



AUGUSTINE CLASSICAL ACADEMY STATEMENT OF FAITH

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INTRODUCTION

Augustine Classical Academy (ACA) was founded upon the maxim that all education is discipleship.

We believe that educating our children, far from being neutral, is a way of teaching them that God made the world, the whole world, and education is then to teach our children to see the world as God does, thinking His thoughts after Him. Grace renews creation, even all of creation. Accordingly, we want more than a solid Bible class, as important as that might be, but desire to have our children see Christ as Lord of the entire created world, since “all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:3) are found in Him. Christ is the foundation for mathematics and philosophy, for drama and grammar, and for all learning.

Further, we believe that this all-encompassing task takes place in community, so that parents, children, and staff can encourage one another, lean on and pray for each other, and join together with the school in this humbling, and sometimes seemingly overwhelming task, by the grace of God. Our common mission is to honor Jesus by making every effort possible to disciple the students whom God has entrusted to us to love God with all their hearts, souls, minds and strength.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

With charity toward all believers, ACA teaches from its Evangelical and Protestant perspective. By enrolling their children at ACA, parents agree to allow their children to be taught from this perspective and in accordance with this Statement of Faith:

- We believe the Bible, in the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the full deity and full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, such that two distinct natures, divine and human, were inseparably joined together in one person. We believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His certain return in power and glory.
- We believe that man, created in the image of God, rebelled against God through the sin of Adam, and that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We believe that God’s merciful salvation and redemption of mankind and the world is in Christ alone, by grace alone, and through faith alone, by the regeneration by the Holy Spirit; and, that faith without works is dead.

- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. All who are united to Christ as Head of the Church are united to one another in love, and have communion in each other's gifts and graces.
- We believe God has appointed a day when He will judge the world in righteousness through Jesus Christ. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: those who are saved to the resurrection of life and eternal joy, and those who are lost to the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe that God uniquely and wonderfully created male and female, two distinct, immutable, and complementary sexes.
- We believe that God defined marriage as the life-long covenant between one man and one woman, and that all forms of sexual activity outside of marriage are sin.
- As image bearers of God, we believe that all human life is sacred. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value the sanctity of human life.
- As Christians, we are set free by Christ's redeeming grace to love God fully and love our neighbors as ourselves, humbly walking together in the spirit of love and grace, seeking peace and reconciliation when conflict arises. We believe that as bearers of the image of God, every person must be afforded love and compassion as defined by the Scriptures.

This Statement of Faith functions to summarize the foundational Christian beliefs on which Augustine Classical Academy is based. The Augustine Classical Academy School Board is the final interpretive authority on the Bible's application to doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline at Augustine Classical Academy. As Augustine Classical Academy teaches these foundational Christian beliefs from its Evangelical and Protestant perspective, the school strives to be charitable, and recognizes the authority and primacy of family and church when teaching Christian doctrine in disciplining their children.