### **Statements of Faith**

### **Faith Statement on Basic Tenets**

- 1. We believe the Bible to be the only inerrant, authoritative Word of God, and that it is, therefore, the final authority in matters of faith and practice. (II Tim. 3:16, II. Pet. 1:19-21)
- 2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Ex. 20:2-3, Matt. 28:19)
- 3. We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in salvation through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, and in His ascension to the right hand of the Father. (Heb. 1:2, Matt. 1:21-23, Col. 3:1)
- 4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential and salvation is by grace through faith alone. (Jn. 3:3-8, Eph. 2:8-9, Acts 16:31)
- 5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life. (Gal. 5:16, Rom. 8:14-27)
- 6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (Jn. 5:28, I Cor. 15:52-53, Rev. 20:12-15)
- 7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Cor. 12:13)

# Faith Statement on Marriage, Gender, & Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27). We believe that one's biological sex is a gift of God and significantly contributes to the reflection of God's image and nature within the person. Therefore, we believe that the pursuit of a gender identity other than one's biological sex is not in keeping with the Bible's teachings. (Genesis 2:15-24; Leviticus 18:22; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1:24-32).

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning, as defined in the Bible: the uniting of one biological man and one biological 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 a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest and the use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Providence Classical Christian Academy (PCCA) as an expression of the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to PCCA members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Providence Academy in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this

Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.)

### **Non-Denominational Stance**

This ministry's 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 and to do so in all fairness to each family. It is not our intention to replace the local church or to take its place in teaching doctrine and the details of following Christ; rather we exist as a service to the body of Christ. There shall be no attempt made by parents, students, staff, or school board members to promote or disparage any doctrinal or denominational beliefs, practices, or positions regarding issues upon which the ministry itself has assumed no official stance. We desire to remain united in the salvation and love of Christ, avoiding the dissension which may be caused by denominational distinctives.

# **Final Authority Statement**

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

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