

# Summit Christian School

## Approach to Christian Education

Summit Christian School approaches Christian education from the perspective of Christ's preeminence over all things. Specifically, Christ is recognized as Lord of all of life and creation, and all educational subjects are framed around this guiding principle. Our aim today is that children would discover the unity of all that is known and to *"bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."* (2 Cor.10: 4, 5). The over-arching framework of Christ as Lord is further expressed in Colossians 1:16-18, *"For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. . . that in all things He might have the preeminence."*

We believe that each child has special value and worth because he or she is created in the image of God. According to the psalmist: *"For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands..."* (Psalm 8:5-8). We understand that God has given each child certain gifts or talents. It is our work to unfold those gifts and talents for a lifetime of service in God's Kingdom.

Summit Christian School understands that God has placed the responsibility of raising children in the hands of parents, but obviously the training and educating of children extends beyond the family circle. It is a responsibility that touches many others within the Christian community. Teachers, grandparents, pastors – in fact the whole Christian community – bear some responsibility for children of the people of God. For this reason, the family, the community of believers, and the school must work together in the training and equipping of children to be competent and knowledgeable disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Statement of Faith

We believe:

- that the Bible is the written Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is our infallible and divine authority in all matters of faith and life;
- that all people are sinners and are totally unable to save themselves or even to cooperate with God in efforts to earn their salvation;
- that salvation is by God's grace alone, who saves the people whom He draws to Jesus by His Holy Spirit. He convicts them of their sin and enlightens them so that they repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as He is offered freely in the Gospel. Because God alone knows who are His, we call people everywhere to repent and to trust in Christ;
- that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who became man and lived and died and rose again to atone for the sins of those who trust Him alone for their salvation. Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man;
- that God's Spirit gives Christians the daily strength and wisdom they need to walk according to His will and to grow in holiness;
- that Jesus Christ shall return to judge all mankind and to receive His people unto Himself.