

CHAT STATEMENT OF FAITH

CHAT is a Christian co-op for families involved in home education. As a Christian group we find that our members have basic beliefs in common. Though our group includes many facets of the Christian faith, our members believe:

1. The Bible is the only complete, inspired Word of God from Genesis to Revelation without any errors. (II Timothy 3:16 – All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.)
2. God exists Himself in three persons- distinctly different, but yet one and the same: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (1 John 5:7-8 – For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one.)
3. All men are in violation of God's law by nature and act. As a result, all are under His condemnation. (Romans 3:23 – for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God)
4. Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God the Father was given out of love to pay the penalty for the sins of all mankind, and only through His blood can the sinner be cleansed of their sins. He died on the cross for our sins and rose again on the third day. (John 3:15-18 – for everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believe in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because that have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.)
5. Man cannot save himself from God's condemnation by his own works but must receive His free gift of salvation through the grace of God which is our only way to Heaven. (Rom. 10:9-13 – If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scriptures says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.")
6. The only scriptural marriage is the joining of one naturally born man and one naturally born woman. God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between one naturally born man and one naturally born woman. (Genesis 2:24 – That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh; Mark 10:6-9 – "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.")

You will find a wide variety of motivational forces behind our members' desire to homeschool. The majority of our members are home educating because of their belief in their God-given responsibility to oversee and supervise the education of their children.

Our Statement of Faith is based on fundamental Christian beliefs that we strongly support as a foundation of our organization. CHAT does not promote or endorse any particular denomination. We desire to remain united in the salvation and love of Christ, avoiding any dissension that may be caused by denominational differences. All members wishing to participate in this program must agree to respect our beliefs, and not be disruptive of our rights to conduct traditional and ceremonial events.

CHAT Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is for serving at CHAT in any capacity. CHAT is a co-op and to operate effectively and economically, all families are required to work two out of three classes each CHAT day and substitute as needed. Each family must agree that they both believe and live by the following code of conduct. We appreciate your willingness to serve at CHAT and be a part of the co-op.

1. I agree and live by a traditional definition of marriage, as described in Scripture. God's gift of marriage, which the Creator defines as the union of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:18-25)
2. I agree that I do not use illegal drugs or practice illegal activities.
3. I agree to pass a criminal background check.
4. I believe in and agree to comply with the Statement of Faith and this Code of Conduct.

If I have any questions about my ability to serve each week, I agree to seek the counsel of the director. Should it not be possible for me to serve either because of one of the above reasons or another reason not listed, I understand that my children will still be able to attend. I will also be able to attend my children's functions in a guest capacity.

However, should I not be able to serve, I will need a sponsor family for my children. This family would agree to be responsible for my children during CHAT, would be the "go-to" family in case of emergency, and would be required to stay with my children should I be delayed in their pick up. If my sponsor family is absent on a CHAT day, my children would need another CHAT family to be responsible for them that day.

In order to accommodate CHAT's needs, there will be a \$100 per semester sponsor fee, and that fee may be requested on a case-by-case basis prior to my children attending CHAT. CHAT only works if all parents volunteer. Since some families may not be able to do so, CHAT will need the funds to hire teachers on an as needed basis.

By signing the statement on the "Agreement to CHAT Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct" form, I have read and understand the CHAT Code of Conduct for Service. I am willing to serve under the conditions listed above, or will notify the director and make arrangements for a sponsor family prior to the beginning of CHAT.