

MVCS STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Bible

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative, Word of God (*II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21*).

The Godhead

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30*).

Creation and the Fall of Man

We believe God created man in His own image for the divine purpose of glorifying Him. Through Adam's original sin, man fell from his divinely-created sinless nature. As a consequence, man is under the wrath of God and is eternally lost apart from salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 3:1-24; John 3:16-21; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23*).

Deity of Christ

We believe in the deity of Christ (*Col. 2:9*); His virgin birth (*Isaiah 7:14; John 11:38-44; Luke 1:34-35*); His sinless life (*Hebrews 7:26*); His miracles (*John 2:11*); His vicarious and atoning death (*I Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9*); His resurrection (*John 11:25; I Corinthians 15:4*); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (*Mark 16:19*); His personal return in power and glory (*Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11-16*).

Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit began His work in the present age at Pentecost. He regenerates, indwells, sanctifies, instructs, bestows gifts, and empowers for service.

(*John 14:26; John 16:7-15; Acts 1:5, 8; Acts 2:1-40; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:4-13; Ephesians 1:13-14*) We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (*Romans 8:13-14; I Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18*)

Salvation

We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith are we saved (*John 3:16-19; 5:24; Romans 3:23; 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:4-5*).

The Church

We believe that the church is the body of believers which is united in Christ, irrespective of denominational or organizational affiliation. Members of this spiritual Body of Christ are directed in Scripture to associate together in local assemblies. The mission of the Body of Christ, the Church, is to make and equip disciples of all peoples and nations, and to bring them to maturity in Christ. (*Matthew 28:18-20; I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 2:11-22; Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 10:23-25*).

Satan

We believe that Satan, a fallen created being, exists today as the enemy of God's people. He persistently seeks to counterfeit the works and the truth of God. We believe that those who are in Christ are empowered by the Holy Spirit to overcome Satan. (*Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-17; Acts 26:18; Ephesians 6:10-13; I John 4:4; Revelation 12:1-17*).

Christ's Return

We believe in the imminent, personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all the dead; the saved to eternal life, dwelling forever with Christ; the lost to everlasting judgment and condemnation. (*Matthew 24:29-30; John 5:28-29; Acts 1:11; Revelation 22:7-21*).

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL POSITION STATEMENT:

The Statement of Faith is fundamental to basic Christian tenets and contains those doctrines to which we unreservedly adhere and teach. It is our desire to maintain this position. In order to do so, we cannot approve of or accept the teachings of various groups, including Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Unitarians, New Age, Satanists, Christian Science, Scientology, or other groups or cults that do not accept Jesus Christ as Savior, and adherents of these groups cannot be considered for affiliation with the School. Furthermore, in all fairness, it is necessary that we remind faculty, staff, parents, and students that the following areas are left primarily to the teaching of the home and church:

1. Church government - authority and discipline;
2. Time and mode of baptism;
3. Security of the believer;
4. Timing of future events;
5. Second work of grace - baptism of the Holy Spirit;
6. Sinless perfection;
7. Gifts of the Spirit - tongues, interpretation of tongues, healing, miracle working, discerning of spirits.

In honoring this desire concerning the purpose and outreach of the school, there shall be no attempt by student, teacher, or parent to promote these denominational positions. We desire to remain united in the salvation and love of Jesus Christ, avoiding the dissension which may be caused by denominational distinctives.