



Fairhaven Christian Academy

Strengthening the Future Through Christian Education
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Statement of Faith

The following is a brief summary of some foundational Christian beliefs that we hold as essential elements of the Christian faith. Though certainly not an exhaustive list, we have chosen 7 key areas that we believe reflect our commitment to maintaining a Christian school. Why do we ask our members to affirm such a “doctrinal statement?”

Firstly, the mutual support and encouragement that we offer to one another is based on the concept of “Christian School.” Such relationships can only occur between those who profess a faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Secondly, many people who inquire about our school are curious about what we mean when we say we are a “Christian School.” Having a statement of Christian beliefs helps them to determine if they align with FCA guidelines, as well as to discern with what types of families they will share their homeschooling experience.

Thirdly, though all of our members are Christian, we recognize that we come from various traditions, backgrounds and expressions of the historic Christian faith. Many of our churches may have doctrinal statements or standards that differ in certain aspects. We believe that one of our strengths as a school is to enable believers from these various traditions to cultivate Christian love and unity through homeschooling with others. Thus, a common statement of belief helps us bridge the gap with other Christians.

1. BIBLE: We believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God, the final authority of faith and life, without error in its original writing both in doctrine and historical details, and that all true knowledge is consistent with its revelation. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

2. GOD: We believe that there is one self-existent God, who has always been and will always be, who is manifest in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that knowing him truly is the foundation of all knowledge, wisdom and understanding. (John 1:1-4, John 14:17, Matthew 28:19, Colossians 1:16-19)

3. JESUS CHRIST: We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God manifest in the flesh, born of a virgin. He is the Savior of mankind through His death on the cross. He rose from the dead, ascended to God, and will return again as Judge of the living and the dead. (Hebrews 1, 1 Peter 2:24, Acts 5:30, Acts 1:10)

4. MAN & SIN: We believe that God created mankind in His image for relationship with Himself and to govern the earth. All mankind are sinners, inherently from Adam and individually (by choice) and are therefore in need of forgiveness and salvation. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 5:8-12, Romans 5:19, Romans 3:23)

5. MARRIAGE & SEXUALITY: We believe that God has established marriage as an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is immoral and therefore sin. (Genesis 2:24-25; Romans 1:18-31; I Corinthians 6:9-10, 15-20) We believe that God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one’s birth gender is immoral and therefore sin. (Genesis 1:26-27; Deuteronomy 22:5)



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6. BODY OF CHRIST: We believe that while church attendance isn't required for salvation, it is an important part of Christian family life. Being involved in the body of Christ through corporate prayer and worship, bible study, caring and serving, and breaking bread together is reflective of a life pursuing Christ, for both adults and children. As a school, our goal is to encourage educating children to see God in all subjects, which reflect the wisdom, grace and glory of God and lead to a deeper relationship with Him. Being part of a church community is generally evidence of a life being lived with that purpose. (Hebrews 10:24-25, Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 12:4-5)

7. SALVATION: We believe Salvation is a gift received by faith alone in Christ alone and expressed in the individual's repentance, recognition of the death of Christ as full payment for sin, and acceptance of the risen Christ as Savior, Lord and God. (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9)

Please sign to indicate your agreement with the above.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____