

WSCEC's Statement of Faith, Core Beliefs, & Mission

West Shore Christian Evangelical Community is a non-denominational, evangelical (believing in the necessity of salvation in Christ), Bible-believing (embracing the Bible as God's infallible and complete message to all people) and grace-dependent group of home educating families. We believe the following truths found in the inerrant Word of God and will instruct members and students therewith:

There is one true God who exists in a perfect relationship of three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

All people sin, falling short of God's standard of perfection thus separating them from God (Rom. 5:12, 3:23). The payment for sin is eternal separation from God, but in God's great love and mercy, He has provided all people a way of salvation - a way to be reunited with God - through Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection. (Rom. 6:23, I Peter 1:3)

Salvation comes by grace through faith, not by any good works that we may do, but it is a gift of God (Eph. 2:8&9) and that anyone who confesses with his mouth that Jesus is Lord and believes in his heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, he will be saved. (Rom. 10:9 & 10, 13)

Upon receiving this salvation, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us, teaching us and enabling us to have a personal, vibrant relationship with God and to live a Godly life. (Acts 2:38, John 14:26)

Those who receive this salvation through faith in Christ make up the true church, the body of Christ. We value the body of Christ regardless of denominational lines. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to testify to the Good News of God's grace by speaking and living out our faith openly before others (Acts 20:24) and by loving God with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength and loving others as ourselves. (Luke 10:27)

We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen. 2:18-25). We believe that marriage between one man and one woman, for life, uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church (Eph. 5:21-33). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 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 any form of sexual immorality (including cohabitation, adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their

sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of WSCEC.

Bringing glory to God is our greatest purpose in this life. (1 Cor. 10:31)

WSCEC's Core Beliefs & Behaviors

In addition to the Statement of Faith, as a community we also believe that:

Every life matters to God. We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death.

Therefore, we are called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps. 139.) Every parent & child in our community matters and deserves our love, attention & service.

Family, as created by God, is a gift to be cherished and protected.
Therefore, we highly value & consider it a privilege to serve families.

Parents are responsible for their children's education and preparation for the future. Home schooling is a courageous and sacrificial choice for that education.

Therefore, we come alongside parents in that endeavor by supporting, encouraging and providing educational experiences and classes for both children and parents.

Homeschooling mothers are very special people and have a sacred responsibility and calling to nurture the hearts and lives of their children.

Therefore, we do all that we can to encourage, teach, pray for, and support our mothers.

God has given each person gifts and abilities to be used to further His Kingdom here on earth.

Therefore, we provide ways for both mothers and children to discover, develop, and use their gifts and abilities.

God has created each individual with unique physical qualities and personalities. He has also assigned each individual a sex with which we are born. Therefore, we accept and celebrate our uniqueness as individuals including our God-assigned sex.

WSCEC's Mission

To build a distinctly Christian, educational community where God and His truth are not only welcome, but honored, pursued, and taught in meetings and classes. It is WSCEC's purpose and privilege to provide the following:

Support and encouragement for homeschooling moms through devotions, fellowship, resources, and opportunities to use their gifts and abilities to help serve our community

Stimulating, organized, and educationally appropriate activities for toddlers and preschoolers

Nurturing space for babies to be cared for while mom and siblings are in classes

Engaging, educational learning experiences for children K-12, which may include language arts, history, sciences, mathematics, fine arts, foreign languages, physical education, life skills, field trips, and other special interest subjects

Quality academic classes for middle and high school students

Philosophy (proposed)

WSCEC's philosophy underlying educational experiences and class choices includes the belief that children progress through developmental stages of learning as they grow. Our choices of classes and/or experiences are based on that progression.

It begins in the **nursery** with play and interaction and very little structure, then progresses to increased structure, skill building and enriching educational experiences as the children grow and move through **elementary school**. Some foundational academic classes may be offered as well. **Middle school** is a transitional stage where classes, experiences, and skill building become increasingly academic. At the **high school level**, students typically need to meet graduation requirements and prepare for life beyond high school; therefore, the majority of classes offered will be academic credit classes including various electives; enrichment-only classes will still be offered albeit fewer than in preceding years.

What We Are Not

A nonprofit ministry to the homeschooling community, we are uniquely created to come alongside and support each other as we educate our own children; however, WSCEC is not a church, a school, or a business. Members should not expect WSCEC to meet the qualifications of those respective institutions.