



## **The Purpose of Hope Christian College**

Hope Christian College exists to provide a Biblically based Christian education for all students who attend.

## **The Vision of Hope Christian College:**

Developing the whole child in a caring, nurturing environment in the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **Statement of Faith**

Hope Christian College as a ministry of Craigmere Christian Church shares its Statement of faith as follows:

### **WE BELIEVE:**

In the Bible as the Divinely inspired inerrant Word of God, the revelation of His mind and will to man, our infallible, all-sufficient guide for salvation, and for the Christian life (II Tim 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21). We affirm in particular a literal interpretation of the Book of Genesis including the creation of all things in six ordinary earth days and the creation of man as a direct and immediate act (Genesis 1-2)

In One God, the Creator of all, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ; that He is true God and true man, begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and that He has a perfect and sinless humanity. (John 1:1, Philippians 2:6, Matthew 1:23-25, I John 3:5).

In the total depravity of the nature of man through his fall in the Garden of Eden, and the absolute inability of man to save himself from eternal punishment by his own works. (Genesis 3: Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:8-9)

In the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved (I Thessalonians 4:17); and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost (Revelation 20:11-15)

In the finished work of Christ on the Cross of Calvary, through which sacrifice Christ has effected complete and eternal redemption, God setting His seal of approval on the work of Christ by raising Him from among the dead, enthroned Him at His own right hand in Heaven and that He is the Head of the Church, the Lord of the individual, the High Priest over the House of God and Advocate in the family of God.

In the priesthood of all believers and encourage all to fulfil their roles according to the teaching laid down in the Bible. In view of modern pressures we note specifically the teaching regarding the role of men and women in the public worship of the Church (I Timothy 2:8-14; I Corinthians 14:33-35)

In the immediate and eternal salvation of every person who truly believes on Christ and by faith rests on His finished work as the only righteous ground on which a Holy God can forgive his sins.



That all who by faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour are born again of the Holy Spirit, indwelt by the Holy Spirit and by the Holy Spirit baptised into the Body of Christ, the Church, of which He is the risen and ascended Head (I Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18)

That God has given spiritual gifts to believers for the benefit of the Church and seek to develop these in the lives of each believer. However, we are not a 'charismatic church' in the modern, narrow sense of that word, and so do not teach or encourage believers to speak in 'tongues' or 'prophetic utterances'.

That the early Church met together and "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers". (Acts 2:42) - God's pattern for the Church today.

In the personal, imminent and premillennial coming of the Lord in the air to Rapture (catch up) the Church (I Thessalonians 4:13-17). We believe that the Rapture of the Church will take place before the Tribulation period, and in the revelation of Christ in glory at His Second Advent to the earth to establish His Kingdom on earth and to reign in righteousness for a thousand years. (II Thessalonians 1:6-10; Philippians 2:9-11).

In marriage as defined and instituted by God as the holistic union of one man to one woman to the exclusion of all others voluntarily entered into for life (Matthew 19:5-9). When so defined, marriage is the only Biblically valid/legitimate context for sexual expression of any kind when engaged in by mutual consent and limited in all senses only to the parties of that marriage union (1 Corinthians 7:2-6; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:2-8). As the foundational relationship of the family, marriage as defined above provides the optimal environment for producing and raising children (Genesis 2:24).

We know that some believers hold differing views on these subjects. We feel it necessary to state that those who seek association with us be prepared to respect it by refraining from teaching or influencing to the contrary.