

# WHO WE ARE



Since 1977, New Life Academy has partnered with Christian parents to help their children grow in their God-given gifts and develop a love for learning. NLA was founded on the unchanging truths of God's Word; every aspect of what is taught is done through a Biblical Worldview. Our school community is made up of Preschool-Grade 12 families. New Life Academy stands out with its Christ-centered education, strong academics, close-knit community, and excellent extracurriculars and athletics.

### Mission

We educate students and help them flourish in a Christ-centered community where they are known, loved, and valued.

## **Vision**

We educate faith-filled, future-ready students that will influence the world for Jesus Christ.

# **SOCIAL POSITIONS**

## **Truth of Scripture**

As we address all issues of life, we believe that the Bible has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We believe that "all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (II Timothy 3:16-17). We believe that the Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament, is the infallible Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and without error in the original manuscripts (2 Peter 1:21). Because the Bible is true and the standard of truth, it is good and the standard of moral goodness (Psalm 19:7-11).

## **Family Structure**

We believe that marriage is a covenantal relationship between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5). We believe that God created man and woman equally in His image, importance, and value, and in God's love and wisdom, they were given unique and complementary roles in marriage as a picture of Christ and the Church (Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:18; Ephesians 5:22- 31). We believe that God has given the primary responsibility of discipling and teaching children to parents (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 22:6; Psalm 78:1-7). The Church and Christian schools exist to come alongside parents in this journey to equip, strengthen, confirm, and reinforce biblical teaching at home.

## **Sexual Purity**

We believe that any sexual activity outside of the marriage bond is sin (Hebrews 13:4). Furthermore, because marriage is a covenantal relationship between one man and one woman, any sexual activity outside of the marriage relationship is defined by the Bible as fornication (Matthew 19:4-5). Fornication is sin. We believe that any form of sexual immorality that deviates from the biblical standard, such as adultery, pornography, homosexual behavior, premarital sex, bisexual conduct, bestiality, any attempt to change one's sex, or disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 13, 18-19; Exodus 20:13; Matthew 15:19; Romans 1:26-27).

## **Bullying**

We believe that all humans are created in the image of God and therefore each individual is highly valuable. As a result, God expects all people to be treated with respect and honor. We are called to love and encourage one another as we strive for unity (Mark 12:29-31; I John 4:19-20; Ephesians 4:1-3). This means that all bullying, whether it is physical, verbal, cyber, written, or relational is sin.

## **Sanctity of Life**

We believe that life is a gift from God and is precious. We believe that life begins at conception (Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 44:2a; Isaiah 49:5a) and each person's days are numbered by God (Psalm 139:16; James 4:13-15).

### **Biblical View of Gender**

We believe that God created individuals uniquely male and female. Based on that Biblical view of gender, students are required to wear clothing consistent with their biological sex. Students are also required to use bathrooms, locker rooms, and pronouns that are consistent with their biological sex. To the extent that a student participates in extra-curricular activities, the student's participation will be consistent with his or her biological sex. Any attempt to change one's biological sex or outward expressions that are in disagreement with one's biological sex is considered to be a violation of the Academy's conduct expectations. These expectations apply to a student's behavior regarding him or herself, as well as a student's behavior toward other students.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and having supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

## **The Trinity**

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three Persons; that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct, but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption.

### **God the Father**

We believe in God the Father, an infinite personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayers and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

### **Jesus Christ**

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection and ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.

## **The Holy Spirit**

We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide.

## Regeneration

We believe that all men are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation and that there are no good deeds that a person can do to free himself from condemnation. We believe that those who receive Jesus Christ as Lord and trust in Him by faith receive salvation and are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

## **The Last Things**

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth and the establishment of His Kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal peace and joy of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

### The Church

We believe in the universal church: a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church: consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work, and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.