



Cottage Hill Christian Academy

Faith, Family, Future

Statement of Faith

About the Bible

We believe that the Bible (both the Old and New Testaments) is the inerrant, verbally inspired, and infallible Word of God, and that the Bible is absolute Truth and God's final authority.

About God

We believe that there is one true living God who is revealed to us as the Godhead existing eternally in three persons. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and these three are as one God. We believe that God the Father orders all things according to His own purpose for His own glory. We believe that God the Son is Jesus Christ who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born without sin of the Virgin Mary, to redeem man from sin. We believe Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to the right hand of the Father. We believe He intercedes for us today as High Priest and Advocate. We believe that God the Holy Spirit is sent from God to convict of sin, righteousness, and to be an indwelling guide, teacher, and source of strength for the believer. We believe that all who receive Christ as Savior are born of the Holy Spirit. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that man sinned (rebelled against God) and thereby incurred both a physical death and a spiritual death (eternal separation from God); and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature.

About Salvation

We believe that salvation is through Jesus Christ alone and His atonement and forgiveness on the cross. We believe that all who call upon the name of the Lord as Savior and Redeemer shall be saved and will spend eternity with God.

About the Church

We believe that a New Testament church is an association of baptized believers who come together to exalt the Savior through worship, equip the saints through discipleship, edify the servants through fellowship, and evangelize the sinner through ministry.

About the End Times

We believe in the imminent, pre-millennial, bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ to take His Church from Earth and to reward them according to their works. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

About the Believer

We believe that every believer is called to a holy life of service and should belong to a Bible-believing local church for fellowship and for the furtherance of the Gospel to every person at home and around the world.

Bible as Our Sole Authority

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16. Since God's Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority, we accept the Bible as our manual for living. Our first question, when faced with a decision, is "What does the Bible say?" We practice Bible reading, Bible study, and Bible memorization. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.

Statement on Marriage, Gender and 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. (Genesis 1:26-27) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

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) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 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, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Cottage Hill Christian Academy as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Cottage Hill Christian Academy in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 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; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 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 Cottage Hill Christian Academy.

Statement on the Sanctity of Human Life

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139).

Statement of Final Authority for Matters of Faith and Conduct

The statement of faith does 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. For purposes of Cottage Hill Christian Academy's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the senior pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church is the final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

Code of Christian Conduct

At Cottage Hill Christian Academy, our motto is Faith – Family – Future. Through excellent academics, spiritual development, and outstanding extracurricular activities, Cottage Hill Christian Academy partners with our parents to help our students reach their God-given potential and to become servant leaders who will impact the world for Christ. The Cottage Hill experience will build lasting relationships, develop leaders, encourage a love of learning, and engage students in the intellectual and social challenges of our times, guided by a biblical worldview. As the

desire of Cottage Hill Christian Academy is to instill in our students a God-honoring lifestyle we believe that a student should abstain from the following unacceptable behaviors:

- Inappropriate use of cellular phones or other electronic devices
- Academic dishonesty
- Disruptive class behavior
- Violation of technology policy
- Skipping class/Leaving campus
- Defiance of authority
- Dress code violations
- Failure to complete assigned detention (teacher)

- Failure to complete Administrative Detention
- Physical altercations
- Inappropriate physical behavior
- Inappropriate relationships.
- Being Sexually active
- Lying
- Making false statements
- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Loitering in parking lot
- Profanity/vulgarity
- Rude/discourteous behavior
- Tardiness
- Theft
- Threats/Intimidation/ Harassment
- Alcohol and/or Tobacco use
- Other offenses as deemed inappropriate

In addition, all Cottage Hill Christian Academy students should demonstrate a God-honoring lifestyle in conformance with one's biological sex including dating and dress; and the use of restrooms, locker rooms, and changing facilities conforming with one's biological sex. This also includes abstaining from all intimate sexual conduct outside of the marriage union of one man and one woman.

This Code of Conduct is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Cottage Hill Christian Academy reserves the right to discipline or ask a student to withdraw for any reason, but the failure to comply with expected standards of conduct will subject the student to potential disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion or dismissal.