



Doctrinal Statement & Beliefs

GOD

We believe in one triune God who has eternally existed in three persons; the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Each member of the Godhead is co-equal in essence, power, and glory; and yet, is nevertheless distinct in person.

Genesis 1:1, 26, 27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

THE FATHER

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise.

Genesis 1:1, 2:7; Exodus 3:14, 6:2-3, 15:11ff, 20:1ff; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4, 32:6;

THE SON, JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to Earth to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-4, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily.

1 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13, 5:18

THE BIBLE

We believe the Holy Scriptures, which consist of the 66 books (the Old and New Testaments), to be the only verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the manuscripts, infallible, and God-breathed.

2 Timothy 3:16, 1:13; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 119:105,160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5

HUMANS

Humans were created good and in the image of God, to be like Him in character and represent Him on Earth. Therefore humans are the apex of God's creation. Tragically, through Adam's sin, the entire race fell from this purpose, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God. In this state, humans are totally unable to remedy their lost condition, and destined for eternal punishment in Hell. This condition and destination can only be remedied through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and personal faith in Him.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a, 59:1,2; Romans 3:23, 8:19-21

SALVATION

We believe that salvation is the free gift of God brought to man by grace and received through personal faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. This free gift is in no way the result of personal effort or of good works but, instead, displays the grace, love, and mercy of God. Once an individual expresses true personal faith in Jesus, they are adopted by God and are forever held by His persevering grace. Further, there is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. Biblically, salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification.

- Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart brought about by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior.

- Justification is the point at which God declares believers righteous based on the completed work of Christ on the cross.

- Sanctification is the lifelong process, beginning with regeneration, by which God through the work of the Spirit moves believers toward moral and spiritual maturity.

- Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17, 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21, 4:17, 16:21-26, 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69



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BAPTISM

Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.
Matthew 3:13-17, 26:26-30, 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11, 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22, 22:19-20; John 3:23

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper, one of the two ordinances of the church, is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.
I Corinthians 10:16, 21, 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12

THE CHURCH

The Church is both local and universal. The universal Church includes all of those in the world who confess Christ both past and present. The local Church is a local expression of the universal church and is comprised of regenerated believers who, in obedience to scripture, organize under biblically qualified leadership, come together regularly for preaching and worship, observe the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, are held accountable through discipleship, and go out into the world to fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission as missionaries for the glory of God and the salvation of humanity.
Matthew 16:15-19, 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47, 5:11-14, 6:3-6, 13:1-3, 14:23,27, 15:1-30, 20:28

ETERNITY

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin in Hell, or eternally with God through the forgiveness and salvation found in Jesus Christ alone. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.
John 3:16, 14:17; Romans 6:23, 8:17, 18; Revelation 29:15; I Corinthians 2:7-9

THE RETURN OF JESUS

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the Earth, will gather His people from throughout the world, and will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever with the Lord.
Isaiah 2:4, 11:9; Matthew 16:27, 18:8-9, 19:28, 24:27,30,36,44, 25:31-46, 26:64; Mark 8:38

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race. The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant-leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation. Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.
Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; I Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; I Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; I Timothy 5:8,14; II Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; I Peter 3:1-7.



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EXPLICIT GOALS

1. Be an extension of the training process of Christian families.
2. Provide role models for students by employing faculty and staff who are Christ followers.
3. Teach Christian principles for daily living through the curriculum, textbooks, Bible classes, sports programs, trips, and extra-curricular activities.
4. Uphold and integrate Christian values in all aspects of the school including the curriculum, all classes, sports programs, trips and extra-curricular activities.
5. Provide leadership training opportunities to students. (II Tim. 2:2)
6. Maintain an atmosphere of Christian love. Students will be encouraged to have love and compassion for one another and for others. (John 13:34-35)
7. Provide activities and programs to promote joyful and happy social and emotional development.
8. Lead students to trust Christ as Savior and teach them to share Christ with others.
9. Provide quality academic instruction (that includes art, music, and physical education) that equips students to achieve their highest potential.
10. Teach students in a loving manner to be orderly and well disciplined.
11. Teach Christian citizenship in a free society with a democratic republic form of government.
12. Promote proper care of equipment and facilities to exemplify good stewardship and beauty; and to promote health and safety.

METHODOLOGY

The teaching methodology used in the classroom includes lectures, demonstrations, collaboration, hands-on activities, and audiovisual presentations. Questions and answers, class discussions, debates, written assignments, technology devices, and some team projects are used when appropriate to enhance learning. Classes will have regular homework for review and for reinforcement of learning. Concepts are reviewed in class, then tested to assure mastery by the students.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BENEFITS

There are many benefits for a child who attends Bay Area Christian School. We attempt to relate to students in a Christ-like manner and impact their lives in a positive way to affect the heart. Three main benefits are listed below:

1. The Bible is freely taught. Children are taught to love and respect God and His Word. They learn that the Bible and Christian values relate to every area of life. They are shown that God gives us some absolutes by which to live. They memorize portions of the Bible as a guide through life. Often children will confess Jesus Christ as Savior and will therefore have eternal life.
2. Quality education is given. Students get individual attention and encouragement. The basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic are emphasized. Achievement tests show BACS students' averages are above the state and national averages. Ninety-five percent of BACS graduates go on to college and have done well in many different fields of study.
3. Students reach their greatest potential in social development. In a Christian atmosphere, excessive ungodly peer pressure is limited, which promotes an atmosphere of spiritual and social prosperity. Students also are taught to defend their faith and impact their generation for Christ. We believe the well-rounded educational program includes core subjects as well as enrichment opportunities such as music, art, P.E. and technology.

BAY AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL LIFESTYLE STANCE

As a ministry of Bay Area Church, our core values, vision, and mission are aligned with the church and, ultimately, God's Word. Bay Area Christian School seeks to partner with families in the discipleship of children through Christian education. Through this process, we desire to cultivate a biblical worldview within the lives of our students and families. It is our hope that because of biblical understanding, our students and families will pursue a life that is governed by the moral code evidenced in scriptures and upheld by the ministry of the school. Thus, the need to mutually agree on God's authority and His Word is necessary by both school and home and in word and lifestyle. In light of our biblical foundation as a ministry of Bay Area First Baptist Church, the school reserves the right to refuse enrollment or discontinue partnership when the atmosphere or conduct within a family or the actions or stances of a student oppose the scriptural posture of Bay Area Christian School. This may include, but is not limited to, participating in, supporting, or affirming sexual immorality: immoral heterosexual activity, homosexual activity; bisexual activity, transgender activity, or sexual deviancy; promoting such practices; or countering the moral principles of the School. While the family atmosphere and conduct or student actions and stances may vary in degree, Bay Area Christian School desires to approach each scenario with reciprocal measures of discipline. Of course, in each scenario within all disciplinary situations, we love those involved and minister to them however possible.