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## Faith Christian School Position Statement

Faith Christian School is Christian in both name and practice. As such, we endeavor to teach as well as live according to the revealed Word of God, that is the Bible, as traditionally interpreted by the historic Christian Church and codified in such Reformed creeds as the Westminster Confession, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort and the Baptist Confession of 1689.

While FCS strives for unity as a body of believers, we realize there are some critical, spiritually-based issues that are foundational to the mission and values of the school. These issues are outlined below:

### Foundational Issues

Faith Christian School takes a Biblically determined, unqualified position in opposition to:

1. Abortion (Ex 20:13, Lev 18:21)
2. Adultery (Ex 20:14)
3. Substance Abuse (Eph 5:18, I Cor. 6:15, 19)
4. Gender Re-definition (Gen 1:27)
5. Homosexuality (Rom 1:26, 27, Lev 18:22)
6. Pornography (Ps 101:3a, Job 31:1)
7. Premarital Sex (I Thes 4:3)

Each of these is based upon the clear teaching of scripture and will be held without compromise.

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore compelled to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps 139)

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). 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 God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (I 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; I Cor. 6:9-10).

We believe that our bodies are members of Christ's body and the temple of the Holy Spirit of God (I Cor. 6:15, 19). As such, they are to be treated in such a way as to promote life and good health. Substance abuse, including drunkenness (Eph. 5:18) and drug abuse (both legal and illegal) are violations of God's intent for our physical bodies.

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Faith Christian School as a part of the Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the families and students who make up the school, and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Faith Christian School in any capacity, or any who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Position Statement. (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; I Thess 5:22).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; I Cor. 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the teachings of Faith Christian School.

#### Qualified

1. Legal Drugs (tobacco and alcoholic beverages) - There does not appear to be a clear Biblical direction regarding the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages except in the case of drunkenness. However, inasmuch as our current society has experienced serious health and socioeconomic problems relating to the use of both, we would discourage the use of either.
2. Euthanasia – There is a wide variance of definition of the term euthanasia. The definition which FCS would take a stand against would be the willful act of inducing or speeding up the death process of a human life.
3. Divorce – The Bible teaches it is clearly God’s intent that a man and woman would be married only to each other for a lifetime. There are, however, different interpretations of the Biblical reasons for divorce and God’s view of the same. Therefore the issue may be referred back to the individual home and church to be resolved Biblically.

#### Neutral

The school takes no position relative to the following issues:

1. Speaking in tongues
2. Form of Baptism
3. The church and politics
4. Political endorsements
5. Healing
6. Communion

“No position” is defined as viewing an issue to be nonessential to salvation but which has much variance among Christian Evangelical groups as they interpret scripture. Therefore, any formal discussion of these would be referred back to the home and church for that individual to determine for him or herself. This would not prevent a teacher or staff member, if asked, from giving his or her personal point of view.

This brief Position Statement of beliefs 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 mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Faith Christian School’s faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our school board is the final interpretive authority on the Bible’s meaning and application.

At Faith Christian School, we believe that the home and the school cooperate in the education of a child and therefore it is essential that both home and school walk together in agreement for the child's best interest. We realize there are a variety of views on some of the above issues, just as there are a variety of school choices available to parents. If on the above or similar religious-based issues there is disagreement between the child's home and the school, the parent may choose to enroll their child at a school more aligned with their belief system, remove the child with grace if the child has already enrolled, or choose to submit to the school's position in these areas for the sake of the child and all children who attend the school. It is important that all of our parents work to not disrupt or create tension so that the education of all children at the school will not be affected.

Because these are foundational issues, all employees or applicants of Faith Christian School are expected to be in agreement with the above Position Statement, both in profession and practice, both publicly and privately. Violations of the foundational issues, whether in belief or action, are considered justified grounds to not employ or to terminate if already employed. The same expectation is held for school board members and volunteers of the school.

My signature below indicates my agreement with and adherence to all the above.

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Signature

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Date