

## CITRUS COUNTY CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOL GROUP (CCCHG) STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, and to be the only rule and authority for faith and practice, and that it declares His design and plan for mankind. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21)
2. We believe in the one true God: God the Father; God the Son; and, God the Holy Spirit. (John 10:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2)
3. We believe that man came by direct creation of God and not by evolution. (Genesis 1-2; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17)
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God. Through man's sin, he was separated from God, becoming spiritually lost and needing to be born again. (Genesis 1:26-27; John 3:3; Romans 5:15)
5. We believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith in Christ as personal Savior. Salvation is only accessed through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-9)
6. We believe that believers are called to live lives pleasing to the Lord and to abstain from practices which grieve Him. (1 Thessalonians 5:12 1; Corinthians 5:17)
7. We believe that God is the giver of life and all human life is sacred and to be protected including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Genesis 1:27; Job 12:9-10; Psalm 139:13-16; Exodus 20:13; Psalm 82:3-4)
8. We believe children are a gift from God and that as Christians it is the duty and responsibility of the parents to raise, train and educate their children in a manner that pleases God. (Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Psalm 127:5)
9. Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality
  1. We believe God created mankind as male and female, and that gender identity is determined by birth and not choice. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's genetic gender or gender identity by surgery or appearance. ( Deuteronomy 22:5; Genesis 1 and 2 )
  2. We believe that 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.)
  3. 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 any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, polygamy, pedophilia, and the use of pornography) is a violation and perversion of God's laws, and is in opposition to God's purposes and plans for marriage, family, and sexuality. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.) We do not condone these practices of sexual immorality, and can't affirm these relationships as alternative lifestyles, as God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside

of a marriage between one man and one woman. (Romans 1:18-32; Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Lev.18:1-30; 1 Cor. 5:1; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)

4. 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 CCCHG.
5. We believe that in order to preserve the functional integrity and ability of CCCHG members to teach our children our religious beliefs alongside and hand-in-hand with academic subjects, and because we believe CCCHG is an active extension of the local Body of Christ, and in order to provide a biblical role model to the CCCHG members and the community, it is required that all persons employed by CCCHG in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, or join as members, agree to and abide by this statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.)

### Acceptance and Acknowledgment of Citrus County Christian Homeschool Group (CCCHG) Statement of Faith

I have received a copy of Citrus County Christian Homeschool Group's statement of faith. I understand it is my responsibility to become familiar with and adhere to the information contained therein. I agree to be bound by the statement of faith and the biblical positions taken by this ministry on all the issues of doctrine and lifestyle contained therein, both at and away from CCCHG functions.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_