

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

To ensure that Campbellsville Homeschool Co-op functions as a Christ-centered organization expressing a firmly Biblical Christian worldview and to further advance our goal of training our children in Christian faith to love our Lord God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, all parents, teachers, and board members shall agree to support and adhere to the following Statement of Faith.

1. God (Genesis 1; John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:1-3; Deut. 6:4; Ephesians 4:4-6; Acts 5:3-4; Rom 1:18-21)
  - a. There is only one God. He is the Creator, Sustainer, and Ruler of all things.
  - b. While God's general attributes can be seen and known through his creation, through the Scriptures God has more explicitly revealed himself as triune - one Being without division of nature, essence, purpose, or being and yet eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
  
2. The Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
  - a. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (the Bible) through which God has revealed himself to mankind were given by inspiration of God, were inerrant in the original manuscripts, have been preserved and handed down through the centuries with incredible accuracy, and are the only sufficient and certain authority in all matters of saving knowledge, faith, obedience, and doctrine.
  
3. Creation (Gen 1-3; John 1:1-3; Heb 11:3; Col 1:16-17; Rev 4:11)
  - a. God created and sustains all that is, both seen and unseen, by his power through his Word.
  
4. Mankind (Gen 1:26-31; Gen 2:7-25; Rom 1:24-32, 8:28-29; 1 Cor 6:9; 1 Tim 1:10)
  - a. On the sixth day, God created mankind in His own image, male and female, and declared them very good.
  - b. Each person is created by God in his own image as biologically male or female. That each gender bears his likeness according to his foreordained purpose and will is a mystery we do not always fully comprehend. Nevertheless, it is clear beyond doubt that to transition, alter, experiment, or otherwise seek to change or appear to change one's biological gender is to deface the goodness and beauty of God's created order and likeness in the individual and to dishonor his intention for personal and corporate human flourishing.

5. Sin and Salvation (Gen 3; Rom 3-5, 10, 12; Gal 2-3; Luke; 1 Cor 15; Acts 1; Eph 2; John 3; 1 Peter)

- a. Following temptation by Satan, the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, transgressed the command of God and fell from righteousness into sin. Consequently, all descendants of Adam have inherited a corrupt nature that results in sin, misery, and death.
- b. God's Law given to Israel in the Old Testament reveals the depths of man's sinfulness and makes clear mankind's need for a Savior to restore us to right relationship with God. We cannot earn the necessary forgiveness nor appease God's wrath due our unrighteousness.
- c. The Prophets foretold the coming of this Savior as Son of God and Son of Man. By the power of God, he was conceived in the virgin Mary, was named Jesus by his earthly parents in obedience to the angel's command, lived a sinless life in service to his heavenly Father, ministered among humanity with many genuine signs and miracles demonstrating his supernatural power, was crucified as payment for the sins of humanity, and was bodily resurrected to glorious life on the third day. Over the course of 40 days, he appeared to more than 500 witnesses. Finally, he ascended to the right hand of the Father where he remains interceding for us until he returns to execute judgment upon the living and the dead and to gather his people to himself from every tribe, language, and nation.
- d. To receive the salvation promised through Jesus Christ, each person must be reborn by the joint work of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, publicly professing personal trust that God has accepted Christ's death as payment and appeasement for his or her sins, and pledging his or her life to Jesus as Lord. This salvation is a gift received by faith alone through grace alone in Christ alone, and has no basis in - nor reliance on - works or merit.
- e. Salvation restores a person's relationship with God based on Jesus' righteousness. Subsequently, due to this restored relationship, the believer will undertake to cast off the former nature inherited from Adam in an ongoing renewal towards the love and practice of all goodness and holiness which is to be characteristic of the children of God.

6. Future Hope (Gen 2:7, 3:19; Luke 23:43; 2 Sam 12:23; Rev 14:13; Rev 20-22)

- a. Upon death, the bodies of mankind return to dust. The spirits of the righteous go immediately to God to rest with Him; the wicked are reserved for judgment.
- b. God has reserved a day in the future when the bodies of all the dead, both the just and unjust, will be raised. In that day, God will judge the world by Jesus Christ; the wicked shall go into everlasting punishment; the righteous, into everlasting life.

7. Marriage (Gen 1:26-28, 2:21-25; Rom 1:24-27; 1 Cor 6:9-7:40; Matt 19:1-12; Mal 2:13-3:7)

- a. Since the beginning of creation, God has revealed that marriage is intended to unite one man with one woman till death parts them. Through this design he has provided for the prosperity and flourishing of humanity. Misrepresentation of one's birth sex or gender undermines this good purpose of God, as does all sexual activity practiced outside the context of monogamous, lifelong marriage. The premature termination of marriage before death by divorce similarly offends the heart of God. While all humanity now struggles with immoral desires and temptations as a result of the fall, it is nevertheless God's command upon his created beings to gladly abide by and conform to his original (Biblical) design for marriage and human sexuality. Thus, premarital sex, adultery, homosexual attractions or acts, pornography, rape, incest, sexual abuse, sex trafficking and/or any other activities of a sexual nature that fall outside the boundaries of Biblical marriage (as defined herein) are an offense against Holy God and should be repented of and turned from with a steadfastness only the Holy Spirit can truly and sufficiently supply.
- b. We rejoice in the good news of Jesus Christ that even those who have committed the most indecent of offenses against Holy God, through repentant faith, can be forgiven of their sins and saved from God's wrath into eternal life by the blood of Jesus Christ.