

STATEMENT of FAITH

We believe in the one true God (Deuteronomy 6:4), manifest in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

We believe that it is the purpose of the Father to have a people for His name, and that He has set His love on His people from eternity (Ephesians 1:2- 11); that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, died to accomplish the salvation purposed by the Father, that He rose from the dead after three days in the grave and ascended to heaven where He is seated at the right hand of God (Matthew 1:21; John 10:14-30; John 3:16; 1 Timothy 1:15; Luke 19:10; Matthew 28:5-6; Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 1:3), and that He is fully God and fully Man (John 1:1-18); that the Holy Spirit is the Divine energy, also fully God, proceeding from the Father and the Son and the Author of the “new birth” to affectively (moving the “new” heart) and effectively (engaging the “new” will) appropriating the death of the Son of God to the salvation of sinners (John 3:3-8; Titus 3:5), and that the work of the Holy Spirit is to testify of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:26; 15:26), and that He (the Holy Ghost) “when He is come will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8).

We believe that God created man in His own image (Genesis 1:26); that man fell into gross and wicked sin (Genesis 3:1-24); that Adam is our first parent and the Representative Head of fallen man (Romans 5:12-19), whereby the nature communicated to Adam’s posterity is a fallen nature, so that every person born after the fall of Adam is born a sinner and a stranger to the grace of God and is condemned already (John 3:17-18).

We believe that people cannot be saved apart from repentance and faith; both repentance and faith are the gracious gifts of God to lost sinners (Acts 20:21).

We believe that the Bible is the infallible, inerrant, verbally inspired Word of God, written by holy men of old as they were moved by God (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:15-17).

We believe that the Church is a called-out body of believers that is both local and universal: local in that believers are called out in particular regions and unite for worship (Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Galatians 1:2); universal in that they are redeemed from every “kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation” (Revelation 7:9).

We believe that the return of Jesus Christ is imminent (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17).

We believe that people are saved by the “foolishness of preaching” (1 Corinthians 1:18), and that ministers must preach “Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2).

We believe God establishes and defines the marriage covenant in His Word and the Bible teaches us that marriage is between one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24) People or governments do

not have the authority to change the biblical definition of marriage. God does not acknowledge any other definition of marriage.

We believe the Bible teaches there is only one race, the human race, and that all people are blood relatives descended from Adam and Eve. Hating other people because they look, act, speak, or have different cultural or personal preferences than you do, or for any other reason, is the core sin of failing to obey the second great commandment, “to love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:31)

We believe that all human life is sacred beginning at the moment of conception and ending at a person’s natural death. (Psalm 139:13-16) Accordingly, every unborn child is a living human being, created in the image of God, and must be respected and protected both before and after birth. Direct or indirect volitional taking of any innocent human life by any means and by any individual or entity through abortion or euthanasia constitutes a violation of the sanctity of human life and is a sin against God and a crime against man.

We believe that God acts to give each person a gender by wonderfully and immutably creating each person as distinctly male or female. (Psalm 139:13-16, Deuteronomy 22:5) These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection, whether by personal volition or compulsion, of one’s biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person and a sin against God.

We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. (Hebrews 13:4) Condoning, engaging in, or facilitating of any form of sexual intimacy outside of marriage is sexually immoral, sinful, and offensive to God. Any form of sexual immorality is sinful and offensive to God. (Jude 1:7) Sexual immorality includes but is not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, and attempting to change one’s biological sex or otherwise acting upon any disagreement with one’s biological sex. (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the Cedar Grove Christian Academy, to commit to traditional education in a Christ-centered environment, to act as a faithful and local component of the Body of Christ, and to provide Biblical instruction and modeling to the Academy’s students, faculty, staff, families, and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Cedar Grove Christian Academy in any capacity, who serve as volunteers, or independent contractors, should abide by and agree to our Statement of Faith and conduct themselves accordingly. (1 Corinthians 1:10)