

REACH Statement of Purpose and Faith

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of REACH of Florence is to support and encourage Christian families in educating their children at home. The collective support and encouragement of REACH may include, but be not limited to, such services as small group meetings for mutual educational, academic, spiritual and emotional encouragement; regularly scheduled meetings for information on managing the home and choosing homeschool curricula; special speakers related to homeschool topics; student field trips for REACH families; and general support and assistance for Christian homeschool member families.

Statement of Faith

Fundamental Beliefs

The Bible is the verbally inspired and only infallible, authoritative and inerrant Word of God (*2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21*).

God is one Being, Who eternally exists as three Persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All of the Persons are equal in power and glory (*Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14*).

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man (*John 1:1,4*), born of a virgin (*Matthew 1:18,23*), and sinless in His life (*Hebrews 4:15*). He died vicariously on the cross as a substitution for sinful men (*Hebrews 9:15*). He rose bodily from the grave (*John 20:1-9, 24-31; Acts 2:24*) and now reigns with the Father (*Acts 2:33; Hebrews 10:12*). He will return visibly and personally to earth both in salvation and judgment (*Acts 1:11; Hebrews 9:28; Matthew 24:30*).

Salvation is a gift of God, not of works (*Ephesians 2:8,9*).

All humans are sinful by nature (*Romans 3:23; 5:12*) and can only be forgiven by the expression of trust in Jesus as Savior (*John 3:16*) brought about by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit (*Titus 3:5-7*).

We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (*Romans 8:1-17*).

Family

We believe in the biblical definition of a "family" as the marital union of one man and one woman in a heterosexual, monogamous relationship or a heterosexual, single parent raising a child or children (*Genesis 1:27; 2:22-25*).

Gender

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (*Gen. 1:26-27*) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.