

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. **THE SCRIPTURES:** We believe the entire Bible; all 66 books of the combined Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired by God and are inerrant in the original writings. Through the providence of God, the Word of God has been protected and preserved, and is the only infallible and authoritative rule of faith and practice (2Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
2. **GOD:** We believe there is only one true, living sovereign, holy, and eternally existent God. He exists in three co-equal persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – each being a distinct person and with a distinct function, but all of one essence and all possessing the same nature, perfection, and attributes. The triune God is the creator and sustainer of all things, the source of all truth, and is worthy of worship, confidence, and obedience (Deuteronomy 6: 4-5; Genesis 1:31).
3. **JESUS CHRIST:** We believe Jesus Christ is God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed many miracles, shed His blood on the cross to pay the debt for our sins, was buried, bodily resurrected, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return literally, visibly, and personally in glory and power. (John 1:1-3, 14; Matthew 1:18-25; Philippians 2:5-9; Colossians 1:15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Acts 1:11).
4. **HOLY SPIRIT:** We believe the Holy Spirit is God, co-equal and co-existent with the Father and the Son. He is the chief convictor of sin, the chief agent of regeneration and sanctification. The Holy Spirit lives within every believer and empowers every believer to live a godly life. (John 14:16-19; 16:7-15; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 8:9, 11; Titus 3:5).
5. **MANKIND:** We believe that in the beginning God created mankind in His image and is not in any sense the product of evolution. Mankind was originally created with the ability to live perfectly for God's glory (Genesis 1:27, 31).
6. **SIN:** We believe Adam, the first man, sinned by disobedience. This act resulted in the fall of all mankind, therefore, all people have sinned and lost their ability to live for the glory of God. Every person incurs both physical and spiritual death until there is forgiveness and salvation by the grace of God (Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 3:10 -23; 5:12-21; 6:23).



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7. **SALVATION:** We believe the salvation of lost and sinful people is a free gift of God's grace apart from human works, based solely upon Christ's vicarious and atoning death, affected by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, and received only through faith in the person and finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross and His resurrection from death (Ephesians 2: 8-10; 2 Corinthians 5:21).

8. **THE CHURCH:** We believe the church is the body of Christ and the family of God. It is made up of saved and baptized believers, who regularly join together for worship, fellowship, and ministry (Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Hebrews 10:25).

9. **EVANGELISM:** We believe it is the responsibility and privilege of every Christian to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to seek to make growing disciples (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).

10. **THE HOME:** In addition to these important beliefs, we also believe God has given the parents and the home the responsibility to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6). We believe a consistent and whole education will occur when home, church, and school work closely together and are in agreement on the basic concepts of life.

11. We will be faithful to attend all parent functions at Access Christian School, as best we can. These include Open House, Parent Teacher Fellowship meetings, Parent/Teacher Conferences, etc.

12. If we become dissatisfied with Access Christian School in any way, we will strive to resolve the matter with the person (s) involved as privately and lovingly as possible, rather than spreading criticism and negativism (Matthew 18:15-17; 5:23-24).

13. We will seek to support and advance Access Christian School in every area possible – spiritually, academically, physically, and financially.

NOTE: Thank you for receiving and reading these basic beliefs. Even if some (or even all) of these are not your personal beliefs, we feel it is very important for you to know what the school believes and what your child will be taught.

