

STATEMENT OF FAITH OF ASHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

1. I believe the Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, verbally inspired by God in all parts, and therefore wholly without error as originally given; the guidebooks for what we believe and do. (II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:21)
2. I believe that there is one true God existing eternally as Three Persons- the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Gen. 1:1; John 10:30; John 10:37,38)
3. I believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His pre-existence, incarnation in being born of a virgin woman, His sinless life, His miracles, in His substitutionary death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven, His present ministry and His personal, visible, and soon return to earth in power and glory. (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:35; Heb. 4:15; Heb. 7:25; John 2:11; Heb. 9:12; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; John 11:25; Acts 1:11; Rev. 19:11-16)
4. I believe in the Holy Spirit, His personality and deity, His work in each believer, regenerating and living in that person's life to make possible a life of obedient service and trust in the will of God. (Eph. 5:18; Eph. 4:30; I Cor. 3:16; I Cor. 6:19-20)
5. I believe in the creation of man by the direct act of God and in His own image, his subsequent fall into sin resulting in spiritual death, and the necessity of salvation through regeneration by the Holy Spirit so that he can be alive spiritually. (Gen. 1:26-28; Gen. 5:1-2; Rom 3:19,23; John 3:16-19; John 5:24; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:5-6)
6. I believe in salvation, a complete and eternal salvation by God's grace alone, received as the gift of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work. (John 3:16-19; Rom. 5:8,12)
7. I believe in the conscious existence of the dead, the resurrection of the body, the judgment and reward of the believer, the judgment and condemnation of the unbeliever, the eternal life of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the lost. (John 5:28-29)
8. I believe in the spiritual unity of believers in one true Church, the body and bride of Christ, composed of all true believers of the present age; and the organization of its members in local churches for worship, for edification of believers, and for world-wide gospel witness. (Rom. 8:9, II Cor. 12:12-13; Gal. 3:26-28)
9. I believe in living a Christian life of righteousness, good works, and separation unto God from the evil ways of the world- with guidance from the Bible and strength and gifts from the Holy Spirit. I believe the goal of a Christian life is to mature personally and to build up other Christians in the faith and lead unbelievers to Christ. (Ga. 5:22-26; Eph. 4)
10. I believe that God has created all people male and female (Genesis 1:27, 5:2) and that rejecting the gender given to a person by God is a rejection of God's sovereignty. (Romans 1:18-23)
11. I believe that God has created the institution of marriage to exist as a lifelong relationship between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5, 6).
12. I believe in the existence and personality of Satan as the great adversary of God and His people, his judgment, and final doom. (Luke 19:18; Rom. 16:20; Rev. 12)
13. I believe in Christian education as an important aspect of training children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.