

Statement of Faith

Westbury Christian School is a nondenominational private school that is unashamedly Christian in its mission, vision, and programs. The WCS Statement of Faith affirms biblical doctrine aligned with Scripture and historic Christianity and reflects the perspective that shapes the purposefully Christ-centered education at Westbury Christian School. By the grace of a loving God, we seek to live a life of impact and influence and help each other develop their love for God, for others, and for themselves.

We believe that our faith is more than a mere acceptance of intellectual statements; our faith directs our actions. As such, these faith statements will be guiding principles for decision making for both institutional direction and for each individual entrusted with responsibility within Westbury Christian School.

WE BELIEVE in one sovereign God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (*Ps. 115:3; Isa. 14:24-27; Eph. 2:10; Deut. 6:4-6; John 14:21; John 1:1-15; John 10:30; Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Cor. 13:14; Deut. 6:4; Matt. 3:16-17; John 14:10; 2 Cor. 3:17).*

WE BELIEVE that God, by His spoken word, created the Heavens and the earth for His own glory (*Gen. 1; Col. 1:16; John 1:1-3; Rev. 4:11; Heb. 11:3; Jer. 32:17; Ps. 8:1; Ps. 19:1; Prov. 16:4; Rom. 11:36; Col. 1:16; Heb. 2:10).*

WE BELIEVE that God chose to reveal Himself and His truth to us through his creation, in the Scriptures as reflected in the Bible, and ultimately in Jesus Christ (*Rom. 1:19-20; Ps. 19:1-6; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; John 1:14; John 14:6; Heb. 4:12; Heb. 1:1-3; Matt. 3:16-17*).

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 we may be complete, equipped for every good work. We believe matters of faith and conduct must be evaluated on the basis of the Bible, the Word of God (*Deut. 4:2; Josh. 1:8; Ps 1:2-3; Ps. 119; Prov. 30:5-6; Matt. 5:17-18; Rom 15:4; 2 Tim 3:15-17; 2 Pet. 1:21; John 1:1-14; John 16:13; Heb. 4:12; James 1:22-25).*

WE BELIEVE that God created man and woman in His own image distinct from all other living creatures. We believe they sinned by rebelling against God's will and thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death. We believe that, since that time, all humankind also carries its own guilt of sin, in thought, word and deed and is powerless to save himself (*Gen. 1:26-27; Gen. 2:7; Gen. 3; Ps. 139:13-14; Rom. 5:1-21; Rom. 6:23; Rom. 8:3; Rom. 5:6-11; Jam. 2:10; Lev. 5:17; Rom. 3:23; 2 Cor. 5:20-21*).

WE BELIEVE God chose our sex and gender for us at birth and desires us to live consistently with His design, honoring His choice as supreme and wise beyond our own human choice. Both male and female are created in the image of God as wonderful and immutable. These two distinct complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-28; Gen. 2:18-25; Matt. 19:4-6; Rom. 1:26-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Ps. 139:13-15; Gal. 1:15; Ps. 22:10-11).

WE BELIEVE God has ordained and created marriage to exist between one man and one woman, with absolute marital fidelity. The Bible provides home and family values, including the roles of husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, and children (Gen. 2:23-24; Deut. 6:4-8; Josh. 24:14-15; Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:5-9; Eph. 5:25-33; Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:18-21; Heb. 13:4).

WE BELIEVE that as a part of God's beloved creation, crafted in His image, all humankind is worthy of love, honor, equity, justice and mercy (Mark 12:30-31; Rom. 12:10; Gen. 1:27; John 13:34-35; Mic. 6:8; Zech. 7:9; Ps. 82:3; Isa. 1:17).

WE BELIEVE in the existence of Satan, sin, and evil powers, and that all these have been defeated by God in person of Christ on the cross (Gen. 3:14-15; 1 Pet. 5:8; John 8:44; Jam. 4:7-8; Rev. 12:7-12; Eph. 6:10-12).

WE BELIEVE Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, was true God and true man, existing in one person without sin. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and in His presence there for us as Lord of all, High Priest, and Advocate (Isa. 7:14; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:14; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 1:1-3; Phil. 2:6-8; Rom. 5:12-21; Heb. 4:15; Matt. 27-28; Luke 24:50-53; Rev. 19:16; 1 John 2:1).

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to Scriptures, as a redemptive 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 (Rom. 3:25; Rom. 5:6-9; 1 Cor. 15:3; Heb. 2:17; Heb. 9:22-28; 1 Pet. 2:24; 1 John 2:1-2; 1 John 4:10; John 3:16; Acts 2:38-39).

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 fruit of the Spirit (Rom. 6:23; Phil. 2:12-13; John 14:6; John 1:12-13; John 3:16-18; Eph. 1:13-14; Eph. 2:8-9; John 3:3-6; Luke 9:23; Luke 24:46-47; Acts 2:38-39; Acts 26:20; Gal. 5:22-26).

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 sacrificial service and as a witness to the work of Christ (John 14:15-31; Ezek. 36:26-28; 2 Cor. 3:17-18; Eph. 1:11-14; John 16:7-15; Gal. 5:16-25).

WE BELIEVE the spiritual unity of believers is through Jesus Christ. The tasks of Christ's people in this world is to be God's redeemed communities that embody His love by worshipping God in spirit and truth; by proclaiming the gospel of God's redemptive love through our Lord Jesus Christ; by submitting to the authority of the Bible and guidance of the Holy Spirit; by caring for all of God's creation and seeking the good of everyone (John 4:24; Mk. 16:14; Matt. 28:19-20; John 13:35; Phil. 2:2-3; Col. 3:14; Eph. 4:1-6; Jam. 4:7; Matt. 16:24; John 16:13; John 14:26; Gen. 2:15; 1 Cor. 10:4; Jer. 29:7; Eph. 2:10).

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 (2 Pet. 3:10-13; John 5:21-25; John 11:1-45; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; John 5:11-13; Matt. 24:36; Heb. 9:28; Rev. 1:7; Matt. 25:32).

WE BELIEVE in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, to face a just and merciful God in final judgment (Matt. 12:36-37; John 5:21-30; Acts 24:15-16; Rom. 8:1; 2 Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27-28; Rev. 20:12-15; 1 John 2:1-2).