

HAYWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

According to the Bible, parents and guardians are responsible for the training of their children (Deut. 6:1-7; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:1-4). Haywood Christian Academy serves as a partner with parents in providing an excellent education on a foundation of Biblical truth. Harmony between home and school provides the best environment for godly training to take place. We seek to nurture development of essential character traits in the lives of our students consistent with our Core Values and Statement of Faith.

CORE VALUES

CHRIST-CENTERED – Godly living requires a lifestyle that exhibits the fruit of the spirit and flees from the acts of our sinful nature. Our standards for Christ-centered living are found in God’s Word, and our desire must be one with God and His holiness to model this lifestyle before others (Gal. 5:16-26; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Peter 1:13-16, 2: 9-10; 1 Cor. 6: 12-20; Prov. 23:29-35; Phil. 4:8; Rom. 8:6-8).

INTEGRITY – We believe in maintaining a lifestyle that is above reproach. A Christian should be honest, moral, and trustworthy in all his dealings, fostering relationships that are built on trust and moral character (Titus 1:8; Job 27:5, Prov. 11:3, 20:11; 1 Kings 9:4; Ps. 15).

RESPECT – We believe in an attitude that highly esteems those placed in authority. Parents, teachers, employers, governmental authority, and church leaders have been placed in our lives by God. God gave us Biblical command to honor them for our own good (Rom 13:1-7, Heb. 13:7, 1 Peter 2: 13-21; 1 Thess. 5: 12-13).

PERSONAL-LEADERSHIP – We believe that individuals should exhibit self-discipline in their thoughts, words, and actions as they rely on and are guided by the Holy Spirit. This provides an opportunity for positively influencing our relationships, community, and culture. (Gal. 5:22-26; Job 5:17; Prov. 16:32, 25-28; 1 Tim 4:7-8).

WISDOM – “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” Prov. 9:10. We believe that wise living is understanding what is true and doing what is right. Wisdom comes from God and our respect for Him. God calls us to respond to correction with a teachable spirit, allowing Him to mold us into vessels for His glory (Prov. 1:7, 20-33; Prov. 2:1-22: Prov. 4:7).

THANKFULNESS – We believe in fostering an attitude of gratefulness. Acknowledging that God’s providential hand allows things to enter our lives that are intended for our “good” will help us instill in our students an attitude of gratefulness (Phil. 4:6, 7; 1Thes. 5:18; Col. 2:7; Eph. 5:20).

SERVICE – Christ set the example of living a life that is not self-centered, rather, one of service to others. HCA seeks to serve Christ as we show our love to others through service to our community (Eph. 5:21; Phil. 2:3-11; James 4: 6, 10).

ETERNAL FOCUS – Keeping the end in mind. We believe that the focus of Christ-centered living is the realization that only what is done for eternity counts (James 4:14; Matt. 6:33; Matt. 6: 19-21).

STATEMENT OF FAITH

GOD’S HOLY WORD – We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

THE TRINITY – We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:1; Matt. 28:19; John 10:30).

CHRIST – We believe in the deity of Christ, His virgin birth (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Heb. 4:15, 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (1 Cor. 15:3; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 2:9), His resurrection (John 1:11-25), His Ascension to the right hand of the Father and His personal return in power and glory.

SATAN – We believe in the existence and operating power of a real and personal being opposed to all righteousness and exalting himself against all that God is and has, the evil one called Satan or Devil (Isa. 14:12-15; Eph. 2:2)

CREATION – We believe that God created the universe out of nothing. Man and woman were the crown of His creation being created in His own image (Gen. 1:1, 1: 26-27; Heb. 11:3).

MAN – We believe that God created man in His own image and in a state of innocence, but that through temptation he willfully transgressed and became dead in trespasses and sin, whereby his posterity inherits a corrupt nature, being born in sin and under condemnation (Gen 1:26, 3:6-7; Rom 3:23, 6:23).

SALVATION - We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that people are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved (John 3:16-19, 5:24; Rom. 3:23, 5:8-9; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:5).

ETERNAL DESTINY – We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto resurrection of life to dwell eternally in a literal place called Heaven, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation to dwell eternally in a literal place called Hell (John 5:28-29).

SECOND COMING – We believe in the hope of the imminent, visible, and bodily return of Christ Jesus (Acts 1:10-11).

MARRIAGE – God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female, and these distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Therefore, we believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive covenant union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25) and that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other and that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity is engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman (Genesis 1:27–28; 2:21–24, Matthew 19:4–9; Mark 10:5–9; Ephesians 5:22–33).

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 (Ps. 139).