



ARTICLE I: CONSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe that the Bible, consisting of Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit, is inerrant in the original manuscripts, and is the infallible and authoritative Word of God, the final word and only rule in faith and conduct (Ps. 119:160; 2 Tim. 3:16–17; 2 Pet. 3:15–16).
2. We believe that the one triune God exists eternally and co-equally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, eternally equal in power and glory (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 3:16–17; Jn. 15:26).
3. We believe the triune God, according to His sovereign will, created out of nothing and out of things that He had made, by immediate and mediate action, the worlds and all that is in them. He is the Governor and Upholder of creation by His wisdom and by word of His mighty power (Gen. 1:26; Col. 1:15-17).
4. We believe that Adam was directly and perfectly created by God in His image and did not originate by the process of evolution. He was tempted by Satan, the god of this world, and chose to rebel against God's direct command. Because of Adam's sin, all men have guilt imputed to them, are totally depraved, and need to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit for salvation (Gen. 1:27; Rom. 1:18; 3:23; 5:12; Eph. 2:1–3).
5. We believe that Jesus Christ is God, was born of a virgin so that two perfect and distinct natures were united in the second person of the Trinity and forever will be truly God and truly man; He lived a sinless life, died vicariously, shed His blood as man's substitutionary sacrifice, rose bodily, and ascended to heaven where He is presently exalted at the Father's right hand as the only mediator between God and man (Gen. 3:15, Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:22-23; Rom. 3:24–25; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:26; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 John 4:10).
6. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He has been sent by the Son into the world to reveal and glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to those who come in true repentance and faith. He convicts and draws those sinners to Christ, imparts new life to them, continually indwells them from the moment of spiritual birth, and seals them until the day of redemption. His fullness, power, and control are appropriated in the believer's life by faith (John 6:63; 15:26; Rom. 8:11; 2 Cor. 3:8, 17).
7. We believe that salvation consists in the remission of sins on the grounds of Christ's shed blood, the imputation of Christ's perfect righteousness, the reception of the Holy Spirit, and the gift of eternal life. This salvation is received by faith through the repentance of sin and faith in God's provisions in Christ (Rom. 3:24–25; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 7:26; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 John 4:10).
8. We believe that the Church, the body of which Christ is the head, consists only of those who have been born again, are thus baptized by the Holy Spirit into Christ at the time of their regeneration, for whom He now makes intercession in heaven, and for whom He will come again (Acts 2:38; Titus 3:5).
9. We believe in and celebrate two sacraments ordained by the Lord Jesus Christ which are to be received by the believers: baptism with water in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, which is a public profession of faith in Christ, and the Lord's Supper, which is a participation with Christ and a remembrance of His death until He returns (Matt. 26:26–29; 28:19; Acts 8:36–39; Rom. 6:3–4, 8; 1 Cor. 10:16–17; 11:23–34; Gal. 3:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:21).

10. We believe that Christ commanded the Church to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all peoples of each generation, and to make disciples, baptizing and teaching those who believe to love and obey. The Great Commission requires that all worldly and personal ambitions be subordinate to a total commitment to “Him who loved us and gave Himself for us” (Matt. 28:19).
11. We believe that the Church has received a biblical mandate to teach and to train children in every area of faith and life (Duet. 6:7; Prov. 22:6).
12. We believe that Jesus Christ will return to earth, personally, visibly, and bodily. On the Day of the Lord, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and the lost to eternal damnation apart from the blessings and goodness of God (Matt. 25:46; John 5:28–29; Rom. 6:5; 2 Thess. 1:9; Rev. 1:7-8).
13. We believe that God created marriage in the beginning, as a blessing for both man and woman, before any sin or rebellion entered the world. He created marriage as a union between one man and one woman, who enter into a covenant relationship, complement, serve, and sanctify one another for as long as they both shall live. Accordingly, we reject any attempt to redefine marriage as a union between people of the same sex or as between more than one man and one woman. We believe the Bible prohibits activities such as, but not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexuality, and incest (Gen. 1:27-28; Gen. 2:15-24; Lev. 18:22; Lev. 20: 13a; Matt. 19:4-6; Rom. 1:26-27; I Cor. 7:14).
14. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female (Ps. 139:4). 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 (Matt. 19:4; Rev. 4:11).
15. We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Therefore, all 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 (Gen. 1:27; Ps. 127:3; Ps. 139:13-16).
16. The Statement of Faith for Lehigh Christian Academy 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 Lehigh Christian Academy’s faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is Lehigh Christian Academy’s final interpretive authority on the Bible’s meaning and application.