

**SIGNAL MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF BELIEFS**

We believe that God created all humans in His own image, male and female, and very good [Gen. 1:26-31]. Therefore, we believe the following:

1. We believe that God redeems and restores all who confess and forsake their sin, seek His mercy and forgiveness, and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ for salvation [2 Chr. 7:14; 1 Jn. 1:9; Jn. 3:16-18].
2. We believe that all humans, as God's image-bearers, must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity [Matt. 22:34-40; Lk. 6:31]. Hateful and harassing behaviors or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture or the doctrines of SMCS.
3. We believe that God shows no partiality based upon race or ethnicity [Acts 10:34-35]; that God is building an eternal Kingdom from every nation, tribe, people and language, all equally sinners in His sight, all equally saved by His grace through faith in Christ Jesus, all united in peace and love [Rev. 7:9-17; Eph. 2:8-9]; and that, as we look forward with hope to the day that Kingdom is manifest in this world, we are called to love our neighbors of all races and ethnicities as ourselves and to not judge, label or discriminate against any of them on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin [Lk. 10:25-37; Gal. 3:26-29; Matt. 7:1; Jas. 2:8-9].
4. We believe that all human life is sacred [Gen. 9:6], that it 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 [Ex. 20:12-13; Ps. 139:13-16; Jer. 1:5]. We are, therefore, called to defend, protect, and value all human life [Ps. 82:3-4; Prov. 31:8-9].
5. We believe that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman. Because God instituted marriage, defined it as a covenant relationship between one man and one woman [Gen. 2:18, 21-25; Matt. 19:4-6] and established it as a God-ordained picture of the mysterious union between Christ and His Church [Eph. 5:22-33], SMCS will only recognize marriages between a biological man and a biological woman. We believe that God has commanded that no sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a biological male and a biological female [Ex. 20:14; 1 Cor. 7:2]. We also believe that all forms of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual or bisexual behavior, bestiality, incest and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God [Lev. 18:6-25; Rom. 1:18-31; 1 Cor. 6:9-10].
6. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female and that these two distinct complementary sexes or genders reflect the image and nature of God [Gen. 1:26-27, 5:2]. Consistent with this belief, SMCS expects all students, staff, volunteers and visitors to dress, use SMCS restrooms, and use pronouns corresponding to their biological sex at birth [Deut. 22:5].
7. We believe that to preserve the Mission, Vision, Values and integrity of SMCS, and to provide a biblical role model to its students, families and the community at large, it is imperative that all persons employed by SMCS in any capacity, and who serve as volunteers in any capacity, agree to abide by this Statement.

This Statement of Beliefs does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs and in no way changes our Doctrinal Statement. The Bible itself, as the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God (that speaks with the final authority concerning truth, morality, ethics and the proper conduct of mankind) is the sole and final source of all we believe. For purposes of SMCS's positions on faith, doctrine, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is the school's final interpretive authority of the Bible's meaning and application.

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