skilled in their profession, to integrate Biblical truth into their curriculum, and to have a relationship with Christ that exemplifies Christ-like character. (Deut. 6:7; Prov. 4:1; Prov. 22:6)

We believe that education should begin with a concern for the student's salvation and relationship with God. The goal of Christian education is to lead students in the development of a Biblical worldview. All aspects of the school's curricular and co-curricular programs must be consistent with the mission of the school and be based on Biblical truth. (Hebrews 1:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Titus 2:11-15)

We believe that academic excellence is an expression of worship to God. The highest quality academic training must be provided for students at all grade levels. Excellence and innovation in all academic programs will be our priority. Our desire is to train Christ-like disciples who will serve God and impact their community and the world by thinking and acting Biblically in all areas of life. (1 Corinthians 12; Philippians 1:9-11; Romans 12:2).



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## ARTICLE III – STATEMENT OF FAITH

### 1. The Scriptures

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. It is verbally inspired by Him in the original manuscripts. It is infallible and complete. The Bible is our supreme authority for faith and practice. (2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

### 2. The Trinity

We believe that the Trinity eternally exists in three persons – the Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, having exactly the same nature, attributes, and perfections. Each is worthy of exactly the same honor, confidence and obedience. (Deut. 6:45, Matt. 28:19, 2 Cor. 13:14)

We believe **God the Father** created all things for His glory according to His own will, through His Son, Jesus Christ. He upholds all things by the Word of His power and grace, exercising sovereign authority over all creation, providence, and redemption (Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3).

We believe that **Jesus Christ, the eternal Son**, took on human flesh. He was conceived through the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary. He, being fully God and fully man, lived a sinless life and died on the cross in our place accomplishing redemption for all who place their faith in Him. He physically arose from the dead, was seen by many witnesses and ascended into heaven, where, at the Father's right hand He serves as the only mediator between

God and man. (John 1:1, 14, 18; 1 Timothy 3:16; John 14:8-9).

We believe that the **Holy Spirit**, convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment. He draws the unredeemed to repentance and faith, and at salvation seals the believer until the day of redemption. (John 16:8; 13:15; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 1:11-14; Romans 8:9-17; 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 12:4-5, 11-13, 19; Galatians 5:25; Hebrews 2:1-4; 2 Corinthians 12:12).

### **3. The Sinful Nature of Humanity.**

We believe that man was created in the image of God. As a result of Adam's sin, humanity inherited a sinful nature and is separated from God. (Gen. 1:26, 2:17, 3:1-6, 6:5; Psalm 51:5; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:10, 3:23, 5:12,19; 1 John 3:8)

### **4. Salvation**

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Salvation cannot be earned through works, it is a free gift from God. (John 3:16, 5:24; Acts 13:39, 16:31; Rom 10:9-10; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 2:8-9)

### **5. Eternal Security**

We believe that once a person is saved, he is always saved, and can in no way lose his salvation. (John 3:16, 10:28-29; Col. 3:3; Heb. 7:25; Jude 24)

### **6. Satan**

We believe that Satan is a created being, a fallen angel, who is the declared enemy of God. He is the author of all deception. He will ultimately be cast into the Lake of Fire and will suffer eternal punishment. (Gen. 3:1-6, Isa. 14:12-17, Ezek. 28:12-19, Rev. 20:10)



## **7. The Resurrection of the Saved and the Unsav**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all people, the saved to eternal life and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment. (Matt. 25:46; John 5:28-29, 11; 25-26; Acts 24:15; Rev. 20:5-6, 11-15)

## **8. Sanctity of Life, Gender, Marriage and Sexuality**

We believe that all human life is sacred beginning at the moment of conception and ending at a person's death (Psalm 139). Accordingly, every unborn child is a living human being, created in the image of God, and must be respected and protected both before and after birth. Direct or indirect volitional taking of any innocent human life by any means and by any individual or entity through abortion or euthanasia constitutes a violation of the sanctity of human life, and is a sin against God and a crime against man.

We believe that God acts to give each person a gender by wonderfully and immutably creating each person as distinctly male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection, whether by personal volition or compulsion, of one's biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person and a sin against God.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning as created and sanctioned by God: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, life-long, and 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 has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that condoning, engaging in, or facilitation of any form of sexual intimacy outside of marriage is sexually immoral, sinful, and offensive to God.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality is sinful and offensive to God (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Sexual immorality includes, but is not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, and attempting to change one's biological sex or otherwise acting upon any disagreement with one's biological sex.

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and repent from their sin, who seek His mercy and grace, and humbly ask for His forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Behavior or attitudes not displaying compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity which are directed toward any individual are unacceptable, must be repudiated, and are not in accord with Scripture, or the policies of Faith Christian Academy as reflected in our *Statement of Faith*.

## **9. Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct**

This *Statement of Faith* does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For the purposes of Faith Christian Academy's faith, doctrine, practice, and discipline, our board of directors is Faith Christian Academy's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

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