

### ARTICLE III FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

The Statement of Faith and Educational Philosophy of BCCA is set forth in the unamendable Articles of Incorporation, which in relevant part is reproduced herein.

**Section (1). Statement of Faith.** In accordance with the Mission and Vision of Brown County Christian Academy, we hold the following Statement to be true and to be the foundation upon which the Christian Faith is practiced. We therefore request that all who wish to associate themselves with Brown County Christian Academy accept and agree with the following statement:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, without error in its original writings, the only complete and authoritative source of His will and His plan for the salvation of man, and of guidance for Christian life. (II Timothy 3:16, 17)
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Gen 1:1; John 10:30; John 10:37-38)
3. We believe in the deity of the 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 imminent return in power and glory. (Isa 7:14; Matt 1:23; Luke 1:35; Heb 4:15; Heb 7:25; John 2:11; Heb 9:12; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; John 11:25; Acts 1:11; Rev 19:11-16)
4. We believe that Man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God, and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are sinners in thought, word and deed. (John 3:5; Rom 5:8)
5. We believe that the sinless life, sacrificial death and physical resurrection of Jesus Christ provide the only grounds for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only those who receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God. (Titus 3: 4-7; Eph 2:8-9; Rom 3:21-28; Rom 5:8; Gal 4:4-7)
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, and that those who are saved through faith in Jesus Christ shall have eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord; those who have not believed in Jesus Christ through faith shall receive judgment and eternal damnation. (John 5:24; 28-29; Matt 25:46)
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 8:9; I Cor 12:12-13; Gal 3:26-28)

**Section (2). Educational Philosophy.** Excellent education is founded upon disciplined, eager attention to learning. This discipline rests upon a student's moral character, which is developed through a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. In support of parents' God-given responsibility for educating their children, BCCA will:

1. Provide a clear model of Christian life through its staff and Board members. (Matt. 22:37-40)
2. Encourage every young student to begin and to continue to develop a relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ. (Matt. 28:18-20)
3. Teach all subjects from a Biblical worldview as parts of an integrated whole with the Scripture at the center. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
4. Provide students with a **classical education**, in which **grammar** (the fundamental facts and rules of each subject), **logic** (the ordered relationship of particulars in each subject), and **rhetoric** (the expression in speech and writing of the ideas of a subject) are emphasized in all the subject areas.
5. Encourage all students to develop wisdom, discernment, and a love for learning. Children will be taught how to learn for themselves and how to express what they have learned; how to think rather than simply what to think.

**Section (3). Organizational Philosophy.** To carry out its mission of academic excellence within a Biblical worldview, The BCCA shall:

1. Operate with efficiency and excellence.
2. Maintain respect for the individual and insist upon gracious interactions at every level of the organization.
3. Encourage a decentralized form of administration where decisions are made and responsibility for those decisions rests at the lowest possible level of the organization. The organizational principle of delegation is intended to reduce administrative overhead and empower the individuals involved in a particular process to have primary input to improve it. (Ex 18:13-27)
4. Regard parents as customers of BCCA and teachers as having Board delegated authority in the classroom.
5. Encourage parents to be active supporters of the educational process.
6. Commit to resolve disputes that arise out of, or relate to, its organizational documents by Biblically-based mediation. (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 6:1-8)