

## **FAITH COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Statement of Faith - 2026-2027**

At FCF, we have four essential beliefs; these essential beliefs are non-negotiable and are the foundation for all that we are and stand for.

### **1. The bible is God's Word to us.**

The Bible is the historical record of God's activity written by men but inspired by God's Spirit and contains no error. It is truth provided for the believer as a tool to know the heart of God. It reveals the plan, purposes and will of God for all time. Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16

### **2. God exists in three persons:**

#### **God: The Father**

God as Father is the Giver and Sustainer of life, the seen and unseen. He is all-loving, all-just, all-wise and all-powerful. He is the true God and the One who judges righteously and tests the heart and mind. God is Father to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ; however, He is fatherly toward all men. Genesis 18:25, Galatians 4:6,7

#### **God: The Son**

God as Son is the perfect representation for the Father in human form. He is fully human and fully divine. He is equal with God the Father, but humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant and becoming obedient to a death on a cross. He knew that only through the shedding of His blood would the sinless Lamb of God be able to secure forgiveness and remission of sins. He arose on the third day following His death as He declared, and now lives and reigns with the Father in glory awaiting His final triumphant return. He lives in all believers as the living, ever-present Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:3,4, Philippians 2:5-11

#### **God: The Holy Spirit**

God as Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin and unrighteousness, works in the life of each believer to produce godly character qualities, and demonstrates Himself in the life of the church through special abilities given to each believer to carry out the work of the church. He is Comforter, Teacher, Wisdom and Counselor. Acts 1:8, Acts 10:44-46, Galatians 5:22-25

### **3. The Fall of Man and Salvation of Man:**

Man was created by a special work of God, in His image, and is the finest of all creation - God said, "It is very good!" Man was created innocent, but with a free choice, he sinned against God and fell from his original state. Because Christ died for all, every person has the opportunity to restore their relationship with God. Genesis 1:27, Romans 3:23, John 3:16, John 14:6

#### 4. The Church:

We believe that the church is **GOD'S agent to bring hope to the world**. We believe the church to be a group of believers brought together by the Spirit of God to carry out the Great Commandment (love God, love people), by practicing the Great Commission and observing the two ordinances of the church - Baptism and Holy Communion. Each church is an autonomous body operating under the leadership of Christ as the Head of the Church. Matthew 22:37-40, Ephesians 5:23-27

- a. Baptism in Water (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47-48)
- b. Holy Communion (1 Cor. 11:26; 2 Peter 1:4)

#### **Statement of marriage and gender:**

God created human beings as male and female (Gen. 1:27). The complementary, relational nature of the human race as "male and female" reflects the created order given by God when He created human beings "in His image" (Gen. 1:26-27; 5:1, 3; 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; James. 3:9; cf. Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:10). It is with joy that we are to receive the gift of being either male or female. Rejection of one's God given gender, as determined by chromosomal structure at birth, is a rejection of the purpose and design of God for that person.

We believe that God ordained the institution of marriage as a gift to humanity (Gen. 1:27). We believe marriage is an exclusive union between one biological man and one biological woman in which believers are called to love one another, encourage one another, and serve one another according to the example of Jesus Christ and under his authority (Gen. 2:18, 24; Matt. 19:4-6). We believe that in order to preserve the integrity of this sacred institution and to maintain the purity of the local church, as the Body of Christ, it is imperative that the ministers of Faith Community Fellowship refuse to sanction any union in marriage that is not consistent with biblical teaching, including same-sex civil unions/marriages and marriages between a professing believer and a non-believer.

*We do, however, strongly affirm the biblical teaching that God is gracious and offers redemption to all those who, seeking his mercy, confess and forsake their sin (1 Cor. 6:11). We also believe that every person, being created in the image of God, must be afforded love, kindness, respect, and dignity, even as they are called to faith toward God and repentance from dead works (Heb. 6:1).*