



## STATEMENT OF FAITH 2016-2017

Greenville Christian School is established and commissioned to equip our students based on the following statement of faith.

- **The Bible is the inerrant word of God, the Holy Scripture.** The Bible is our reference for life, knowledge, discipleship and faith.
- **God is triune:** God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is the creator of heaven, earth and all living things. He is infinite, omniscient, omnipresent and holy.
- **Jesus Christ is the only Son of God.** He came to earth to redeem mankind, to establish His church, and to teach and disciple us in living. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and lived a sinless life.
- **Mankind is created by God in his own image, for His pleasure and purpose.** We are not puppets, but rather, we have a free will. Unlike Jesus, we are imperfect and sinful beings in need of redemption so that our relationship can be restored with the Father who is holy.
- **Redemption for our sins is provided through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Faith in this redemption is our salvation from eternal separation from God the Father.** This faith brings us into fellowship with him. Through our child-like faith, we are adopted into God's family and have direct access to a personal relationship with him.
- **The Holy Spirit was sent by God, to be our constant companion, our comforter, guide and teacher for life.** We are united as one with each other and with Christ through our faith and through the Holy Spirit who reveals to us the mind and purposes of God. We seek his guidance daily.
- **The church was has established by God through Christ. We, the body of adopted children of God, are the church.** As creations of God, we are designed for fellowship with God and with others. Through the church, we come together to worship, serve, learn and fellowship, using our spiritual gifts and personal strengths to live and serve according to His purposes.
- **The Great Commission** states that we are to teach others about Christ and his salvation. Under the Holy Spirit's guidance and direction we help others discover their salvation through Christ.
- **The Great Commandment** states that we are to love God with all of our heart, soul and mind and to love others as we love ourselves. Of faith, hope and love, the greatest is love, for God is love. We worship God and we love others through word and deed.
- **The Second coming of Christ**, as foretold by the prophets, will result in Christ establishing His kingdom here on earth. As believers in Him, we are now, and will be part of his kingdom.