

Community Covenant



Preface

This Community Covenant implements the Statement of Faith of each member of the Board of Directors, administration, faculty and staff of CAC with standards of personal conduct to which each member commits himself and herself. This Community Covenant is also intended to establish the principles by which the members of the CAC Community live their faith in their interaction within and without this Community and in the conduct of the school's activities.

This Community Covenant is signed annually by each member of the Board of Directors, administration, faculty and staff of CAC.

Our Community Covenant

The members of the CAC Community pledge to live according to the Statement of Faith and according to the following Biblical standards and principles:

- We will live under the Lordship of Christ, in all of life and thought. (Deut. 6:5-6; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 1:18; 3:17.)
- We will pursue holiness in every aspect of our thought and behavior. (2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Thess. 4:7; Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 1:15-16.)
- We strive to follow the two greatest commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," and, "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:37-40.)
- We pledge to exercise our Christian freedom responsibly within the framework of God's word, humbly submitting ourselves to one another and with loving regard for the needs of others. (1 Pet. 5:5; Eph. 5:21; Phil. 2:3-11; Rom. 14:1-23; 1 Thess. 4:9.)
- We will honor God's church by our active participation in weekly worship and activities of the Churches of Christ and churches committed to New Testament Christianity, which submit to the Lordship of Christ and view the Bible as the sole revealed and authoritative Word of God. (Acts 2:42-47; Heb. 10:25.)
- We strive to show evidence of the Holy Spirit living within us, by demonstrating "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Gal. 5:22-23.)
- We will seek righteousness, mercy and justice, particularly for the helpless and oppressed. (Prov. 21:3, 31:8-9; Micah 6:8; Matt. 23:23; Gal. 6:10.)
- We will be people of integrity whose word can be fully trusted. (Psalms 15:4; Matt. 5:33-37.)
- We pledge to protect ourselves from sin including:
 - Pride, dishonesty (such as stealing and lying, of which plagiarism is one form), injustice, prejudice, immodesty in dress or behavior, slander, gossip, vulgar or obscene language, blasphemy, and the taking of innocent life. (Prov. 16:18; 1 Cor. 6:10; Exod. 20:7; Rom. 13:9; Col. 3:8-9; Rom. 13:1-2; 1 Tim. 2:8-10.)

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- Hypocrisy, self-righteousness, and legalism, understood as the imposition of extra-biblical standards of godliness by one person or group on another. (Acts 15:5-11; Matt. 16:6, 23:13-36.)
- Sinful attitudes and behaviors such as “impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.” (Gal. 5:19-21.)
- We strive for humility, modesty, generosity, and wisdom in our community with respect to money, seeking to avoid greed, covetousness, and materialism. (Heb. 13:5-6; James 2:1-13; Matt. 19:16-24.)
- We will abstain from all intimate sexual contact outside of the marital union of one man and one woman. (1 Cor. 6:18, 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.)
- We will treat our own bodies, and those of others, with the honor due the very temple of the Holy Spirit. Of particular concern are issues related to the illegal use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and other addictive behaviors. (1 Cor. 6:17-20.)
 - We will not use illegal drugs, whether prescription drugs or those banned by law, at any time.
 - We will not use alcohol on the CAC campus or properties, in CAC vehicles, or at school-related events whether on or off campus, and we will not attend any school-related events if we have consumed alcohol in the hours prior to the events. In personal activities, we will not use alcohol in the presence of CAC students (other than our own children), and we will live within an ethic of high responsibility and moderation in any personal use of alcohol.
 - We will not use tobacco in any form on the CAC campus or properties, in CAC vehicles, at any school-related events, or otherwise in the presence of CAC students (other than our own children).

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom,... And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through Him.” (Col. 3:16-17.)

Statement of Faith



Central Arkansas Christian Schools, Inc. is a religious institution whose mission is to partner with parents to provide a distinctively Christian education that inspires excellence, independence, and a transforming faith in God. Among the primary objectives of CAC are the provision of clear moral and ethical standards based upon the Biblical principles established by God to govern our lives and the modeling of Christian values, joyful living, and a spirit of community. This Statement of Faith provides affirmation of Biblical doctrine from the revelation of God in the Bible. This Statement is not a comprehensive statement of beliefs of this Christian Community but instead presents the beliefs, principles, perspective, and world view which Board of Directors, administration, faculty and staff of CAC must hold dear and in common in order to accomplish the mission of the institution. Consequently, each member of the Board of Directors, administration, faculty and staff of CAC signs this Statement annually.

WE BELIEVE in one sovereign God, eternally existing in three persons: the Everlasting Father; His only begotten, Jesus Christ Our Lord; and the Holy Spirit, the giver of Life.

WE BELIEVE that God by His spoken word created the Heavens and the earth for His own glory.

WE BELIEVE that God has revealed Himself and His truth in the created order, in the Scriptures as reflected in the Bible, and supremely in Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE the Old and New Testaments of the Bible are the sole inspired and authoritative Word of God, accurate in all their principles, provide for all humankind absolute moral truths, and are “profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” so that we may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Tim. 3:15-17.)

WE BELIEVE that God created man and woman uniquely in His own image, as free moral agents, distinct from all other living creatures. We believe they sinned by rebelling against God’s revealed will and thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death; and that all humankind as well carries its own guilt of sin in thought, word, and deed.

WE BELIEVE in the existence of Satan, sin, and evil powers, and that all these have been defeated by God in the person of Jesus Christ on the cross.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, was true God and true man, existing in one person and without sin. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, his ascension into Heaven, and His presence there for us as Lord of all, High Priest, and Advocate.

WE BELIEVE that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a sacrifice, triumphing over all evil; and that those who believe and follow him are justified by His shed blood and forgiven of all their sins.

WE BELIEVE that salvation is a free gift from God, undeserved and unearned through our good works; that we are saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ; that faith shows itself in obedience to Christ through repentance, confession of faith in Him, baptism, and a life led by the Holy Spirit, manifesting the Spirit’s fruit.

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit dwells within believers, convicts them of sin, guides them in understanding Scripture, empowers them for godly living, and equips them for service and witness.

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WE BELIEVE that God has called each believer into a “royal priesthood, a holy nation.” (1 Peter 2:9.)

WE BELIEVE that the one, holy, universal Church is the body of Christ and is composed of the communities of Christ’s people. The task of Christ’s people in this world is to be God’s redeemed community, embodying His love by worshiping God with confession, prayer, and praise in spirit and in truth; by proclaiming the Gospel of God’s redemptive love through our Lord Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth by word and deed; by submitting to the authority of the Bible, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, rather than the dictates of man or ecclesiastical order; and by caring for all of God’s creation and actively seeking the good of everyone, especially the poor and needy.

WE BELIEVE in the hope that Jesus Christ will return, personally, visibly, and unexpectedly, in power and great glory, to gather His people, to raise the dead, to judge the nations, and to bring His Kingdom to fulfillment.

WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of the just and unjust, to face a just and merciful God and final judgment.

WE BELIEVE in the universal worth of all humankind as God’s beloved creation, and equality in honor, equity, justice, and mercy for every person.

WE BELIEVE that beliefs are far more than intellectual affirmations: Our faith impacts our actions. Therefore, these faith statements will be guiding principles for decision-making for both institutional direction and for each individual entrusted with greater responsibility within the Central Arkansas Christian Schools. (James 2:19-20.)