



# Our Core Values & Statement of Faith

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## CORE BELIEFS

We are a school community seeking to serve mankind and honor God. By engaging in our classical and Christian program, students develop an appreciation of truth, goodness and beauty. But we are more than appreciating these eternal ideas. We are seeking to put them into practice.

A school environment trains to develop knowledge, but we also want students to love these ideas as well. As they love the ideas, they will practice those eternal ideas. By the way, this is not pursuit of reading great books in order to become philosophers. We drink deeply from the Western tradition so that our graduates are equipped for an ever-changing world.

And yet, we are a place much simpler. We are a community who loves being with children as they mature into teens, and then we celebrate their adulthood. Do not let our aesthetically pleasing campus distract your heart. Regents is simply about developing little children into strong men and women.

## THE REGENTS NAME

The definition of a 'regent' is "one who rules or administers during the absence of a sovereign." In the biblical creation record (Genesis 1:26-28), God made man in his image to have dominion over the earth. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we understand that we are not the sovereign ones, but we are waiting and in active service until our Sovereign returns. We are the Lord's regents and as such we are to be responsible caretakers and rulers over all that he has placed in our hands, including our intellectual and spiritual gifts and responsibilities. Thus, the school is for regents, and it is our prayer that the education provided by Regents School of Austin will help prepare our children for this undertaking.

## CORAM DEO

The motto for Regents is the Latin phrase Coram Deo, which means "before the face of God" or "in the presence of God." This short, profound phrase, coined during the Reformation, conveys the essence of what it means to follow Christ the Lord in the totality of our lives. We are to live "before the face of God, under the authority of God, to the glory of God." We desire to match every aspect of Regents to this all-encompassing principle.

# DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

- We believe in one God, Creator of the universe, eternally existing as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Triune God has created ex nihilo “out of nothing” all that is. He created the first man, the literal, historical Adam, and the first woman, Eve, imago Dei (in His own image). God blessed them and named them Man and called them to manifest and reflect holiness through obedience to His commandments. Because man has woefully fallen in this responsibility and entered into a state of moral corruption, he has subsequently become estranged from his Creator.
- We believe that because of a profound love for His creation, God has initiated a plan of redemption that He has accomplished on behalf of His people in the realm of temporal history. The apex of this redemption is found in the historical incarnation of God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. We confess Jesus to be the Messiah of Old Testament prophecy, being at the same time fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and He lived a sinless life of perfect obedience. He was crucified as a substitutionary atonement for sinners. He was raised from the dead on the third day and is sitting at the right hand of the Father interceding on behalf of His people.
- We believe that we receive salvation from the penalty of sin and the just wrath of God by grace alone, through faith alone, on the merit of Christ alone.
- We believe that the risen and ascended Christ has sent His Holy Spirit to dwell in the hearts of His people, effecting their regeneration and operating in their sanctification to enable them to live Godly lives.
- We believe that the Bible in its entirety, being the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, which are Genesis through Malachi and Matthew through Revelation respectively (the “Bible”), is divine revelation. We submit to its authority, acknowledging it to be inerrantly inspired by God and free from falsehood, fraud, or deceit. The Bible is infallible, true, and reliable, carrying the full weight of God’s authority.
- We believe in the Lordship of Christ over all of life. We believe that God’s commandments are relevant and necessary to our present culture and that our faith should be visible in concrete models of personal and social behavior. We seek to be faithful disciples of Christ, pursuing our callings in love and obedience until He comes again to consummate His kingdom. Therefore we submit to the following truths:
  - God creates all people as divine image-bearers who have inestimable value and dignity from conception to death.
  - God created male and female with the distinct and biological sex of each person immutably determined and manifested at conception by God.
  - God decreed marriage to be a covenantal relationship between one man and one woman that reflects Christ’s relationship with the Church. God’s will for all people is chastity outside of marriage and fidelity within marriage. No affections, desires, or commitments ever justify sexual acts outside of marriage nor do they justify any form of sexual immorality.
  - A Christian’s identity is in Jesus Christ alone, and is not found in a self-ascribed or cultural identity.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: They that are saved, to the resurrection of life and eternal joy, and they that are lost to the resurrection of damnation.