

# Traverse City Christian School

## Doctrinal Statements

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**GOD:** That the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), who has revealed Himself in the Bible and in creation, is sovereign as creator and sustainer of the universe and as redeemer and sanctifier of His people. All studies in school must acknowledge God and He must be given primary allegiance in all of life.

**THE BIBLE:** That the Bible is the infallible, authoritative Word of God. It is a source through which God enlightens our understanding of Himself, of ourselves, of our fellow human beings, and of the world. Through His Word, God also directs humanity in all relationships and activities and thus guides His people in the education of their children.

**CREATION:** That God, by the Word, has created the heavens, the earth, and all creatures; giving to every creature its being, shape, form, and office to serve its creator. God's children must come to learn that humanity and the entire world can be rightly understood only in relation to God who directs all things. We recognize that we are to be stewards of this creation, holding it in trust for our Lord.

**HUMAN LIFE:** That human life is sacred because beings are created in the image of God. All of life is in service to the God of the Scripture, not to a god of human invention. For Christians, life is an opportunity to bring praise and glory to God through obedience to His Word.

**SIN:** That outside of a life devoted to Christ, human sin is radical and pervasive (All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Rom. 3:23). Human sin distorts our view of the true meaning and purpose of life, and it misdirects human culture, thus alienating us from God and bringing about the absolute need of redemption.

**REDEMPTION:** That Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is the Word incarnate and Lord of creation. Christ, as Redeemer, is the only mediator between God and man. He alone forgives sin, restores relationships between God and His creation and renews human life through His Holy Spirit.

**THE GOSPEL:** That the Gospel is the good news that salvation is the free gift of God through faith in Jesus Christ, not by our own works.

**KNOWLEDGE:** That acquiring true knowledge is only possible through coming to know the true God through the Person of Jesus Christ. This "knowing" occurs in the human heart when it is enlightened through the Word of God by the Holy Spirit; thus, Christianity plays a decisive role in the understanding of our everyday experience and of all educational activity.

**GOD'S KINGDOM:** That the Kingdom of God embraces all of creation and thus it transcends all political and temporal boundaries. The ultimate purpose of our teaching and learning is to broaden and increase our understanding of God's Kingdom.

**CALLING:** That God’s people are called to work in a broad spectrum of occupations in the furtherance of God’s Kingdom on this earth. The calling of believers is to know God’s Word and His creation, to consecrate the whole of their lives to seeking the perfect will of God, to love their fellow human beings, to be stewards of all that God entrusts to their care, and to spread the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all men; thus, transforming culture and bringing it into subjection to Christ.

**HUMAN SEXUALITY:** 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. (1 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,) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of TCCS as a local body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to TCCS members and the community, it is imperative that all persons enrolling their children at TCCS, employed by TCCS in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 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; 1 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 doctrines of TCCS.

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