



STATEMENT OF FAITH

Calvary Chapel has been formed as a fellowship of believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our supreme desire is to know Christ and be conformed to His image by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are not a denominational church, nor are we opposed to denominations as such, only to their overemphasis of the doctrinal differences that have led to the division of the body of Christ.

Doctrinal

- 1 We believe in what is termed "The Apostles' Creed" as embodying all the fundamental doctrines of orthodox evangelical Christianity.
- 2 We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all.
- 3 We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.
- 4 We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings; His substitutionary atoning death; bodily resurrection; ascension into heaven; perpetual intercession for His people; and personal, visible return to earth. We believe that He is one and the same as God. He was fully human and fully God.
- 5 We believe in the Holy Spirit, who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower in ministry all who believe in Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide. We believe that Jesus Christ baptizes the seeking believer with the Holy Spirit and power for service, either at the time of or subsequent to regeneration, which is a separate work from the indwelling Spirit for salvation. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all biblical gifts of the Spirit as reflected through the fruit of that same Spirit.
- 6 We believe that all the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, and that they are the infallible rule of faith and practice.
- 7 We believe all people are by nature separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are freely offered to all by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as his/her personal Lord and Savior, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all of his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord.
- 8 We await the pre-tribulation rapture of the church, and we believe in the literal Second Coming of Christ with His saints to rule the earth, which will be personal and visible. This motivates us to holy living, heartfelt worship, committed service, diligent study of God's Word, regular fellowship, participation in adult baptism by immersion and Holy Communion.
- 9 We are neither Five-Point Calvinists, nor are we Arminians. We adhere firmly to the biblical teaching of God's sovereignty and man's responsibility. We avoid any theological systems of belief that go beyond the written Word and thereby divide the body of Christ.
- 10 We do not believe in "positive confession" (the faith movement belief that God can be commanded to heal or work miracles according to man's will); human prophecy that supersedes the Scriptures; the incorporation of humanistic and secular psychology into biblical teaching; the overemphasis of spiritual gifts and experiential signs and wonders to the exclusion of biblical teaching; or that true Christians can be demon-possessed.
- 11 We believe in the universal Church, in the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members.
- 12 We believe the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: 1) baptism, and 2) the Lord's Supper. We believe in baptism by immersion and communion, both of which are open to all believers in Jesus Christ.
- 13 We believe in the laying on of hands for the sending out of pastors and missionaries, and in conjunction with the anointing of oil by the elders for the healing of the sick.

Practical

- 14 We believe the only true basis of Christian fellowship is Christ's (agape) love, which is greater than differences we possess, and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians.
- 15 We believe worship of God should be spiritual; therefore, we remain flexible and yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit to direct our worship.
- 16 We believe worship of God should be inspirational; therefore, we give great place to music in our worship.
- 17 We believe worship of God should be intelligent; therefore, our services are designed with great emphasis upon the teaching of the Word of God that He might instruct us on how He should be worshiped. We seek to teach the Word of God in such a way that its message can be applied to the individual's life, leading that person to a greater maturity in Christ. We teach both expositionally and topically.
- 18 We believe worship of God should be fruitful; therefore, we look for His love in our lives as the supreme manifestation that we have been truly worshiping Him.
- 19 We believe that the church government should be simplistic rather than a complex bureaucracy, and we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead, rather than on fleshly promotion.
- 20 We believe that the Bible clearly delineates that spiritual gifts are for the edification of the body and that they are to be exercised in love. We believe that love is more important than the most spectacular gifts, and without love, all exercise of spiritual gifts is worthless. In our services, we focus on a personal relationship with God through worship, prayer, and the teaching of the Word of God. We do not practice speaking in tongues during worship or while a Bible study is in progress because we do not believe that the Holy Spirit would interrupt Himself. God is not the author of confusion. These gifts are encouraged in more intimate settings, e.g. afterglow services and small groups where their benefit can accomplish the purpose for which they have been given – the edification of the body of Christ.

Standards for Admission and Continued Enrollment

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NKJV)

Admission Statement

In accordance with the Philosophy of Education of Calvary Christian Academy, it is expected that a parent/legal guardian of every CCA student:

- is "born again." (*John 3:1-8; Titus 3:4-7*)
- instructs the children in the Christian faith at home. (*Deuteronomy 6:6-7*)
- accompanies his or her children faithfully to church. *Let us not give up meeting together... (Hebrews 10:25 NIV)*
- is willing to co-labor with the school in the education and edification of their children.
Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? (Amos 3:3 NKJV)

Spiritual Standard of Admission

Calvary Christian Academy is called to serve those parents who take to heart the command of the Lord in Deuteronomy 6:6-7 above. We seek to come alongside families who have a deep commitment to Jesus Christ and a devotion to His ways. Therefore, for consideration for admission to Calvary Christian Academy, at least one parent in the family must have received Jesus Christ and be devoted to following Him.

Spiritual Standard of Continued Enrollment

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. (Titus 2:11-15a NIV)

The spiritual standard of continued enrollment at CCA requires the student's family to maintain the following biblical standards:

- a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, demonstrated by a life surrendered to the Lord
- a life that reflects moral purity
- the ability to manage one's household well
- regular church attendance

Additionally, as the primary educators of children, parents need to be committed to effective co-laboring. This is demonstrated by parents who:

- participate in school activities and events
- communicate effectively with teachers
- abide by school rules and policies
- actively disciple their children

Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to do so? (Amos 3:3 NIV)

Finally, at CCA we believe that the co-laboring relationship between school and home must be one characterized by trust and like-mindedness if we are to be successful in our mission. As such, in the event that, over a season of time, home/school collaboration is not consistent and like-minded, both the parent and school administration have the prerogative to terminate a student's enrollment.

In application of the above standards and in ministering to the best interests of each family in our community, CCA expects a parent who encounters a crisis (e.g., separation, bankruptcy, divorce, abuse, etc.) that bears upon our co-labor to inform a school principal or enlist church counsel directly. Our desire is that parents receive biblical counsel and are supported and encouraged during challenging times in their lives.

Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety. (Proverbs 11:14 NKJV)

As a student matures, we look increasingly to that student's relationship with the Lord as we perform admissions and annual reenrollment reviews. We consider three seasons of ministry that students, parents, and the CCA team participate in as students proceed through school.

The First Season: Preschool through Grade 3- Our Responsibility to Teach and Train

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them..." (Matthew 19:14 NIV)

Beginning in preschool, parents and the team at CCA teach and share with our kids about the love, joy, and power of life in Jesus. These youngest students generally are quite ready to receive, and timely training goes a long way to establishing them firmly in the good, perfect, and pleasing will of God. This is a time when seeds of discipleship are planted deeply in their hearts and those seeds are carefully cultivated. This is the prime time to set children on a course for an intimate and exciting relationship with God. In this first season of ministry, a child's walk in Christ seldom bears upon whether that child is or is not admitted or enrolled at the Academy. As parents and the Academy minister faithfully in word and deed to our younger students, the stage is set for the second season of ministry as it relates to our mission of making disciples.

The Second Season: Grades 4 and 5- Reaching the Age of Accountability

Love the Lord, all his saints! (Psalm 31:23 NIV)

In the 4th and 5th grades, we continue to teach, train, and correct students in their knowledge and application of biblical principles and a life in Christ. This is the season when we endeavor to develop our students as Christ's disciples. It's an exciting season as we get our first taste of the "new harvest" of disciples about to come to bear in middle school. Between the ages of ten and twelve, children encounter ongoing opportunities to make decisions and choices that deepen and demonstrate their preparation and desire to walk in Christ. Relative to admissions/reenrollment reviews, a transition season commences in the 4th grade, which focuses upon the parent(s)' walk in Christ and ends in the 5th grade with an additional focus on the student's own walk with the Lord. Toward the conclusion of this season of ministry, we consult with our teachers and prayerfully consider whether each student is prepared as a disciple of Jesus Christ to enter into and be strengthened by our biblical middle-school environment. This determination is made through a review of each fifth grader's walk with Christ as manifested by his or her words and deeds. Sadly, if despite our best efforts, a finishing fifth grader has demonstrated a lack of preparation as a growing disciple of Jesus Christ, he or she is not invited to continue into middle school at CCA. These annual conferences with teachers occur each spring and are part of a thorough, prayerful, participative process designed to spur on our young disciples of Christ.

The Third Season: Grades 6 through 12 - Adding to the Spiritual Environment at CCA

We discern that God's calling for Calvary Christian Academy is to provide a biblical school environment. Young men and women between the ages of twelve and seventeen are so in need of strengthening in Christ. We are firmly committed to allying ourselves with like-minded families in order to provide a strong Christian environment where students as well as staff point each other toward Christ as we are daily conformed into His image.

Calvary Christian Academy is firmly committed to providing a school environment in which students' as well as staff's attitudes, speech, and actions are consistent with the love, wisdom, and teachings of Jesus Christ. It is also expected that students' attitudes, speech, and actions reflect Jesus Christ outside of school.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17 NIV)

Calvary Christian Academy is a school where each middle and high school student should demonstrate his or her desire to walk in Christ and point others in His direction. As such, detraction from the spiritual environment, despite ministry efforts over time, will not be allowed to persist for any secondary school student

The leadership team at CCA, in consultation with pastors from Calvary Chapel, meets monthly to review the spiritual progress of all our secondary school students. In addition, we prayerfully seek to provide students with the support and encouragement that they need in order to grow in Christ.

This is the three-season ministry approach we adopt relative to admissions, continuing enrollment, and annual reenrollment of families at Calvary Christian Academy. It is our greatest desire and fervent prayer that by allying ourselves with like-minded families, our ministry will glorify God and equip students for all that He intends.

...Only servants, through whom you came to believe- as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. (1 Corinthians 3:5-7 NIV)

Each family is reviewed annually by Calvary Christian Academy relative to these standards. In the event that a standard is called into question, we endeavor to provide ministerial support and accountability to the family.

Academic Standard of Admission*

The academic standard of admission to CCA requires prospective students to achieve reading and math test scores within one year of grade level, as indicated by their most recent achievement tests, such as the Standard Achievement Test, the Iowa Achievement Test, or entrance tests administered by the Academy. Applying students achieving within 1.0-1.4 years of grade level may be enrolled at the discretion of the Academy. In most cases, Calvary Christian Academy is not equipped to minister to students not achieving within at least 1.4 years of grade level. Academic achievement as reflected by grades on previous report cards is another variable considered in the admissions of students to the Academy.

**Academic criteria may be waived at the discretion of the Academy in the event that a student has documented exceptional student educational needs and if it is determined that CCA resources are well matched to the student's needs.*

Academic Standard of Continued Enrollment* (Elementary and Middle School only)

The academic standard for continued enrollment at CCA is a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. If a student receives a total academic-term GPA below 2.0, that student enters an academic probation period of one academic term in which to raise that term's total GPA to at least 2.0. If at the end of that student's academic probation period, he/she does not achieve a total academic term GPA of at least 2.0, resulting in two (2) consecutive academic terms below 2.0, that student's enrollment will be subject to termination.

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High School Academic Probation

Any current high school student falling below a 2.0 cumulative GPA for any semester shall be placed on academic probation for the following semester, and a letter sent home. At the end of the next quarter, the student's progress will be reviewed. If there is no measurable progress, immediate withdrawal of the student from CCA may occur.

At the end of a full semester on probation, the student will be reviewed by the principal to determine if a cumulative GPA of 2.0 has been achieved.

- If so, the student is removed from probation.
- If not, the student may be terminated from CCA.

Behavioral Standard of Admission

Prospective students exhibiting a past history of serious, disruptive conduct may not be admitted to the Academy. If the Academy determines that our spiritual, academic, and social environment is uniquely suited to minister to a prospective student who exhibits a past history of misbehavior, that student may be enrolled on a probationary status for one semester (i.e., August through January or January through June). If the Academy determines that an enrolled student’s behavior is a detriment to the environment at CCA, that student may be asked to leave the Academy prior to the end of the probationary semester.

Behavioral Standard of Continuing Enrollment

Calvary Christian Academy is blessed with resources to meet the needs of a diverse range of students. We are committed to ministering to each student enrolled at the Academy “as unto the Lord” by employing classroom, school-wide, and church resources available so that each student may grow spiritually, academically, and socially. We recognize, however, that fruitful ministry requires a receiving heart and that this requirement rests with the student and family. Calvary Christian Academy reserves the right to discipline any student for violation of the Academy’s policies, standards, expectations, rules, and regulations. If behavior persists that, at the Academy’s discretion, is inconsistent with our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ, then a student’s enrollment is subject to termination.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Calvary Christian Academy has a racially nondiscriminatory policy as to students, which means that the school admits students of any race, color, and national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at our school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and ethnic origin in our educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

My signature below indicates that I have read the material on these pages and agree to abide by the standards therein:

Father’s Signature

Mother’s Signature

Please list student(s) name(s):

