

Statements of Distinction for Camp Conquest:

The Statement of Faith of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches adopted in whole as the Statement of Faith of the Grace Brethren Retreat Center. The members of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, in harmony with our historic position, believing the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible to be our infallible rule of faith and practice, and feeling our responsibility to make known the divine message of the Bible, present the following articles as a statement of those basic truths taught in the Bible which are common to our Christian faith and practice:

1. The Bible: The Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, verbally inspired in all parts, and therefore wholly without error as originally given of God (II Tim 3:16; I Peter 1:21).
2. God: The One True God Existing eternally as three persons--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:22; Matt. 28:19; II Cor. 13:14).
3. The Lord Jesus Christ: His preexistence and deity (John 1:1-13), incarnation by virgin birth (John 1:14; Matt. 1:18-23); sinless life (Heb. 4:15), substitutionary death (II Cor. 5:21), bodily resurrection (Luke 24:36-43), ascension into heaven and present ministry (Heb. 4:14-16), and coming again (Acts 1:11).
4. The Holy Spirit: His personality (John 16:7-15); and deity (Acts 5:3-4); and His work in each believer: baptism and indwelling at the moment of regeneration (I Cor. 12:13; Rom. 8:9); and filling (Eph. 5:18) to empower for Christian life and service (Eph. 3:16; Acts 1:8; Gal. 5:22-23).
5. Man: His direct creation in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-28), his subsequent fall into sin resulting in spiritual death (Gen. 3:1-24, Rom. 5:12), and the necessity of the new birth for his salvation (John 3:3-5).
6. Salvation: A complete and eternal salvation by God's grace alone, received as the gift of God through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and his finished work (Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; I Peter 1:18-19).
7. The Church: One true Church, the body and the bride of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-32), composed of all true believers of the present age (I Cor. 12:12-13); and the organization of its members in local churches for worship, for edification of believers, and for world-wide gospel witness, each local church being autonomous but cooperating in fellowship and work (Eph. 4:11-16).
8. The Christian Life: A life of righteousness, good works and separation unto God from the evil ways of the world (Rom 12:1- 2), manifested by speaking the truth (James 5:12), maintaining the sanctity of the home (Eph. 5:22-6:4) settling differences between Christians in accordance with the Word of God (I Cor. 6:1-8), not engaging in carnal strife but showing a Christ-like attitude toward all men (Rom. 12:7-21), exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23), and maintaining a life of prayer (Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6), including the privilege, when sick, of calling for the elders of the church to pray and to anoint with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:13-18).
9. Ordinances: The Christian should observe the ordinances of our Lord Jesus Christ, which are: (1) baptism of believers by triune immersion (Matt. 28:19), and (2) the threefold communion service, consisting of the washing of the saint's feet (John 13:1-17), the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:20-22, 33-34; Jude 12), and the communion of the bread and the cup (I Cor. 11:23-26).
10. Satan: His existence and personality as the great adversary of God and his people (Rev. 12:1-10), his judgment (John 12:31), and final doom (Revelation).
11. Second Coming: The personal, visible and imminent return of Christ to remove His Church from the earth (I Thess. 4:16- 17), before the Tribulation (I Thess. 1:10; Rev. 3:10), and afterward to descend with the Church to establish His millennial kingdom upon the earth (Rev. 19:11-20:6).
12. Future Life: The conscious existence of the dead (Phil. 1:21-23; Luke 16:19-31), the resurrection of the body (John 5:28-29), the judgment and reward of believers (Rom. 14:10-12; II Cor. 5:10), the judgment and condemnation of unbelievers (Rev. 20:11-15), the eternal life of the saved (John 3:16), and the eternal punishment of the lost (Matt. 25:4 6; Rev. 20:15).

Missionary Job Description: This job description applies to everyone serving at Camp Conquest, and it is linked to a separate technical job description for each employee and ministry volunteer.

General Function—To promote the Good News of Jesus Christ to campers and guests by both word and deed through the performance of a technical job as well as the fulfillment of the applicable responsibilities listed below.

Qualifications—Individual must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and be able to articulate at a basic level the meaning of that relationship. Each individual should live his life in an attempt to be consistent with the teachings of the Word of God.

Focus of Ministry— To consistently become more like Christ with a focus on Evangelism via Personal Relationships and Outdoor Experiences as well as Discipleship via Mentoring and Coaching in the Camp Setting.

Responsibilities

- To be a constructive member of the staff, contributing in every way possible to the camp's health, harmony and happiness.
- To be loyal to the aims, policies, and regulations of the camp.
- To willingly comply with any reasonable request made by the administration.
- To personalize and relate to the campers and other staff members the focus of ministry as listed above.
- To interact with the campers as companion and guide and assume a level of responsibility for their spiritual and physical welfare.
- To pray for each camper in one's care.
- To seek to lead unconverted campers to the Savior.
- To help each Christian camper grow in the Lord.
- To be a source of encouragement and help to other staff members.
- To perform well the duties of one's technical job description.
- To understand that you are a missionary first and the duties of the technical job are secondary but vital to the fulfillment of your missionary responsibilities and the mission of the camp.

Mission Statement: Camp Conquest seeks

To Maintain: A year round camp, retreat, and activity center

To Promote: The Good News of Jesus Christ, personal spiritual growth in Christ, Encouragement and prayer for believers in Christ, Physical well being through exercise in a quality environment, Opportunities for building relational experiences and development of social skills

To Provide: Summer camp experiences, year round retreat experiences, educational programs, recreational activities

To Focus: On organizations in agreement with the FGBC statement of faith, on reaching and serving primarily children and teens within the Northern Atlantic Fellowship GBC as well as in the Cocalico area of Northern Lancaster County and surrounding regions

Purpose Statement: To promote the Good News of Jesus Christ by providing camp and retreat facilities, summer camp experiences, educational programs, and recreational activities.

Vision Statement: We foresee a future where Camp Conquest is effectively serving the local church in the ministries of evangelism and discipleship in the camp setting.

Philosophy of Ministry: It is our goal to provide an environment free from distraction so that our volunteers may walk alongside our campers as together they increase in their relationships with Jesus Christ.

Focus of Ministry: Our focus is to establish our district camp as a place where the people of our Grace Brethren Churches can be equipped and encouraged to engage in the ministries of evangelism and discipleship in the camp setting by utilizing their own unique skills, abilities and life experiences to impact the lives of children and teens of our community and of our fellowship.

Statement of Core Values

- Engaging volunteers in ministry
- Honoring our Grace Brethren heritage
- Sound Biblical Teaching and Quality Creation Oriented Education
- Well Maintained and Clean Facilities and Grounds
- Quality Programs Emphasizing a Distraction Free Environment
- Evangelism via Personal Relationships and Outdoor Experiences
- Discipleship via Mentoring and Coaching in the Camp Setting
- Fun and Safe Environment Focused on Children and Teens
- Ongoing Growth and Learning at Every Level in the Organization
- Increasingly Positive Impact and Relationship with our Community and Church Fellowship

Slogans

“To Know Christ and To Make Him Known”

Popular Phrasing

“Up on the Hill in Northern Lancaster County”

“A safe nurturing environment where your child can learn new skills”

Verse

Ephesians 4:12 (NASB) “for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.”

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