

Cornerstone Christian School

Statement of Faith

The school board and staff hold to the following biblical truths and will incorporate them in the teachings of the school.

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and therefore: complete, unfailing, true, and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the final authority in faith and life (*II Peter 1:21, II Timothy 3:16-17*).
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (*Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30*).
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man (*John 10:30,33*). He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary (*Mathew 1:20-23*). He lived a sinless life (*Hebrews 4:15*), performed miracles (*John 2:11*), was willingly crucified (*John 10:18*) for our sins, the just for the unjust, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice (*Hebrews 7:26*). Jesus was buried and bodily rose from the dead (*I Corinthians 15:1-4*). He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father (*Mark 16:19*) until He personally returns in power and glory (*Acts1:11, Revelation 19:11*).
4. We believe that the Holy Spirit is sent to indwell, guide, teach, and empower the believer (*Romans 8:1-17*) and convince the world of guilt in regard to sin, righteousness and judgment (*John 16:5-15*). A believer must walk in dependence upon the Holy Spirit in order to please God (*Galatians 5:16-25*).
5. We believe that Adam and Eve were created in the image of God (*Genesis 1:26*), that they sinned and died physically and spiritually, which is separation from God (*Genesis 2:17, 3:6*). In union with Adam, all human beings are born with a sinful nature and choose to sin by thought, word and action (*Romans 3:10-23, 5:12*).
6. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of, and indwelt by, the Holy Spirit and, thereby, become the children of God (*John 1:12, 3:3, 14:16-17*). Because of God's love and grace, people are justified, saved, and granted eternal life only through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ (*John 3:16-19, 5:24; Romans 3:23-24, 5:8-9; Titus 3:4-7*).

7. We believe that the Church, composed of all those who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, is the Body and Bride of Christ. We believe that Christ is head of the Body, the Church (*Ephesians 1:22-5:21*); that all believers are baptized into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, and are responsible to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (*I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4:3*).

8. We believe in the personal return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (*John 14:1-3, I Thessalonians 4:13-18*), and in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of condemnation (*John 5:28-29*).

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Subject Philosophies

BIBLE: The Bible is the divinely inspired and infallible Word of God. Our goal is to present the Bible as the best means to grow in our knowledge of and love for God. The Bible reveals God's character and plan for salvation, as well as his instructions for how we are to live our lives. Students are taught to view the world from God's perspective and to make godly choices in day to day live.

The intent of this school is to be distinctly Christian, yet non-denominational. The CCS Statement of Faith includes the doctrinal statements that we feel are essential to the Christian faith. Doctrine/Theology that is routinely debated among evangelical Christians will not be emphasized in class. Students will be referred to his/her family and church if a debatable topic arises. Teachers will emphasize teaching the Word and making relevant application to the lives of the students.

LANGUAGE ARTS: Language is a gift from God. Students must learn to read with comprehension, appreciation and discernment. They will be helped to reach their potential for clear, effective communications and self-expression in speaking, writing and listening. A sense of responsibility for their words in service to the King will be developed.

MATHEMATICS: Our God is a God of order. His unchangeable character is revealed through mathematical absolutes. He has given us rational abilities to think in an orderly manner. In our Math courses we will teach our students to think logically and to learn God's law as it reveals in the field of Mathematics. Scientific studies will confirm the infallibility and inerrancy of the Bible.

SCIENCE: God is the Creator of the Universe and is its Master Designer. Man was given dominion over all nature. As stewards, we must develop an understanding of and appreciation for the beauty and orderliness of His creation. Scientific studies will confirm the accuracy and authenticity of the Bible.

SOCIAL STUDIES: We will teach how man has carried out God's command to rule over creation and how man has developed cultures. The Christian's responsibility to his neighbor, his community, his country and the world will be emphasized.

MUSIC: The Arts were created by God for His glory, our enjoyment and service in His world. Students will develop skills which will enable them to use God-given talents for His glory through the understanding, appreciation and performance of Music.

ART: God created man in His own image and instilled in us the ability to desire to create. Students will develop skills which will enable them to use God-given talents for His glory through the understanding, appreciation and creation of Art.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: God has created each of us as a whole person, a living soul, and a physical body for which we are to be thankful. It is our responsibility to be good stewards of our bodies through physical activities. This includes appreciating and respecting everyone's diverse physical abilities, learning Christian conduct in sports, and developing our God-given talents for God's glory.

BY MY SIGNATURE, I have read, understand, and am in full agreement with the *Cornerstone Christian School Statement of Faith, Operational Beliefs, and Subject Philosophies*.

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