

## Northwest Christian School Doctrinal Statement

**We believe** that the Bible is the Word of God, infallible and supernaturally inspired, so that it is inerrant in the original manuscripts and preserved by God in its verbal, plenary inspiration, so that it is a divinely authoritative standard for every age and every life. This doctrinal statement does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs as that we believe that the Bible serves as the sole and final authority concerning all matters pertaining to truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind.

**We believe** that the Godhead exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God.

**We believe** in God as absolute and sole creator of the universe, and that creation was by divine decree, not through evolutionary process. **We believe** that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. **We believe** that human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions including pre-born babies, the aged, or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Psalm 139)

**We believe** that God, by His sovereign choice and out of love for men, sent Christ into the world to save sinners.

**We believe** that Jesus Christ in the flesh was both God and man; He was born of a virgin, and He lived a sinless life, in which He taught and did mighty works with signs and wonders exactly as revealed in the four Gospels; He was crucified, died as a penalty for our sin and was raised from the dead bodily on the third day. Later, He ascended to the Father's right hand where He is Head of the Church and intercedes for believers, and from where He is coming again personally, bodily, visibly to the earth to set up His millennial kingdom.

**We believe** that since in His death, by His shed blood, the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect atonement for sin, redeeming us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. Men are saved and justified on the simple and single ground of the shed blood.

**We believe** that such salvation, with its forgiveness of sins, imparts a new nature and hope of eternal life and is entirely apart from good works, baptism, church membership or man's effort, and is a pure grace.

**We believe** that a true believer is eternally secure; he cannot lose his salvation, but that sin may interrupt the joy of his fellowship with God and bring the loving discipline of his Heavenly Father.

**We believe** that all who receive Christ become joint-heirs with Christ, and at death, their spirits depart to be with Christ in conscious blessedness, and at the rapture their bodies will be raised to the likeness of the body of His glory and dwell forever in His divine presence.

**We believe** that it is the goal of every Christian to grow in spiritual maturity through obedience to the Word of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit.

**We believe** that the Holy Spirit is a person, is God and possesses all the divine attributes. He indwells all believers, baptizes and seals all believers at the moment of their salvation and fills them in response to confession of sin and yieldedness.

**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 rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

**We believe** that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that the institution of marriage is established in scripture as an ordinance that points the world to the relationship which God desires for His church. (Eph. 5:25-27, Rev. 19:7-9, Rev. 21:2-9, Isaiah 54:5)

**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 adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt. 15:18-20; 1Cor. 6:9-10)

**We believe** that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Northwest Christian School as an extension of the Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the community, it is imperative that all parents and guardians of enrolled students at Northwest Christian School and all persons that are employed by or volunteer with Northwest Christian School in any capacity, agree to and abide by all points put forward within this doctrinal statement. (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1Thes. 5:22)

Student/Applicant Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in the Fall \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_