

## **Bluegrass Christian Academy Statement of Faith**

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only authoritative Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

We believe that there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19, John 10:30, John 16:13-15)

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:1-4, John 14:9, Colossians 1:15-17), in His virgin birth (Matthew 1:18-25), in His sinless life (2 Corinthians 5:21), in His miracles (John 11:45), in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood (1 Peter 2:24), in His holy resurrection (John 20:20-29), in His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19, 1 Timothy 2:5), and in His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

We believe that each person born into this world possesses a nature that is continually inclined to sin (Romans 3:23), but can be made a new creation in Christ by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:8-10, John 1:12-13), and thereafter can continuously grow in grace.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life. (Ephesians 5:17-21)

We believe that the Church is the living body of Christ and exists to proclaim the Gospel to all persons everywhere, and to bring believers to maturity in Christ. (Matthew 16:18-19, Matthew 28:16-20)

We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of eternal punishment. (John 5:28-29)

We believe that Christ shall return to judge the world and to rule in righteousness. (Matthew 25:31-46, Acts 17:30-31)

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ. (John 17:11, Ephesians 4:13)

We believe in the biblical definition and understanding of marriage, gender and sexuality as outlined in Bluegrass Christian Academy's Statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality. (Genesis 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:18, Hebrews 13:4)

### **Bluegrass Christian Academy Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality**

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:26-27) 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. (Genesis 2:18-25) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 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. (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Bluegrass Christian Academy as a Christian School, and to provide a biblical role model to our students, families and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Bluegrass Christian Academy in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22)

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

(With married couples or shared custody parents, both signatures must appear)

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Date