



## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

This is the statement of faith of Northwest Christian School. If at any point you disagree, please attach a statement with your viewpoint.

- We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, supernaturally inspired, so that it is inerrant in the original manuscripts and preserved by God in its verbal, plenary inspiration, so that it is a divinely authoritative standard for every age and every life.
- We believe that the Godhead exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God.
- We believe in God as absolute and sole creator of the universe, and that creation was by divine decree, not through evolutionary process.
- We believe that God, by His sovereign choice and out of love for men, sent Christ into the world to save sinners.
- We believe that Jesus Christ in the flesh was both God and man, that He was born of a virgin and that He lived a sinless life, in which He taught and did mighty works with signs and wonders exactly as revealed in the four Gospels, that He was crucified, died as a penalty for our sin and was raised from the dead bodily on the third day. Later, He ascended to the Father's right hand where He is Head of the Church and intercedes for believers, and from where He is coming again personally, bodily, visibly to the earth to set up His millennial kingdom.
- We believe that since in His death, by His shed blood, the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect atonement for sin, redeeming us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – men are saved, justified on the simple and single ground of the shed blood.
- We believe that such salvation with its forgiveness of sins, it's imparting a new nature and hope of eternal life, is entirely apart from good works, baptism, church membership – or man's effort – and is a pure grace.
- We believe that a true believer is eternally secure, that he cannot lose his salvation, but that sin may interrupt the joy of his fellowship with God and bring the loving discipline of his Heavenly Father.
- We believe that all who receive Christ become joint-heirs with Christ, and at death, their spirits depart to be with Christ in conscious blessedness, and at the rapture their bodies will be raised to the likeness of the body of His glory and dwell forever in His divine presence.
- We believe that it is the goal of every Christian to grow in spiritual maturity through obedience to the Word of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person, is God and possesses all the divine attributes. He indwells all believers, baptizes and seals all believers at the moment of their salvation, and fills them in response to confession of sin and yieldedness.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH (continued)**

- We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. We believe that human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions including pre-born babies, the aged, the physical or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are, therefore, called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Psalm 139)
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as a male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27) We believe that rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
- We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25) We believe that the institution of marriage is established in scripture as an ordinance that points the world to the relationship which God desires for His church. (Eph 5:25-27; Rev 19:7-9; Rev 21:2-9; Isaiah 54:5)
- We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.
- We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1Cor 6:9-10)
- We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Northwest Christian School as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Northwest Christian School members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Northwest Christian School in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1Thess 5:22)

Northwest Christian School requires that all individuals serving within the school (employees, volunteers, coaches) review and comply with this Statement of Faith. If you do not agree with this Statement of Faith, you must submit your viewpoint regarding those specific areas to Kate Lewis, Director of Human Resources, at [KLewis@ncsaz.org](mailto:KLewis@ncsaz.org).

