

## STATEMENT OF FAITH FOR OCEANVIEW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. (2 Timothy 3:16)
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19, John 1:1&2, John 14: 8-26)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man. (Luke 1:26-28)
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, thus being sinners in thought, word, and deed. (Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1-3)
5. We believe in the personality of Satan. (John 8:44)
6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. (Romans 5:8-11)
7. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His bodily ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate. (I Corinthians 15:3&4, 1 John 2:1)
8. We believe in the "Blessed Hope" - the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (I Thessalonians 4:13-17)
9. We believe that only through faith alone in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone and repentance from sin can one be reconciled to God and experience true life and joy (John 3:18, 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:21-26; 1 Timothy 2:5-6).
10. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by who's indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and bear fruit which will remain. (1 John 3:24)
11. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust - the just to everlasting bliss in Heaven and the unjust to everlasting punishment in Hell. (Revelation 20:11-15)
12. We believe baptism is intended only for those who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and can give sufficient testimony to the basics of Christian beliefs. We also believe in baptism by immersion because it is the original meaning of the word and best symbolizes the reality to which baptism points: our death and resurrection in Christ (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-11).
13. We believe that God has established marriage as an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman, and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is sin. We believe that God created the human race man and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is sin (Gen. 2:24-25; Ex. 20:14, 17, 22:19; Lev. 18:22-23, 20:13, 15-16; Matt. 19:4-6, 9; Rom 1:18-31; 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 15-20; 1 Tim. 1:8-11; Jude 7; Gen. 1:27; Deut. 22:5).
14. We believe that Church attendance is not just a "good suggestion"; it is God's will for believers. Church attendance, participation, and fellowship should be regular aspects of a believer's life. Someone who belongs to Christ should have a desire to worship God, receive His Word, and fellowship with other believers regularly. (Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Acts 2:41-42; Ephesians 2:19-22)