

# Christian Performance Theatre

*Character first*

## OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

This statement of faith is a summary of the foundational Biblical doctrines that guide the missional values and operational policies of Christian Performance Theatre, Inc.

## WE BELIEVE...

**The Bible** is the inspired, trustworthy, and true Word of the living God and the authoritative source for our doctrinal beliefs. 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21

**There is only one God** who exists forever in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30

**God created** both men and women in His own image to have fellowship with Him. Genesis 1:26

**We are all sinful people**, and incapable of a relationship with God apart from His grace. Romans 3:23, Romans 5:17

**Jesus** was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died to atone for our sins, rose from the grave, ascended into heaven, and will one day return again. Matthew 1:18, Matthew 1:25, Hebrews 4:15, Hebrews 9:15, Romans 6:4, II Timothy 2:8, Luke 24:51, Acts 1:9, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Philippians 3:20-21, Hebrews 9:28

**Acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior** is the only path to salvation and eternal life. John 3:16, John 5:24, John 14:6, Titus 3:4-5

**The Holy Spirit** lives within Christians and enables them to live Christ-centered lives. John 14:15-17, John 15:5, John 16:7-8

**God wonderfully created each person male or female** from conception. Our gendered bodies are a gift from God to be received with joy and appreciation. We believe God instituted the covenant relationship of marriage between one man and one woman as the foundation of the family, and that sexual relations should be confined to that covenant relationship. Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:24, Mark 10:6-9, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

**Each person is valuable and loved by God**, and therefore should be shown compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity following Christ's example. Psalm 139:13, Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 25:35-40, Galatians 6:10

**Prayer** is a vital part of the Christian life, bringing us into fellowship with God. It is the way we make our needs and praises known, whether done individually or as a collective body. Matthew 6:9-13, Philippians 4:6-7, I John 5:14, Matthew 18:19,20, Luke 11:9-13