

Statement of Faith

- 1. The Bible: We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:19-21).
- 2. Trinity: We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matt 28:19).
- 3. Jesus Christ and Salvation: We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory (Isaiah 7:14; John 1:14). We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood (I Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 5:1-11).
- 4. Unity and Love: We believe in the spiritual unity and equality of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:20-23). We believe that the greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40). We believe that we should demonstrate love and respect toward fellow believers, those who are not believers, and those who engage in actions contrary to Biblical teaching. We also believe that love and truth complement rather than conflict with one another (Ephesians 4:15).
- 5. Sanctity of Life: We believe in the inherent sanctity and value of every human life, recognizing that life is a gift from God and is to be cherished from conception to natural death. This belief is deeply rooted in the Scriptures, which teach that every person is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). We are all fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14), and God knew us before we were formed in the womb (Jeremiah 1:5). As such, every life, whether unborn or aged, has worth and purpose. We are called to defend and protect the voiceless and vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8-9), and to uphold the sacredness of life against any act that would end it prematurely or without divine intention. The shedding of innocent blood is an abomination to the Lord (Proverbs 6:16-17), and as believers, we stand firmly against practices that violate the sanctity of life and affirm that life begins at conception and should only end by natural means.
- 6. Marriage and Gender: We believe that God designed marriage as a unique conjugal relationship joining one man and one woman in a single, exclusive, life-long union, and God intends sexual intimacy only to occur with that relationship. Further, God creates each person with an immutable biological sex—male or female—that reflects the image and nature of God (Genesis 2:21-24; Genesis 5:2; Mark 7:21; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 6:9, 18-20; Ephesians 5:25-32; Hebrews 13:4).
- 7. Statement of Final Authority: The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of School Alive's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Member(s) is School Alive's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.