

## **STATEMENTS OF FAITH**

East Cobb Christian School is a ministry of East Cobb Presbyterian Church and as such is under the authority of the Session of the church. We hold to the doctrines of Scripture as set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith. Although our basic stance is of the “Reformed” position, we will not take dogmatic positions on debated doctrines on which godly, evangelical Christians disagree, e.g. mode of baptism and eschatological issues. We believe that in doctrinal issues there must be unity in the essentials and love in the non-essentials.

### **A Synopsis of the Beliefs of the Presbyterian Church in America**

1. The Bible is the inspired and inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
2. There is one God, eternal and self-existing in three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), who are to be equally loved, honored and adored.
3. All mankind participated in Adam’s fall from his original sinless state and is thus lost in sin and totally helpless.
4. The Sovereign God, for no other reason than His own unfathomable love and mercy, has chosen lost sinners from every nation to be redeemed by the quickening power of the Holy Spirit and through the atoning death and resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ.
5. Those sinners whom the Spirit quickens, come to believe in Christ as Savior by the Word of God, are born again, become sons of God, and will persevere to the end.
6. Justification is by faith and through it the undeserving sinner is clothed with the righteousness of Christ.
7. The goal of God’s salvation in the life of the Christian is holiness, good works, and service for the glory of God.
8. At death the Christian’s soul passes immediately into the presence of God and the unbeliever’s soul is eternally separated from God unto condemnation.
9. Baptism is a sign of God’s covenant and is properly administered to children of believers in their infancy as well as to those who come as adults to trust in Christ.
10. Jesus Christ will return to earth, visibly and bodily, at a time when He is not expected, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.
11. The Gospel of God’s salvation in Jesus Christ must be published to all the world as a witness before Jesus Christ returns.

## **UNIVERSAL STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**The following is a universal statement of faith that all school families must confess in order to be admitted.**

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:15, 2 Peter 1:21)

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28: 19, John 10:30)

We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7: 14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15 and 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16: 19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).

We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and that men 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 we are saved. (John 3:16-19 and 5:24, Romans 3:23 and 5:8-9, Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:5)

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (John 5:28-29)

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12: 12-13, Galatians 3:26-28)

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (Romans 8:13-14, 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6: 19-20, and Ephesians 4:30 and 5: 18)