



Statement of Belief/Faith

It is the policy of the Board of Pine Haven Christian Assembly that all staff, board members, deans, manager(s), camp missionaries, speakers/teachers, faculty or all other additional camp personnel adhere to the following statement of belief/faith:

God is one Being in three persons - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is the source of all creation (Gen 1:1, John 1:1-2) which He sustains (Col. 1:17) and is in the process of redeeming (Rom. 8:19-22). God the Father loves us and desires that we have fellowship with Him as His children (I John 1:3).

Jesus is the incarnation of God the Son. He is the Word become flesh (John 1:14) and he now holds all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). He is Savior and Lord. He made human salvation possible through His life, death on the cross, and resurrection. He ascended into heaven where He is now our High Priest and Advocate. He is Head of the Church.

The Holy Spirit works actively in the world, seeking to glorify Jesus. The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin, righteousness and judgment to come (John 16:5-11). The Holy Spirit develops within the Christian a pure heart which results in Christ-like character expressed in private and public conduct and action.

The Bible. We believe the collection of 66 Books comprising the Bible contain the accurate and authoritative Word of God (II Tim 3:14-17; II Peter 1:16-21). The Bible is the rule of faith and practice for Christians. We seek to assert what the Scriptures clearly assert, allowing freedom of opinion in areas where Scripture is silent. We seek to understand Divine intent through authorial intent as we are aided by the tools of critical study and the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we may know Christ and be equipped to contextually apply the teaching of the New Covenant personally and corporately for the Glory of God through Christ.

The Church is the body of Jesus Christ on earth, the community of believers throughout the world. Upon surrender to Jesus Christ, a person is added to the Church. In addition, the priesthood of all believers means each Christian is called to be a serving minister (I Peter 2:9-10). The Church's mission is the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Human beings were created by God, in His image, to walk in fellowship with Him. However, all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23) and must rely on God's grace and forgiveness through Jesus and His atoning work. Every human, from the moment of conception is created in the image of God, and is a person for whom God gave His only Son so that he/she may come to have and know true and eternal life.

Gender. We believe in the immutable and purposeful biological creation by God of each person as either **male or female**. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27).

Marriage. We believe that Scripture's instruction regarding human sexuality is clear. Therefore, we affirm in our policies and teaching that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one male and one female and that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that union. Established in the Creator's original design (Genesis 2:18-25) and confirmed in the words of Jesus (Matthew 19:4-6), marriage is both the foundational relationship in society and a reflection of Christ's relationship with his Church (Ephesians 5:21-33).

Salvation is by God alone through Jesus Christ alone. One accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through a conversion process that includes faith, confession, repentance and immersion (Acts 2:38, 42; 8:12; 10:47-48; 22:16; Rom.10:9).

The Lord's Supper is the celebration of the New Covenant, in which the Christian community remembers Jesus Christ and celebrates the covenantal relationship that we have with Him and each other. Congregations in the Restoration Movement typically celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly (I Cor. 11:17-34; Acts 20:7).

The Final Coming of Jesus Christ is a time when He will personally come again as Savior and Judge of the world. At that time, there will be the bodily resurrection of the dead—believers to eternal life with God and unbelievers to eternal judgment. Sin will be no more and believers in Jesus Christ will live in fellowship with God forever (I Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 20:11-15).

I have read and am willing to adhere to Pine Haven's statement of belief in all my areas of influence while serving at Pine Haven Christian Assembly.

Signature _____ Date _____