



A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## BELIEF AGREEMENT

### **Mission**

The mission of Amazing Grace Academy (AGA) is connecting students to timeless Truth while growing in Virtue to Serve others.

### **Vision and Core Values**

The vision of AGA focuses on three core values: 1) Truth 2) Virtue and 3) Service. Students will be immersed in an environment where the timelessness of the truth found in the Scriptures (Holy Bible), coupled with the wisdom from the ages, form the foundation for learning to flourish. A virtuous, strong moral character will be encouraged and modeled as the way to navigate life within a Christian worldview. Serving others becomes a natural outworking of a learning ethos where students discover themselves within the plan of God. AGA may have students memorize large quantities of information, think logically, write effectively, and speak well. As image bearers of God in the world, how we represent Him matters. To achieve this vision AGA expects its students to Obey  Right away  All the way  Cheerfully  Everyday. AGA encourages parents to train their children in godliness, respect for authority, and consideration of others.

It is expected of each enrolled family to support the Mission, Vision, and Statement of Faith/Articles of Belief of AGA and neither through word nor deed contradict or undermine them. When a conflict arises, all families should use the method and principles outlined in Matthew 18:15 -17. AGA or its representatives may exclude or end participation in its programs/school enrollment based on any behavior by parents or students that, in the sole discretion of the Headmaster/Director (Pre-school), which is disrespectful, divisive, disruptive, or otherwise detracts from an effective learning environment.

### **Statement of Faith**

AGA proclaims the Nicene Creed as our statement of faith. This 4th Century creed has been able to not only stand the test of time but has also served as standard which Christians from virtually every tradition have believed and proclaimed. It is more than an intellectual checklist of doctrine; it is a confession of worship that forms us as the people of God and draws us together into the life of the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the son of God the only begotten,  
begotten of the Father before all ages.  
Light of Light; true God of true God;  
begotten not made; of one essence with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from Heaven  
and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the virgin Mary and became man.  
And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate  
and suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the father  
and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead;  
whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the 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.  
In one Holy, Catholic (universal), and Apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

### Articles of Belief

All scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The Word of God is a complete and unified witness to God's Redemptive acts, culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation, we affirm these additional essentials of our faith. (*II Tim. 3:16*)

\*We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory, and praise forever! (*See Nicene Creed*)

\*Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one person forever. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. On the third day, He arose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator. *(See Nicene Creed)*

\*The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives us new life, empowers us, and imparts gifts for His service. He instructs and guides us into all truth and seals us for the day of redemption. *(See Nicene Creed)*

\*Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ for their salvation, and thereby justifies them in His sight. *(2 Corinthians 5:17, 21)*

\*We believe that (a) salvation is by grace, a free gift of God apart from works, (b) salvation involves repentance, a change of mind in respect to God and thus turning from one's own way to God's way, (c) salvation is through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, (d) all who receive Jesus Christ are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become the children of God, and (e) salvation will be manifested by a changed life. *(Ephesians 2:8-9)*

\*The Church is composed of all persons who through faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached and the sacraments are administered in their integrity, and where loving fellowship is maintained. *(Ephesians 2:17-22)*

\*We believe that God created humanity and that He created them male and female. As such, He created them different so as to complement and complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. *(Genesis 1:26-27)*

\*Jesus Christ will come again to the earth to judge the living and the dead to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. *(1 Thessalonians 4:16)*

\*The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment. He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. *(Mark 16:15-16)*

Ultimately, we gather together as families to encourage and equip each other. It is expected that as Christians, sharing these common core values, we support each other and strive to know God more and make Him known beyond our families. *(2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*

I \_\_\_\_\_ have had consultation with the Headmaster of K-8 and/or Pre-School Director, and have reviewed Amazing Grace Academy's Mission Statement, Vision, Core Values, and Statement of Faith/Articles of Belief with our child/children. The \_\_\_\_\_ family is committed to be on time, be prepared, and willing to participate with Amazing Grace Academy, without distraction and to show respect in regard to this Statement of Faith/Articles of Belief (whether or not we believe or disagree with the above local belief statement).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_