



- **Scripture** - We believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God. (*2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20–21; Psalm 19:7–11; Hebrews 4:12*)
- **The Trinity** - We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14*)
- **Creation and Humanity** - We believe God created the universe and all that is in it. The culminating work of His creative activity was the creation of human beings, male and female, who are made in His image. Therefore, from the moment of conception until natural death, all human life should be cherished and protected.¹(*Genesis 1:26–28; Psalm 139:13–16; Colossians 1:16–17*)
- **The Fall and Sin** - We believe God created humanity innocent and sinless to live in perfect fellowship with Him. When Adam disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, sin entered the world, and all people inherited a sinful nature, becoming separated from God and subject to His judgment. The Fall marred every aspect of human life, leaving us spiritually dead and unable to save ourselves. (*Genesis 3:1–24; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12–19; Ephesians 2:1–3*)
- **God the Father** - We believe God the Father is sovereign over all things and perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. In His mercy, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem humanity, and through faith in Christ, He adopts believers as His children. God the Father rules over His creation with providential care, accomplishing His good purposes for His glory and for the good of those who love Him. (*Psalm 103:19; John 3:16–17; Romans 8:28–30; Ephesians 1:3–5, 11*)
- **Jesus Christ** - We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is both truly God and truly man. We believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal future return in power and glory. (*John 1:1–14; Philippians 2:5–11; Matthew 1:18–25; 1 Corinthians 15:3–8; Acts 1:9–11; Hebrews 4:15*)
- **The Holy Spirit** - We believe the Holy Spirit is fully God, equal with the Father and the Son. He convicts the world of sin, regenerates all who believe, and indwells, guides, equips, and empowers believers for godly living and service. (*John 14:16–17; John 16:7–14; Titus 3:4–6; Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:22–25*)
- **Salvation** - We believe no one is saved by an act of their own will or effort, but that the Holy Spirit brings about the new birth and works in the soul of the sinner, convicting them of sin, repentance toward God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe redemption is wholly by the blood of Christ, salvation is only by God's grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and every true child of God possesses eternal life and will never perish. (*John 3:3–8; Ephesians 2:8–9; Romans 3:23–28; Titus 3:4–7; John 10:27–30*)
- **Gospel Mission** - We believe the Gospel should be proclaimed to all people and that it is the responsibility of all who hear it to repent of their sins and rebellion against God, to believe in the Lord

¹ This statement affirms the sanctity of life but does not imply opposition to capital punishment, which Scripture permits under rightful governing authority.

Jesus Christ, and to receive justification and the forgiveness of sins. (*Matthew 28:18–20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46–48; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9–17*)

- **The Eternal State** - We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. Those who are in Christ will receive glorified bodies and dwell eternally in God's presence in Heaven. Those who reject Him will face everlasting separation from God in Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. (*John 5:28–29; Matthew 25:31–46; Philippians 3:20–21; Revelation 20:11–15; Revelation 21:1–4, 27*)
- **God's Design and Human Flourishing** - We believe God wisely established the created order, and His commands are for His glory and humanity's flourishing. His design reveals what is true, right, and good, and His commands are not burdensome but life-giving. Though humanity has rejected God's order through sin, the gospel of Jesus Christ offers forgiveness, renewal, and the transforming power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, enabling believers to live in joyful obedience, walk in step with His design, and experience the freedom and blessing of life under His lordship. (*Genesis 1:31; Deuteronomy 10:12–13; John 10:10; Romans 12:1–2; Galatians 5:1; 1 John 5:3*)
- **Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality** - We believe that marriage, instituted by God, is between one man and one woman only, and is the only proper domain for sexual relations. We also believe that God ordains a person's gender, which is revealed through biological sex and limited to male and female. Consequently, gender cannot be changed or altered by human will. (*Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:18–25; Matthew 19:4–6; Romans 1:26–27; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11; Hebrews 13:4*)
- **The Church** - We believe the Church, a living organism known as the body of Christ, is composed of all believers of every age. We believe that Christ is the head of the Church and is Himself its Savior. We believe Jesus Christ established the local church as His primary instrument for worship, discipleship, fellowship, and mission in the world.² (*Matthew 16:15–19; Acts 2:41–47; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27; Ephesians 1:22–23; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 3:14–15*)
- **Love, Truth, and Civility** - We believe Christians are called to treat all people with biblical love, kindness, compassion, and respect, even when we disagree. Scripture condemns hateful speech, actions, and attitudes towards any person, and teaches us to speak truth in love, correct with gentleness, and be patient when wronged while holding firm to biblical convictions, because God's truth and love are inseparable. Condoning sin or withholding any part of His Word is never loving, and proclaiming God's truth is never, in and of itself, hateful or unloving. (*Ephesians 4:15; Galatians 6:1; 2 Timothy 2:24–26; Colossians 4:5–6; 1 Peter 3:13–17; John 13:34–35*)

While this Statement of Faith does not encompass the entirety of our beliefs, it outlines the fundamental convictions we hold as essential for collaborative gospel ministry at Bair Lake Bible Camp. As the inspired and infallible Word of God, the Bible serves as the ultimate and exclusive foundation for all our convictions as the final authority on faith, truth, morality, and conduct.³

² Bair Lake Bible Camp is not a substitute for our constituents' local churches, but exists to serve and strengthen them by providing resources, opportunities, and encouragement that point believers to active participation in the life and mission of their local churches.

³ Bair Lake Bible Camp's Board of Trustees serves as the interpretative authority on the Bible's meaning as it applies to Camp's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline. To safeguard the mission, integrity, unity, and doctrinal purity of Bair Lake Bible Camp as a community of like-minded believers, and to provide a biblical example to its staff and the broader community, adherence to this Statement of Faith is required for all Trustees, staff members, corporate members, and all who are significantly involved in the instruction, discipleship, or counseling of those serving at or attending our sponsored camps or retreats.