

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Christian Bible, consisting of both the Old and New Testaments, comprised of 66 separate but unified books, to be the only inerrant and inspired authoritative Word of God. 2 Timothy 3: 16, 2 Peter 1: 20-21.

We believe there is one God, who is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, who is the only child of God and known as Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit. John 3: 16, Matthew 28:19, John 14:26, Acts 10: 38

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. John 1:1, John 20: 28, Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1: 35, John 16: 23-24, Acts 1:3

We believe all people are sinful by nature, being disobedient to God and His purposes, and that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for salvation. Romans 3: 10-12, 23

We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. Acts 2: 38, 1 Corinthians 2: 10-11, John 16: 13

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved to eternal life, and those who are lost to eternal damnation, which is separation from God and all things good and pure. Acts 17: 31, Revelation 20: 11-13, John 3: 18, 26

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, "there being neither bond nor free, Jew nor Gentile, male nor female, in Jesus Christ." Galatians 3: 28, John 17: 21

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen. 1:26-27) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography, sexual abuse, improprieties toward minors) is sinful and offensive to God. Matthew 15: 18-20; 1 Cor 6: 9-10

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 God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically 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 as born-again Christians, we are to live our lives as Christian role models (Rom. 10:9-10, 1 Tim. 4:12, Luke 6:40). Employees, families (students and parents/guardians), and volunteers will conduct themselves in a way that will not raise questions regarding their Christian testimonies. A Christian lifestyle should reflect the biblical perspective of integrity, in our speech, appropriate personal and family relationships, business conduct, and moral behavior. Employees and families are expected to demonstrate a teachable spirit, an ability to share love for others, a willingness to live



contentedly under authority, and a commitment to follow the Matthew 18 principle when an issue arises with fellow employees, management, teachers, and families.

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; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 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 nor the doctrines of Heartland Christian Academy.

### **Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct**

The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and inerrant Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Heartland Christian Academy's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our board of directors is Heartland Christian Academy's final interpretive authority on the Bible's application.