

FRIENDS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Statement of Faith and Philosophy

Statement of Faith

We believe . . .

1) that the Bible is the only inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God and is the standard for Christian living (Matthew 19:4-5; Mark 12:26; Romans 15:4; I Corinthians 14:37; II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21; II Peter 3:2; II Peter 3:16).

2) that there is one God, eternally existent in three (3) persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, each of Whom possesses equally all the attributes of Deity (Matthew 28:18-19; John 1:1-2; John 1:14; John 10:30; Acts 5:3-4; II Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:1-3; Revelation 1:4-6).

3) in the Deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His Lordship over all of life, and in His personal return in power and glory (Luke 1:30-35; John 1:1; John 1:18; John 3:16; II Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 4:15; Leviticus 17:11; Matthew 26:28; John 1:29; Matthew 28:5-6; John 20:17; Acts 2:32-36; Philippians 3:20; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:13).

4) that humans, though created in the image of God, are separated from God because of sin and that every person is born in a state of sin and in need of salvation in order to be reconciled to God (Genesis 1:26; Genesis 6:5; Psalm 14:1-3; Psalm 51:5; John 6:53).

5) that salvation is by grace alone through faith, by the merit of the shed blood of Jesus Christ, apart from any work (Ephesians 2:8; Isaiah 64:6; John 5:24; John 10:27-30; Romans 8:35-39).

6) in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation, that the Holy Spirit indwells all believers, that the Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to all believers to be exercised for God's glory and the edification of believers, that all gifts are to be used in accordance with God's Word, and that holy living, not ecstatic spiritual experience, is to be the goal of every believer (I Corinthians 13:1-4; I Corinthians 14:19; John 16:13-14; John 3:6; John 16:7-11; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:30; I John 2:20-27; Ephesians 4:11-12).

7) that the Christian is called to live a holy life, living according to biblical standards of conduct, avoiding for example sexual immorality (including pornography, adultery and pre-marital sex), drunkenness, gossip, and homosexual and transgender behavior, and affirming God's standards for the value of human life, including the right to life for unborn children (I Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 1:18-32; Romans 12:1-2; James 3:8-10; James 4:4; II Corinthians 6:14; I John 2:16; Luke 18:16; Psalm 139:13-16).

8) that the Scripture teaches that God's people are to assemble together regularly for worship, for edification, for studying the Scriptures, and for mutual encouragement (Hebrews 10:23-25; Acts 2:42; Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 12:20-28; I Corinthians 16:1-2; Ephesians 4:11-16; I Timothy 4:13; II Timothy 3:16; II Timothy 4:2).

9) in the individual access of every believer to God through Christ, and the spiritual unity of believers in Christ (Hebrews 7:25; I John 2:1; I Timothy 2:5; I Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 1:20-23; Ephesians 4:3-6; Colossians 3:14-15).

10) in the resurrection of the saved unto eternal life, and the lost unto eternal damnation (Luke 16:19-26; II Corinthians 5:8; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude 6:7; Revelation 20:11-15).

Philosophy

Friends Christian School bases its existence and operating policies entirely upon principles found in God's Word. The philosophy of the school is as follows:

We believe . . .

- 1) that the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God (Mt. 19:4-5; Mk. 12:26; I Cor. 14:37; II Peter 1:21; II Peter 3:2, 16; II Tim. 3:16).
- 2) that Jesus Christ is the central theme of history and is the central authority of what people say, do or believe (Mt. 28:18; I Cor. 10:31; Col. 1:15-17).
- 3) that all educational goals and objectives are found within the Bible, among which are glorifying God, reaching the lost, and training and maturing individual believers (Col. 2:2-3; I Cor. 10:31; I Cor. 9:22-23; Eph. 4:11-13; II Tim. 3:16).
- 4) that knowledge of Jesus Christ is essential for personal individual development in matters physical, mental, social and spiritual (I Cor. 2:12-16; I Thess. 5:23).
- 5) that all staff members of the educational process shall be personally committed to Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:1-9).
- 6) that apart from the ministry of the Holy Spirit the educational process cannot truly take place (John 16:13).
- 7) that a proper relationship between family, church and school is essential to Christian education (Ecc. 4:12; Dt. 6:4-9; Heb. 10:23-25).
- 8) that education must instill the proper priorities of life, the first being individual commitment to Jesus Christ (I Tim. 4:1-5, 15-16, 2:1-7; I Cor. 1:18).
- 9) that education must be designed to meet students on their level of development and growth (I Cor. 3:1-2).
- 10) that a teaching staff must be committed to these principles and must be able to communicate them effectively (II Tim. 1:1-2).

_____ I agree wholeheartedly and without reservation with the above Statement of Faith and Philosophy.

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Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____