



Doctrinal Statement of Mifflin County Christian Academy:

The church (and MCCA as an extension of Bible believing churches) receives the Scriptures as the inspired Word of God, and as the sole authority in matters of faith and practice. Its understanding of Christian truth as therein contained is expressed by the following declaration of faith.

- A. We believe that the Bible is God's infallible Word, written by men who were divinely and uniquely inspired, and that it is our supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice. We affirm our belief in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Scriptures in their original autographs. We believe in the preservation of the Scriptures; therefore, we will only use the King James Version from behind the pulpit and in the classroom. (Psalm 12:6-7; II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21)
- B. We believe in God the Father, the first person of the Trinity, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, and measureless in power. We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Exodus 20:2-3; John 3:16; Hebrews 7:25; Matthew 7:7)
- C. We believe in Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, the eternal and only begotten Son of God, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, sinless in His life, making atonement for the sins of the world by His vicarious death and shed blood on the cross. We believe in His bodily resurrection, His ascension into Heaven, and His high Priestly intercession for His people. We believe in the visible pre-tribulation, pre-millennial return to the world according to His promise. (John 3:16; I Corinthians 15:3-4; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 14:1-6; Leviticus 17:11; Ephesians 1:7)
- D. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, who came forth to convict the world of sin, and of judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, comfort, and seal forever those who believe in Jesus Christ. (John 14:16; John 16:7-14; Ephesians 1:13-14)
- E. We believe that all men by nature and by choice are sinners, but that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Moreover, we believe that those who accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord will remain the children of the Lord. (Romans 3:23; John 3:16; John 3:36; I Corinthians 2:9-10)
- F. We believe in the absolute eternal security of the believer. (John 10:28; Psalm 55:22; Romans 8:16; I John 5:13)
- G. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secured in Christ forever. (I Corinthians 1:4-8; John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 8:1, 38-39; I Peter 1:5)

- H. We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word; which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (Romans 13:13; Galatians 5:13; Titus 1:11-15)
- I. We believe in the church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and of which all regenerated people are members. We believe that the local church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ, IMMERSED on a credible confession of faith associated for worship, work, and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon these churches the task of proclaiming to a lost and dying world the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior, and the enthroning of him as Lord and Master. We believe that all human betterment and social improvements are the inevitable by-products of such a Gospel. (Acts 2:41; Matthew 16:16-18)
- J. We believe that every human being is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith, that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from an ecclesiastical or political authority, that therefore church and state must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation of patronage of the other.
- K. We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of His gifts, and that the gifts of evangelists, pastors, and teachers are sufficient of the perfecting of the saints today, and that speaking in tongues and the working of sign miracles gradually ceased as the New Testament scriptures were completed and their authority became established. (I Corinthians 12:4-11; II Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:7-12; I Corinthians 13:8-10) We believe God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accordance to His own will, for the sick and afflicted. (John 15:7; I John 5:14-15)
- L. We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and the cause of the fall, that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man, that he shall be eternally punished in the lake of fire. (Job 1:6-7; Isaiah 14:12-17; Matthew 4:2-11; 25:41; Revelation 20:10)
- M. We believe that the Scriptures provide a literal and historical account of God's creation of all things. The climax of the six days of creation was the special, immediate and personal creation of human life. The first humans, Adam and Eve, were directly created, not evolved from previous life forms. God created humans, male and female, in His image. Human life, sexual identity and roles are aspects of God's creative design. From creation, marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman that should be marked by sexual purity, by sacrificial male leadership, and by recognizing the divine blessing of children, including preborn children. Adam and Eve, though created in perfection, sinned, warranting physical death, spiritual death, and eternal separation from God. Consequently, all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and are sinners in thought, word, and deed. Genesis 1:1-27; 3:1-24; Psalm 127:3-5; Romans 1:18-32; 3:10-19; 5:12-19; Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-19.