

Statement of Christian Principles

Marriage & Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that God created mankind in His image: male (man) and female (woman), sexually different but with equal personal dignity. Consequently, we must affirm their biological sex and refrain from any and all attempts to physically change, alter, or disagree with their predominant biological sex. (Gen 1:26-28; Rom 1:26-32; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

We believe that God created and ordered human sexuality to the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal "one flesh" union of man and woman, intrinsically ordered to procreation and biological family, and in furtherance of the moral, spiritual, and public good of binding father, mother, and child.

Consequently, we must affirm the sexual complementarity of man and woman and resist any and all same-sex sexual attractions and refrain from any and all same-sex sexual acts or conduct. (Gen 1:27; Gen 2:24; Mt 19:4-6; Mk 10:5-9; Rom 1:26-27; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Eph 5:25-27; Rev 19:7-9; Rev 21:2).

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, pedophilic behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the school and to provide a biblical role model to its constituency and the community, it is imperative that all parties utilizing MO facilities agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-15; 1 Thess. 5:22).

Sanctity of Human Life and Dignity

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. It is MO policy to defend, protect, and value all human life (Ps. 139).

We believe that every person must be treated with compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28- 31; Luke 6:31; Eph. 4:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the policies of MO.

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