## **STATEMENT OF BELIEFS**

North County Christian School subscribes to the following Biblical teaching:

- God is one eternally existent, infinite Triune God and has revealed himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Jesus is divine and was fully God and fully man at the same time.
- The Holy Spirit is active today, convincing the world of sin, giving new life to those who repent and believe, sanctifying believers, and guiding into all truth.
- The Bible was inherently inspired by God and reveals the will of God in all matters of faith and salvation.
- Original sin, the corruption of man by Satan, continues to exist in a Christian's life until cleansed by the Holy Spirit.
- Salvation started in God's loving heart, and is grounded in Jesus' sufferings, shedding of blood, death on the cross, and resurrection.
- Man is morally responsible for his use of free will and God never takes his freedom of choice from him.
- Repentance involves a sense of personal guilt and a voluntary turning away from sin.
- In salvation God sees a person as if he had never sinned, is given a new life beginning, and is adopted into God's family.
- God gives a pure heart to those who are brought into complete devotion to God and that this work of God's grace is complete sanctification.
- Jesus will come to earth again and those who are in His will go to live with Him eternally and those that do not belong to Him will spend eternity in Hell.
- Christian baptism shows acceptance of Jesus.
- Communion is a sacrament that declares Jesus' sacrificial death.
- God can and does heal body, mind, and emotions, and allows providential agencies and persons to aid in the healing process.
- A person receives the fruit of the Spirit when he becomes a believer, the gifts of the Spirit are given by God's will alone and no gift is superior to any other and no gift is universally given to all believers.

The scriptural reference for each of the belief statements can be found in the Parent / Student Handbook.

## PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

- Our philosophy of education is a theology of education, because it is built on Biblical principles. Pertinent passages of scripture are Deuteronomy 6:5-7, Ephesians 4:11-16 and Romans 12:1-2.
- According to Deuteronomy 6:5-7 all education, and especially Christian education, begins in the home. Parents are the primary developers of a child's education. This responsibility cannot be taken from them, nor can they give it away.
- Ephesians 4:11-16 teaches that God has given some the gift of teaching. Their responsibility is to "equip the students for works of service." They do not take the parents place; but become "para-parent" for the students.
- Our ultimate goal in Christian education is found in Romans 12:1-2: To help the students be transformed by the renewing of their minds, so they will be able to test and approve what God's will is for them. This renewing is always based on a student's submission to the Lordship of Jesus.
- The academic requirements at North County Christian School are secondary to the fact that we are first Christians. This does not mean that academics are of little importance. We have a higher academic standard than many schools because Christians should exemplify only the highest standards.