



STATEMENT OF FAITH

Redeemer Classical Academy subscribes to the essential tenets of the Christian faith as described by the Nicene Creed. In an effort to hold on to and guard these essentials, we require all faculty, employees, board members, committee members, regular volunteers, and front desk volunteers to sign a statement professing the truth of the Nicene Creed. All parents and upper school students are required to affirm their understanding of said creed, although they are not required to subscribe to it. Any exceptions must be unanimously approved by the board.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Anonymous. Nicene Creed. Web. www.ccel.org/creeds/nicene.creed.html.



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Redeemer Classical Academy is a new work of God and exists only through His sovereignty and by His power. Longing for a traditional Christ-centered Classical school option for area families, a group of educators and parents met in the spring of 2013 around a kitchen table and decided, after much prayer and scripture reading, to seek God's guidance on the formation of a new school. They determined God was leading them to form a Christ-centered Classical school for the north Rutherford county area, and, with the support of a few interested families, they formed Redeemer Classical Academy the following week. God's movement was evident early on, as 14 families committed to the school's opening grades 4 - 12. Through the grace of God, Redeemer opened with grades K-12. God continues to direct our path and bless our efforts, as we submit to His leadership.

Our cornerstone scripture passage is Isaiah 61:3-4:

To grant those that mourn in Zion - to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruin cities, the devastations of many generations. This passage is a Messianic prophecy, speaks to heart of why our founding group was lead to form RCA, and gives us our mascot. ***We are The Mighty Oaks! This symbol is prevalent in our logo and serves as a constant reminder of our purposes and goals, keeping us daily focused on our calling from God - to provide a Christ-centered Classical education.***

Our primary objective is to provide a traditional Classical education with a Christ-centered approach in all we do, offering our students a rigorous academic course of study and Christian discipleship in a community context for God's glory, as represented in our motto:

Omnia per Eum, All Things Through Him.

Redeemer Classical Academy is a Christ-centered classical school focused on achieving academic excellence through a traditional classical model and on training students through discipleship and service to love the LORD with their hearts, minds and souls.



OUR CORE VALUES

1. **Living as the body of Christ at Redeemer Classical Academy**
2. **Seeking God's truth and wisdom in all things**
3. **Acting at all times with integrity, humility and transparency**
4. **Diligently striving for excellence in all things**
5. **Acting as agents of Christ's redemption in all facets of our world**

WE BELIEVE that we have much to learn from history. Therefore, our curriculum is rooted in developing in students an understanding of the broad sweep of history that has shaped our culture by integrating the curriculum across disciplines for specific time periods. **WE BELIEVE** that good books are like nutritious food. As a body needs a well-balanced diet, so a mind needs rich and satisfying material to help it grow mentally and spiritually. Because of this, our students will read the classics. **WE BELIEVE** in the power of the written and spoken word. Therefore, our students will be asked to write, write often and write well and will be trained to speak with poise and purpose. Finally, **WE BELIEVE** that in God we find the source of all knowledge. Thus, our students will study orthodox Christian doctrine in order to return all glory to our Maker.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Mission Statement

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Supremacy of Jesus Christ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the beginning from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. *Colossians 1:15-18*



Jesus Christ is the beginning and end of all we think and do. We recognize Him as the Source, Center, and Head of all. He has been given authority by God the Father to rule over all, and every knee will one day bow to His Lordship. We believe that we exist for God's glory and that man is inherently sinful and in desperate need of the salvation offered by Jesus Christ through His atoning death. Each child is encouraged to enter by faith into a relationship with Jesus Christ and grow in his/her knowledge of and relationship with Him. This includes daily submission and surrender of the entire self to His authority and leadership, recognizing His sovereign right to rule pre-eminently over us. Students are taught to submit all areas of their lives to Jesus so they might experience the joy and fullness of a daily relationship with Him.

Authority of the Bible

All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The foundation for all we teach and do is the inerrant, infallible, authoritative Word of God. We seek to build within each student a Biblical worldview, taking our definition and standard of truth from the Scriptures. The Bible itself is a central subject in the academic curriculum. Further, Biblical truths are integrated into the learning experience in all subjects. Students learn how to process information and draw conclusions in the context of Biblical truth, leading to a life that glorifies God.

Partnership with Families

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. **Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

We believe that God has given parents the ultimate responsibility for the education of their children. We serve as an extension of the home, partnering with parents and serving families in the intellectual and spiritual discipleship of their children. We believe that God has created each child as unique and worthy of our utmost attention. Further to our partnership with families, we seek to bring God's light, grace and truth to our broader community.

Academic Excellence

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, right handling the word of truth. **2 Timothy 2:15**



We have adopted a Classical approach to education. We believe that the historical, holistic approach personified by the traditional Classical model is exceptionally outstanding in preparing the student to retain knowledge, think logically and analytically, communicate effectively, and succeed in living out God's calling on his/her life. Within that context, every teacher is passionate about his/her subject and has exceptional qualification to perform his/her role with excellence. High academic standards are maintained for each student, with the expectation that each can succeed, regardless of background. Every child is encouraged to maximize his/her learning potential and develop a lifelong love for learning.

Cultivation of Christ-like Character

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 1:5-8**

We believe that education is not just about training the mind with knowledge but also training the heart for service - full of compassion, with the goal of living a life that exemplifies our Redeemer. Students are taught to love God with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love their neighbors as themselves, with the goal of glorifying God and leading others to a restored relationship with Him through our LORD. As students grow in their relationships with God, they will glorify Him through their interactions with others. A student's relationships with fellow students, parents, and teachers will be Christ-centered and edifying. We recognize the role of the Holy Spirit in the development of Christ-like character in the student. Key virtues that are fostered include honesty, respect for authority and others, self-discipline, courage, compassion, service, responsible stewardship, perseverance, and good citizenship.

Building Blocks:

- **Students are encouraged to achieve Christ-likeness, responsibility, integrity, respect, and service attitude. *Colossians 1:10***
- **The Bible is the ultimate authority over all learning. *2 Timothy 3:15-17***
- **The Trivium provides the framework for a classical educational program. *Proverbs 2:1-5***
- **Teachers model, inspire, and motivate students toward excellence as they demonstrate the character of Christ. *2 Timothy 2:15***
- **Parents are key to spiritual and educational development of children. *Deuteronomy 6:6-7***



Christ-Centered

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. ***Proverbs 22:6***
Redeemer Classical Academy purposes to bring glory to the Lord Jesus Christ by assisting parents in the Christian education of their children. As an extension of the Christian home, we desire to assist families in bringing the child into a personal relationship with God and in fostering his or her spiritual growth. To this end, we train children in Scripture memory and daily study of the Bible. All subjects, at all levels, will integrate a Biblical foundation and worldview. Further, it is a mission of the teachers and administration to teach and serve students and families in a manner that demonstrates the character of Christ. Through these means, Redeemer Classical Academy will equip students in all areas of their educational development to discover and fulfill God's purpose for their lives.

Redeemer Classical Academy Seeks to:

- **Encourage every child to begin and develop his relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ. *Matthew 19:13-15 and 28:18-20***
- **Teach all subjects as parts of an integrated whole with the Scriptures at the center. *2 Timothy 3:16-17***
- **Provide clear models of Christ-likeness through the examples of our staff members. *Matthew 22:37-40***