

STATEMENT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

Below are two sets of statements that guide the education that your child will receive at Covenant. On the back of the sheet is our Standard of Conduct. The first statement is our Doctrinal Statement. It is a statement of Christian faith to which each teacher is required to subscribe without reservation. We teach this statement in our classrooms as absolutely true. The second is Covenant's Vision and Mission statement. These statements are included on our application and all families applying for admission for their child will be asked to accept and agree that your child's experience at Covenant will be guided by these theological, educational, and strategic principles. At least one parent/guardian must agree and accept Covenant's Doctrine Statement.

## **DOCTRINE STATEMENT**

The following statements form the foundation of beliefs upon which The Covenant Preparatory School has been established. The substance of these statements is considered primary doctrine of Covenant; secondary or divisive doctrines or issues will not be presented as primary doctrine. When these types of doctrine or issues arise, they will be referred to the family and local churches for final authority.

- A. We believe in one God, Creator of the universe, eternally existing as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Triune God has created man in His own image and has called him to manifest and reflect holiness through obedience to His commandments. Because man has woefully fallen in this responsibility and entered into a state of moral corruption, he has subsequently become estranged from his Creator.
- B. We believe that because of a profound love for His creation, God has initiated a plan of redemption, which He has accomplished on behalf of His people in the realm of temporal history. The apex of this redemption is found in the historical incarnation of God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. We confess Jesus to be the Messiah of Old Testament prophecy, being at the same time fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and He lived a sinless life of perfect obedience. He was crucified as a substitutionary atonement for sinners. He was raised from the dead on the third day and is sitting at the right hand of the Father interceding on behalf of His people.
- C. We believe that we receive salvation from the penalty of sin and the just wrath of God by grace alone, through faith alone, on the merit of Christ alone.
- D. We believe that the risen and ascended Christ has sent His Holy Spirit to dwell in the hearts of His people, effecting their regeneration and operating in their sanctification to enable them to live Godly lives.
- E. We believe that the Bible in its entirety, being the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, which are Genesis through Malachi and Matthew through Revelation respectively, is divine revelation. We submit to its authority, acknowledging it to be inerrantly inspired by God and carrying the full weight of His authority.
- F. We believe in the Lordship of Christ over all of life. We believe that God's commandments are relevant and necessary to our present culture and that our faith should be visible in concrete models of personal and social behavior. We seek to be faithful disciples of Christ, pursuing our callings in love and obedience until He comes again to consummate His kingdom.
- G. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: They that are saved, to the resurrection of life and eternal joy, and they that are lost to the resurrection of damnation.

### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a college-preparatory education based on Christian values and Biblical principles and to assist parents in developing individuals of strong intellect, spirit, body, and heart.

# **VISION STATEMENT**

To be committed to serving Jesus Christ as a distinguished school.

### THE COVENANT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

#### **STANDARD OF CONDUCT**

The Covenant Preparatory School was founded upon the conviction that young people should be able to gain a quality academic education in an environment that is conducive to spiritual growth. The school holds that the Bible is the sole authority on all spiritual matters and that spiritual growth begins with the initial act of saving faith and continues throughout life. Bible study is a required part of each student's curriculum and students are required to attend Chapel services.

As a part of its basic philosophy of education, Covenant also recognized that the home is primarily responsible for the development of Christian character, and that the school is responsible for building on its foundation. In order to build on this foundation, Covenant must, therefore, provide an environment conducive to the spiritual growth and development of young people who are not yet mature Christians. We believe in a Standard of Conduct, based upon Biblical principles of Christian Living.

The school therefore, expects each student to maintain Christian standards of courtesy, kindness, morality, and honesty. The school further requires each student to refrain from profanity, indecent language, gambling, cheating, stealing and use and/or possession of any type of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, and pornographic materials, and from participating in unlawful, violent, or destructive acts. Students are expected to abide by all standards as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook throughout their enrollment at The Covenant Preparatory School. This includes both in-school and out-of-school. Students found to be out of harmony with Covenant Christian principles may be asked to withdraw whenever the general welfare of the student body demands it. It should be understood that this is a joint agreement between the school, the parent/guardian, and the student. Both the school and the parent/guardian must enforce these standards while the student is associated with Covenant.