

STARS STATEMENT OF FAITH

We are an interdenominational Christian home school cooperative. Our Statement of Faith concerns the Person and Work of Jesus Christ (with specific relation to the Gospel) revealed in Scripture. It is the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 2, Eph. 4:5) which distinguishes believers from non-believers. There are many other precious truths taught in the Bible over which godly men and women have differed in understanding. Therefore, this is not a statement of all that is important to believe but of all that is essential to believe for Christian fellowship and unity (Rom. 15:7). These include the essentials of the Christian faith, not the non-essentials.

* We believe the Bible to be the verbally inspired and only infallible Word of God, inerrant in the original texts (II Tim. 3:16, II Peter 1:20–21).

* We believe God is one being Who eternally exists as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is but one God in all existence (Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 45:5–6). All of the persons are equal in power and glory (Matt. 28:19, II Cor. 13:14).

* We believe Jesus Christ is fully God and man (John 1:1, 14), born of a virgin (Matt. 1:18), sinless in His life (Heb. 4:15), Creator of all that has ever existed (John 1:3, Colossians 1:16). He died on the cross as a substitution for sinful men (Heb. 9:15). He rose bodily from the grave (John 20:1–9, 24–31, Acts 2:24) and now reigns with the Father (Acts 2:33, Heb. 10:12). He will return visibly and personally to the earth both in salvation and judgment (Acts 1:11, Heb. 9:28, Matt. 24:35).

* We believe all humans are sinful by nature (Rom. 3:23, 5:12) and can only be forgiven by repentance and statement of trust in Jesus as Savior (John 3:16), brought about by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5–7). There is nothing that sinful man can do to earn salvation and eternal life; it is only through the work of Christ and union with Him by faith that sinful man can inherit eternal life (John 3:16, John 10:27–29, Ephesians 2:8–10).

* We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:1–17).

We are an openly and unapologetically Christian group, and as such, will be mentioning God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and other biblical concepts that accord with our Christian worldview. Therefore, as an instructor of STARS Co-op, members are to use the above Statement of Faith as a guideline in the planning and execution of coursework. Any teaching or proselytizing that is contrary or antagonistic to the above Statement of Faith is prohibited.

I have read, understand and agree to the above Statement of Faith and will seek to uphold its values in my conduct as a teacher and/or member of STARS Co-op.

Signature

Date