

Statement of Faith

Linville Hill Christian School

1. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; Heb. 11:6; Matt. 28:19).
2. We believe that Jesus Christ was God in human flesh, at once fully divine and fully human. We believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His present ministry of intercession, and His personal return in power and glory (Jn. 1:1-2, 14; Heb. 1:1-6; Phil. 2:5-8; Rom. 1:4; Col. 1:15-19; Eph. 1:22-23).
3. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit who convicts persons of sin, his indwelling presence, regenerating work, empowering baptism, spiritual gifts, and equipping ministry in the church today. We believe that it is through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit that the Christian is enabled to pursue a life characterized by personal holiness and faithful discipleship in obedience to Jesus Christ (Ezek. 36:26-27; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 1:4-5; 2:1-18; Jn. 14:26; 16:8-13; Rom. 12:3-8; Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Cor. 12).
4. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative, written Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Gal. 1:11-12; Prov. 30:5; Jn. 10:35; Heb. 4:12).
5. We believe that human beings were created in the image of God and were made for relationship with Him, but they rebelled against God and are therefore fallen, lost, estranged from their creator, and in need of salvation. We believe that the reality of sin in the human heart results in suffering, injustice, strife, and moral decay in society (Gen. 1:26-27 & 31; 3:8-9; Psa. 8:5-6; Gen. 2 & 3; Rom. 1:21-32; Rom. 5-7; Psa. 14:2-3; Rom. 3:12, 23; Eph. 2:1).
6. We believe that, only through Jesus Christ, God offers salvation from sin and a new way of life. We receive God's salvation and are born again by the Spirit of God when we repent and accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. It is by faith through God's grace that we are saved (Jn. 3:16; Acts 4:14; 1 Jn. 4:14; 2 Cor. 5:19; Matt. 26:28; Eph. 2:5-9; Rom. 3:20-31; Rom. 5; Heb. 2:14; Col. 2:13-15).
7. We believe that the church, the body of Christ, is composed of all those of every nation who through saving faith have entered into a vital relationship with Jesus Christ. We further believe that the church is at the very center of God's cosmic purpose, and that He has committed to the church and every member of it the task of making Christ known throughout the world (Eph. 4; Acts 2, 11; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Gal. 3:26-29; Eph. 2:19-22; Matt. 28:18-20).
8. We believe that local congregations of baptized believers exist to equip the body of Christ – through such means as worship, teaching, fellowship and prayer – to spread the Gospel of Christ; to extend the influence of the Kingdom of God in the world; and to turn themselves outward to their local communities in evangelistic witness and compassionate service. We further believe that the quality of body life among believers in caring congregations is essential for effective evangelism and outreach (Rom. 6:1-6; Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:22-24, 36-41; 8:26-39; Gal. 3:26-29; Col. 2:10-15).

9. We believe that Jesus Christ calls us to discipleship, to take up our cross and follow him (Phil. 3:10; Rom. 12:1-2; Matt. 5-7; Mic. 6:8; 1 Pet. 2:21; 2 Tim. 2:11-12).
10. We believe that, in Jesus Christ, the way of love and reconciliation is revealed as God's way for His people and that the people of God are called to value the sanctity of human life, alleviate suffering, refrain from violence and work for peace in human relationships, and to live as responsible stewards of all God's creation. Led by the Holy Spirit, we will follow Christ in the way of peace (Isa. 2:2-4, 11:1-9; Hos. 2:18; Matt. 5:8-12, 38-48; 6:14-15; 26:52; 1 Pet. 2:21-24; 1 Cor. 6:1-16; Rom. 12:14-21).
11. We believe that God instituted marriage and the family at the beginning of human history. Right sexual union takes place only within the marriage relationship, which is a covenant between one man and one woman for life, and the family formed from such a union is the God-ordained context for the birth and nurture of children (Gen. 2:24; Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 7:1-5; Eph. 5:21-33; 1 Pet. 3:1-7; Mk. 10:2-12; Mal. 2:14-16; Eph. 6:1-4).
12. We place our hope in the reign of God and its fulfillment in the day when Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead: the unsaved into the everlasting punishment of hellfire and the saved into eternal bliss with Christ. We await God's final victory, the end of this present age of struggle, the resurrection of the dead, and a new heaven and a new earth (Judg. 8:23; Mk. 1:15; Phil. 2:8-11; Rev. 11:15; 15:3-4; 21 & 22; 1 Cor. 15:12-58; Jn. 5:28-29; Matt. 10:28; 23:33; 9:43-48; Lk. 16:23).