

Statement of Faith: The Core Beliefs and Virtues of GCCS

The doctrinal beliefs of Gloucester County Christian School are the same as Hardingville Bible Church.

We Believe:

1. The Holy Bible, the Old and New Testaments, with its sixty-six canonical books in the original manuscripts, is the verbal, plenary, inerrant, and infallible Word of God, entirely without error or contradiction in all matters of which it speaks. We additionally believe that God, by His singular care and providence, has preserved His Holy Scriptures, and that the Holy Bible is, therefore, the only sufficient, final, and supreme rule of authority of faith and practice. (Ps. 12:6-7, 119:89, 105, 152, 160; Matt. 5:18, 24:35; Luke 16:17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 4:12; 1 Pet. 1:24-25; 2 Pet. 1:21; Rev. 22:18-19)
2. In One Triune God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that they are equal in essence and attributes, yet distinct in office and activity. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14).
3. In the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ; that He is the Eternal Son of God, that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless and perfect life, died on Calvary's Cross, was buried and rose again the third day, was seen of many, ascended into heaven and that He ever liveth to make intercession for all that come to God by Him. (John 1:1, 14; Matt. 1:16-23; Isa. 7:14; Phil. 2:6-8; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 1:9-11; Heb. 7:25)
4. In the deity of the Holy Spirit, that He is a person and not a force, that He regenerates, baptizes, seals, indwells, fills, teaches, guides, convicts, comforts, intercedes, and sanctifies the believer. (John 4:24; Ps. 139:7; John 14:16-17; 1 Cor. 12:13; Tit. 3:5; Eph. 1:13, 4:30, 5:18)
5. The sign gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 are to be miraculous gifts, sovereignly bestowed by the Holy Spirit for a limited time. These gifts were for the infant church of the first century and are not for the church today.
6. That God created the heavens and the earth in six literal days, and that man was created on the sixth day. We believe that life is sacred and that it begins at conception. Accordingly, we hold that the intentional termination of that life by abortion or euthanasia is condemned by Scripture. (Ps. 139:13-16; Jer. 1:5)
7. That man was ruined by the fall in Genesis 3, and that he is totally depraved, and that the only way to be saved is by grace. We believe that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, and in Christ alone. We believe in the literal bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Eph. 2:1-3, 8-9 Rom. 3:10, 23; 1 Cor. 15:1-4)
8. In the eternal security of the believer. (John 10:28; Rom. 8:1, 38-39)
9. The Church, which is the Body of Christ, began with the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and those who receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior are members of the Body of Christ and are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Great Commission is for the Church; that the Lord's Supper as a memorial and Baptism by Immersion are the ordinances of the church, and that Christ has commanded us to practice them in this age. (Acts 2; 1 Cor. 12:12-18; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 8:35-38; 1 Cor. 11:23-29)
10. That Satan is a person, the author of the fall, and that he has been defeated on the cross, and shall be eternally punished. (Job 1:6 – 2:7; Gen. 3:1-6; Heb. 2:14; Rev. 20:10)
11. That Christ may at any moment return in the air to rapture the saints, and that a tribulation period of seven years will follow, after which He will come to the earth with His saints and rule for a thousand years. After this, the wicked will be judged and cast into the lake of fire. We affirm our belief in a pretribulational rapture of the church and the premillennial return of Christ in glory. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust; and in the eternal conscious punishment of the lost, and the eternal joy of the saved. (1 Cor. 15:51-57; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15-21, 25:46; Rev. 19:11, 20:10-15, 22:12-14)