

MCA Statement of Faith

Maranatha Christian Academy is a ministry of Eastern Kansas Christian Schools and is interdenominational in its attitude and emphasis. The school stands and operates firmly on the changeless Word of God as expressed in the following statement of historic evangelical Christianity:

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, and inerrant Word of God¹.
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit².
- We believe in the deity of Christ; His virgin birth; His sinless life; His miracles; His vicarious and atoning death; His resurrection; His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His personal return in power and glory³.
- We believe that God is the Creator of all things, including mankind. Men and women were created by God⁴.
- We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ; and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved⁵.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; that they are saved unto the resurrection of life; and that they are lost unto the resurrection of damnation⁶.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ⁷.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life⁸.
- We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably created each person as either wholly male or wholly female in conformity with their biological sex. The sex of a person at birth is their sex as God does not make mistakes. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God⁹.
- We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning: the God-created sacrament or union of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive, covenant commitment, as delineated in Scripture, distinguished by sexual exclusivity, permanence and devotion to their good and to the welfare of any children within the family¹⁰.
- We believe that God intends for sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God's command is that there be no sexual intimacy outside of or apart from the man-woman marriage relationship¹¹.
- We believe in the sanctity of all human life, including the pre-born from conception, and consider each person to be of infinite value and each life a gift from God to be cherished, nurtured and redeemed¹².
- We believe that when disputes, disagreements, or other offenses arise among members of the body of Christ, it is a matter of grave concern for the whole body. Conflicts that occur in the body should be resolved promptly. We believe God calls us to proceed with one another with "the same attitude that was in Christ Jesus," and to follow Biblical principles for conflict resolution¹³.

¹ II Tim. 3:15, II Peter 1:21

² Gen. 1:1, Matt. 28:19, John 10:30

³ John 10:33, Is. 7:14, Matt. 1:23, Luke 1:35, Heb. 4:15, 7:26, John 2:11, I Cor. 15:3, Eph. 1:7, Heb. 2:9, John 11:25, I Cor. 15:4, Mark 16:19, Acts 1:11, Rev. 19:11,

⁴ Genesis 1 & 2, John 1: 1-5

⁵ John 3:16-19, 5:24, Rom. 3:23, 5:8-9; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:5

⁶ John 5:28-29

⁷ Rom. 8:9, I Cor. 12:12-13, Gal. 3:26-28

⁸ Rom. 8:13-14; I Cor. 3:16, 6:19-20; Eph. 4:30, 5:18

⁹ Genesis 1:26-27

¹⁰ Numbers 30:2, Genesis 2:18-25, and James 5:12

¹¹ I Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4

¹² Genesis 1:27; Genesis 9:6; Psalm 139:13-16; Luke 1:44

¹³ Matthew 5:23-24; Philippians 2:5 Ephesians 4:26-27 (Matthew 18).