



STATEMENT OF FAITH

COLONIAL HILLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

- I. We believe in the Divine verbal inspiration, integrity, finality and sole-sufficiency of the Bible in the Word of God.
- II. We believe in the Holy Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – three persons co-equal in substance, power and eternity in the unity of the Godhead.
- III. We believe that God created man in His own image, placed him in innocence in the Garden; and that by voluntary transgression, man fell, becoming totally depraved; thus, transmitting to all mankind both physical and spiritual death.
- IV. We believe that the Godhead executes distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption:
 1. The love and grace of the Father.
 2. The Redemption by the Son:
 - a. His Incarnation, Virgin Birth, Sinless Nature and Life, and His Infallibility as Teacher.
 - b. His substitutionary and atoning death by the shedding of His blood on the cross.
 - c. His bodily resurrection – actual and real; His ascension into Heaven; His high Priestly work there.
 - d. His pre-millennial second coming. This is to be in two phases: first, in the clouds to catch away His bride, the true Church to meet Him in the air; second, to the earth with His saints, in power and great glory for the millennial reign.
 3. Regeneration or the New Birth by the Holy Spirit, and His indwelling of every believer.
- V. We believe that Salvation and Justification of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the finished work of Christ.
- VI. We believe in the Sanctification of believers: first, having been sanctified by the offering of the body of Christ once for all; second, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit and the Word; third, to be sanctified and glorified at the coming of Christ.
- VII. We believe that those who come to God through Christ are given eternal life and shall never perish, as is the promise of His Word.
- VIII. We believe in the Baptism of believers by immersion, showing forth the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and our identification with Him.
- IX. We believe in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, the fruit of the vine signifying His shed blood, the broken bread signifying His broken body, showing forth His death till He comes; this being the duty and privilege of every believer.
- X. We believe that the first day of the week, Sunday, is the Lord's Day, commemorating the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- XI. We believe in the Resurrection of the Body, both of the just and the unjust; the just at the coming of our Lord; and the unjust at the close of the Millennium, and the final judgment and eternal punishment of the wicked.

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Colonial Hills Christian School's philosophy is based upon the Word of God. The primary objective and purpose of the school is to train students in the Christian way of life and prepare them for what God has for them in the future by giving them a strong college preparatory education.

In helping our students to obtain knowledge and wisdom we begin with God (Proverbs 1:7). No education that ignores God can truly be complete, and subject matter taught from a viewpoint other than Christian has inherent faults. Therefore, we want our students to "know" Christ ("the Truth" - John 14:6), as well as the Bible (the "truth" - John 17:17) in order that there be balance in their education and that they might be complete (Colossians 1:28). This is accomplished by instruction in right thinking, and right living in the light of the principles of God's Word.

The academic program through the traditional approach is developed to provide students with the best possible program of studies. There is emphasis on the mastery of the fundamental blocks of material necessary for satisfactory achievements in these areas. Along with the acquisition of facts and concepts in the areas studied, stress is placed upon the development and exercise of the powers of reasoning. Methods of teaching proven to be effective are utilized. Realizing the difference in innate ability, we encourage and expect each student to do his best (Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 12:48). We believe the traditional system of education educates the mind and builds character.

Character training is an important element in Colonial Hills Christian School (Galatians 5:22-23; II Peter 1:5-7; Philippians 1:27). We believe that the heart of character training is obedience (I Samuel 15:22), which will eventually cultivate an inner self-discipline which is essential to the emotional, physical, social, and spiritual well-being of the student. The teacher is the authority in the classroom. Discipline is administered firmly, but fairly. To obey, to do right, and to love God and country are attitudes we strive to instill in each student, thus equipping him for his role in God's plan for his life and for his proper place in the world (Philippians 3:13-14).

In conclusion, it is the goal of Colonial Hills Christian School to aid each child in becoming more Christ-like (Luke 2:52; II Peter 1:5) having been educated from a framework in which the student can see the "whole picture" which is only possible from a Christian perspective.