

STATEMENT OF FAITH

While Highland Christian Academy is a denominationally unaffiliated institution, we strive to operate with theological clarity, firmly committed to “the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3). Our staff is made up of men and women from a variety of denominations, but we all unite and operate under a statement of faith that is broadly, yet *definitively* Protestant.

1) We believe the Bible alone to be the word of God; the ultimate and infallible authority for faith and life (*Exodus 32:16; Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21*).

2) We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent (*Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2*).

3) We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His humanity, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory (*Matthew 1:18-25; Acts 2:22-24; Romans 3:21-26; Ephesians 1:15-23; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 4:14-16*).

4) We believe that men and women are the special creation of God, made in His image and for His glory. Though originally created perfect, humanity is now born into sin and alienated from God; this fallen condition being the result of that first disobedience of Adam and Eve in the garden (*Genesis 1:26-3:24; Romans 5:11-21; Ephesians 2:1-3*).

5) We believe that marriage is a God-ordained, covenantal union between one man and one woman. We believe that a person’s gender is determined by God and that a person’s identity is to be rooted in Christ. (*Genesis 1:27; 2:24; Matthew 19:3-6; Ephesians 5:22-33*)

6) We believe that the salvation of lost and sinful men and women is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone (*Acts 4:12; Romans 5:1-11; Ephesians 2:1-10*).

7) We believe that those who are in Christ are called to live in a manner that is worthy of the Gospel. We believe that an evidence of the grace of God in the life of a person is an increasing submission and obedience to the Word of God (*Psalm 119:97-104; John 14:15; Galatians 5:16-26; James 2:14-26; 1 John 2:3-6*).

8) We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of damnation (*Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:30-31; Revelation 20:11-15*).

The following is an exposition of affirmation 5 from our school statement of faith.

Highland is committed to the biblical and historic moral foundations of the Christian faith. While these foundations inform every area of one’s lifestyle, the question of sexuality and gender are of particular note.

As an institution, Highland is committed to the Bible’s vision of marriage as being a God-ordained, covenantal union between one biological man and one biological female. In light of this, we would reject

alternative visions of marriage that include, but are not limited to homosexuality, polygamy, and any other expression of the LGBTQ+ movement. Further, we believe that gender is sacred and determined by God Himself as an act of His sovereignty. We reject that gender is distinct from biological sex and instead affirm that gender is the embodiment of biological sex as assigned by God. Our conviction is that same-sex attraction and transgenderism are temptations to be resisted, not identities to be embraced.

Highland is also committed to biblical norms and standards relating to heterosexuality and believes that God designed sexual intimacy to be enjoyed in the context of marriage as defined by Scripture. We believe that sexual behavior outside the clear teaching of Scripture is condemned as sinful. Behaviors such as adultery, promiscuity, pornography, and other forms of sexual immorality are to be put away by Christians in the power of God's Spirit.

(Genesis 1:27; 2:18-25; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4)

SECONDARY DOCTRINE

Secondary doctrine is identified as those truths about which orthodox Christians can disagree. Examples of such doctrine are eschatology, baptism (infant/adult), spiritual gifts (tongues/prophecy), predestination, etc.

The following guidelines apply to all HCA teachers in their capacity as teachers at the school:

- 1) Classroom discussion of secondary doctrine should be on an informative, non-partisan level.
Teachers must honor and defer to parents if these topics arise.
- 2) Presentation of all sides of an issue is encouraged.
- 3) The teacher should encourage the students to follow up with their parents and pastor if any questions remain.