



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

SURGE Christian Academy is an independent, non-denominational school. We are not opposed to denominations but we have consciously chosen to operate non-denominationally in order that through the genuine Love of God we can serve the entire Body of Christ, share in His Eternal Sacrifice, and take hold of His Spiritual Gifts. We believe that the only true basis of Christian Fellowship is His unconditional Agape or Love for humanity, which is greater than any differences we may have. (1 Corinthians 12-13)

SURGE Christian Academy exists to support the home and church in a joint effort to lead each student to a personal relationship with Christ. The student body includes families who are members of churches of various denominations and doctrinal beliefs. Therefore, SURGE Christian Academy purpose is not to teach denominational doctrine, but rather to inspire students to search for their own unique meaning or interpretation of God' Word.

Certainly, all students are welcome to attend at SURGE Christian Academy – regardless of religious affiliation or denomination. However, all students, parents, support staff, instructors, and administration are expected to value our statement of faith, govern themselves by our code of conduct and be full participants in the SURGE Christian Academy community.

One of SURGE Christian Academy's primary objectives is to teach character qualities of Christ. We believe that studying the Bible is not an isolated matter. Its truths must be integrated into all subject areas. We desire to teach all students to become proactive critical thinkers so that they may acquire the knowledge to search the scriptures and learn to evaluate issues of life from a biblical perspective. Indeed, a Christian education does not end with the memorization of Bible verses. It must include an authentic application of scripture in to one's daily living.

SURGE Christian Academy's statement of faith defines the essential beliefs that guide our school, and it does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. Indeed, The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we hold dear and true.

SURGE Christian Academy's statement of faith can be summarized by the emphasis on three essential positive character traits – Humility, Love, and Wisdom.

**HUMILITY** – minimizes arrogance and removes pride. It is understanding our fallen nature and tendency to think that we are better than we are, and our striving to lift up ourselves above others and God. It is admitting that others, and more importantly God is responsible for our achievements. Humbleness will enable us to be a teachable person who is willing to have the attitude of submission and servant-hood, one who confesses sin and remembers how Christ served us! (Luke 22:27; Phil. 2:8; 1 Peter 5:3-5).

Philippians 2:3, 3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

**LOVE** – will enable us to appreciate our brothers and sisters in the Lord, and, of course, our family, and others around us. Love is taking the initiative to build up and meet the needs of others without expecting anything in return. (John 13:1; 15:13; 1 Corinthians 13:3)

John 13:34, 35 "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

**WISDOM** – truly desires the knowledge of God's Word and the proper application to our life. This will enable us to make good judgments and decisions. (1 Kings 3:9; Psalm 119:97-98).

Proverbs 4:7 "Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

**Introduction:** Our Statement of Faith defines the essential beliefs that guide SURGE Christian Academy's beliefs. It is our desire that the students of SURGE Christian Academy become strong in spirit, in body, in mind, and in character, grow and mature in their knowledge and love of Christ, and live out their faith in their academic, personal and professional lives in ways that honor and please God. (Col 1:10).

Therefore, the following foundational beliefs are set forth as the basic, guiding Biblical principles of SURGE Christian Academy:

**God:** We believe that there is one true God. He is the Creator (Gen 1:1). He is Sovereign (Ps. 135:6, Dan. 4:34-35). He is the Lord who sustains, rules, and by grace, redeems (Ps. 54:4, Ps. 103:19, Ps. 34:22). We believe in the Trinity and that God eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19, Luke 3:22). We believe that God is loving, holy and just. He is immutable, (Heb. 6:18), omnipotent (Rev. 19:6), and He is passionate about His relationship with people. (Ex. 34:14).

**Jesus Christ:** We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. "He became flesh" (John 1:14), being conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:31, 35), and born of a virgin (Matt. 1:23). He lived a life on earth holy and perfect, without sin (1 Pet. 2:22). He died a sacrificial death on a cross for our sins (2 Cor. 5:21). On the third day, by the power of God, He rose from the dead (Luke 24:39, 1 Cor. 6:14). He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God (Acts 2:33) where forever He lives to intercede for His people (Heb. 7:25).

**Holy Spirit:** We believe the Holy Spirit is active in regeneration, convicting us of sin and drawing us to the Savior (John 14, 15, 16). He continues the work of spiritual growth begun at the time of salvation. The Holy Spirit dwells in the hearts of those who are saved (Rom. 8:25), and produces in us the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23), and bestows gifts for ministry (1 Cor. 12:4-11).

**Bible:** We believe the Bible is the Word of God, the only rule of faith and practice. The Bible is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:15-17) and as such, the Bible shall be instructional and provide guidance in all matters of the organization.

**Salvation:** We believe that salvation is by God's grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:8) and no other way. We believe that all who respond to the gospel in faith will be saved. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6).

**Prayer:** We believe that prayer is an intimate (Matt. 6:6) and essential part of a person's growing and maturing relationship with Christ. (James 5:16b).

**Servant Leaders:** We believe that as followers of Jesus Christ we are called to serve God through serving others. We believe that whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, (Matt. 20:26) and that we should model our lives after the life of Christ, in that the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve (Matt. 20:28).

**Heaven:** We believe that God will judge the living and the dead. We believe that heaven is the everlasting reward and the eternal home of all believers. We believe that every person who hears the gospel has a choice to accept Christ and spend eternity with Him in heaven, or to reject Him and spend eternity apart from Him (hell). Therefore, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58).

For the purposes of SURGE Christian Academy's statement of faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the School Principal/Headmaster and the School Board of Directors are our final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application. These primary doctrines below are key elements of Christianity that are taught in various ways throughout all grade levels. SURGE Christian Academy encourages Christ honoring discussions and debates among SURGE Christian Academy students, in order to foster critical and creative thinking development. The school's official position on doctrinal issues is to have the students always go to the Scripture and then go to their family and church as they seek to define their own unique beliefs on doctrines.

Students asking doctrinal questions should be referred to their family and church. If asked by a student, staff members may state their own beliefs; however, personal doctrinal convictions are not to be imposed upon students. The spiritual goal is to develop a growing, personal relationship with Christ using the Bible as our guideline. Students who are taught to seek the truth by studying God's Word will be well prepared to defend their own faith.

SURGE Christian Academy's statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. We believe that The Bible itself, as the inspired Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final written source of all that we believe. For purposes of doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the School Principal/Headmaster, subject to review by the School Board of Directors as appropriate, shall be the school's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.