

Greenwood Christian Academy

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Personal Statement of Belief

I believe without reservation in the full and final inspiration of the Bible, the infallible Word of God; in the deity and supreme authority of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return. I believe that I have been saved by the acceptance of His atonement through faith in His name and have submitted to Him in baptism.

Greenwood Christian Academy Statements of Faith & Belief

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and the only infallible authoritative Word of God in all matters of faith and conduct (*2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21*).
2. We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (*Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30*).
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ (*John 10:33*); His virgin birth (*Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35*); His sinless life (*Hebrews 4:15, 7:26*); His miracles (*John 2:11*); His vicarious and atoning death (*1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9*); His resurrection (*John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:4*); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (*Mark 16:19*); and in His personal return in power and glory (*Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11*).
4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that humans are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and through God's grace (*John 3:16-18, Romans 3:23, 5:8-9, Ephesians 2:9-10, Titus 3:5*).
5. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (*John 5:28-29*).
6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (*Romans 8:9, Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28*).
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (*Romans 8:13-14, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20, Ephesians 4:30*).
8. We believe in the creation of mankind by the direct act of God (*Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 5:1-2*).
9. We believe God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person (*Genesis 1:26-27*).
10. We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (*Genesis 2:18-25*).

11. We believe God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (*1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4*). We believe God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (*Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10*).

The above statements do 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.

I, without reservation, give my assent and agreement with the Personal Statement of Belief and the Greenwood Christian Academy (GCA) Statements of Faith & Belief.

Signature

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Agreement with and commitment to support the philosophy of GCA

We believe that people act on the basis of the way they see the world. We also believe that the problems of our culture are not caused by outward things but by holding the wrong world view. To that end we are committed to building a school solidly based on the Lordship of Christ and the Christian worldview.

We also sense that it is important for this school to be independent of denominational control that we might minister to the entire Body of Christ in the surrounding community. We will make every effort to faithfully teach scriptures and recognize and respect the various traditions developed in the church over the last two thousand years. It is our prayer that we can contribute to maintaining the unity of the faith by concentrating on the centrality of Jesus Christ as our only source of meaning, truth, and hope in God.

It is our intention to prepare young men and women for a life of learning, future academic pursuits, the workplace, and the mission field by providing an environment that is safe to learn, the pursuit of excellence, open to questioning, and a consistent understanding that truth exists. We are committed to helping our graduates:

1. Understand why they believe what they believe.
2. Sense the importance of the sanctity of the family.
3. Respond to the responsibilities of living in community and engaging the culture.
4. Respect the sacredness of the church.
5. Appreciate God's blessings in this life and a desire to give back to a hurting world.
6. Develop an awareness of the presence of God's Spirit in the daily affairs of their lives.

GCA Philosophy

Mission

To pursue academic, spiritual, and extra-curricular excellence in a Christ-centered community.

Vision

To equip students to be servant leaders, relevant in the world, pursuing God’s purpose and will for their lives.

Core Values

1. *Respect* - We are committed to teaching and modeling respect for God, His Word, His creation, and others so that students will come to salvation in Jesus Christ and treat their fellow citizens and the world with dignity and honor (*Romans 12:10, Romans 13:1-2*).
2. *Integrity* - We are committed to teaching and modeling honesty, truthfulness, and Biblical morality so that students can be trustworthy, valued, and contribute positively to society (*Psalms 106:3, II Corinthians 8:21*).
3. *Compassion* - We are committed to teaching and modeling compassion so that students can effectively share the gospel, minister to those in need, and consider others as more important than themselves (*Mark 10:45, Philippians 2:3*).
4. *Excellence* - We are committed to teaching and modeling the pursuit of excellence in all things for the glory of God (*I Corinthians 10:31*).

Tagline

Educational Excellence in a Christ-centered Community

School Verse

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
- Proverbs 22:6

I have read the GCA Philosophy and am in agreement with it. I also understand that GCA does not discriminate in its admission or employment practices against any person because of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, age, or disability.

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Commitment to Confidentiality

Recognizing that releasing of student information to others is protected by the policies of GCA, federal and state laws, I agree to restrict discussions about the progress and/or behavior of students to those in which administrators request input regarding ways to positively influence responses. I also agree to avoid gossip relating to students, parents, staff personnel, and other members of the GCA family.

Signature

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Declaration of Lifestyle Commitment

As an applicant either for employment or a volunteer representative of GCA, I recognize and understand the school is a Christian non-profit organization representing Jesus Christ throughout the Christian and unchurched community worldwide. GCA requires employees and volunteer representatives to live their lives as Christian role models according to biblical precepts (Romans. 10:9-10; 1 Timothy 4:12; Luke 6:40).

As an employee or volunteer representative, I will conduct myself in a way that will not raise questions regarding my Christian testimony. I realize that a Christian lifestyle should reflect the biblical perspective of integrity, appropriate personal witness, family relationships, business conduct, and moral behavior. As an employee or volunteer representative, I understand I am expected to demonstrate a teachable spirit, a commitment to demonstrate love for others, a willingness to live contentedly under authority, and a commitment to follow the Matthew 18 principle when issues arise between fellow employees, volunteers and/or administrators.

I further understand and concur that GCA expects its employees and volunteer representatives to maintain a lifestyle based on biblical standards of moral conduct. I further understand that moral misconduct, which violates the bona fide occupational qualification to be a Christian role model, includes, but is not limited to, promiscuity, homosexual behavior, or any other violation of the unique roles between males and females (Romans 1:21-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20). I support the position of GCA in believing that biblical marriage is limited to a covenant relationship between one man and one woman.

As an employee or volunteer representative of GCA, I will maintain a lifestyle based on biblical standards of conduct. I recognize that failure to do so may result in a reprimand, or, in some cases, dismissal from employment or removed as a volunteer representative. I fully support the goal of GCA that each employee and volunteer representative will present a lifestyle where ‘...He might have the preeminence.’ (Colossians 1:18) and commit to strive to achieve that goal in my lifestyle. By affixing my signature, I declare that I meet the moral and ethical standards of GCA.

Signature

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Board Chair’s Signature

Date