

# SEEK Doctrinal Statement and Volunteer Agreement

## SEEK Doctrinal Statement

SEEK is a distinctly Christian home school co-op. Our membership is made up of parents who have been saved by the grace of God, who worship and serve the one, eternal, triune God, and who embrace the Bible as the authority for life and godliness.

SEEK is a ministry of Colonial Baptist Church (CBC) and is governed by the beliefs and policies of CBC. SEEK is not limited to members of CBC. However, SEEK operates from a perspective and philosophy that is evangelical and when Scripture is taught, it will be taught from that perspective. If you have questions about whether your spiritual views align with SEEK, please contact Scott Wylie at 669-0394 before joining SEEK.

The following are areas upon which all SEEK members agree:

### The Scriptures

- I believe that the Bible (the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments) as originally written is the only Word of God, and is truth without any mixture of error.
- I believe there is no other sacred scripture beyond the 66 books of the Bible.
- I believe that the Bible is the center of true Christian unity and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

### The Triune God

- I believe there is one and only one living and true God, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth.
- I believe God is holy and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love.
- I believe that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.
- I believe Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, having not been created, but being the Second Person of the Trinity, came into this world as foretold in the Scriptures to manifest God to mankind and to be the Redeemer of the sinful world.
- The Fall of Man
- I believe that man was created in innocence under the laws of his Maker.
- I believe that in a voluntary act of rebellion, Adam sinned and thus ushered sin into the world.
- I believe that because of Adam's sin, all people are born as sinners by nature, and that all people demonstrate that sin nature through their conduct and are therefore under just condemnation by God without defense or excuse.

### Grace and the New Creation

- I believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be granted new life in Jesus Christ.
- I believe that the new birth Jesus provides is instantaneous and not a process.
- I believe that in the new birth, the person who was once dead in trespasses and in sin is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God.
- I believe that this new birth is brought about by our sovereign God, solely by the power of the Holy Spirit and not by works of righteousness that I perform.
- I believe that faith alone in Jesus Christ is the only condition for salvation.

I believe each of the statements listed above.

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## Colonial Baptist Church Volunteer Agreement

*All members of SEEK are considered volunteers since service is required to participate, and all volunteers at Colonial are asked to review and agree to the below statement.*

Our commitment to you as a volunteer is to help you live a faithful and fruitful life for the glory of God. We are excited to see how God will work through you as you exercise your gifts to serve Him. The single message that unifies all of our ministry is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God has made Himself known through His Word and allows us, by faith in Christ, to become His sons and daughters. That good news permeates and motivates all that we do.

We believe that as you serve at Colonial, you are serving God. As you begin your ministry, there are principles that will help you effectively serve those that you work with and influence. All of us are growing in faith and none of us are content with our current level of maturity. Each of us needs to be faithful to read and apply God's Word, pray and seek to grow in grace. Spiritual maturity also means looking to the needs of others and seeking their good. As a volunteer, you will have a more formal means of serving others, and these principles will help you do that well.

**1. The Principle of Love:** God calls us to consider the needs of others as more important than our own. There will be times when God calls you to set aside your time, interests and liberties for the sake of the people you serve. For example, the Apostle Paul told us that out of our love for others, we might need to refrain from doing anything that would cause them to stumble. (Romans 14:15; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13) *If something we do might cause someone else to struggle, the loving thing is for us to set aside our rights.*

**2. The Principle of Edification:** As we make decisions regarding our lifestyle, it is not enough to ask if the action is forbidden. The harder but equally important question I must ask is, "Is it profitable to my spiritual life, to God's goals for me and to my ability to serve God effectively?" Paul wrote, "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable." (1 Corinthians 6:12) *As you are making lifestyle decisions, keep your own spiritual benefit in mind, as well as the benefit your actions will bring to your ministry, family and friends.*

**3. The Principle of Exaltation:** As we serve Christ in our ministries (as in all of life), we must ask the question, "Will what I am about to do glorify and exalt the Lord?" We don't serve to magnify ourselves. *Our singular desire is that people will see Christ in us as we live for His glory.* Paul said: "Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

**4. The Principle of Sacrifice:** In 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, we read: "For the love of Christ controls us (compels, constrains), having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." Jesus said: "For even the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45) *Jesus' sacrifice for us is a model we are to follow in sacrificial service to others.*

As we apply these principles to our ministry, we ask each volunteer to agree to the following statements. These statements are designed to promote unity, growth and joyful service in the Body of Christ. It represents our goals as we seek to live and serve together in ministry at Colonial Baptist Church.

- Everything that we teach is in accordance with God's Word as summarized in our Doctrinal Statement.
- We seek to live dedicated Christian lives according to the standards of God's Word. We strive to remove sin from our lives, exercise self control and live exemplary, careful, sober lives.
- We encourage each other toward godliness and cheerfully embrace accountability in the bond of love.
- We commit ourselves to unity, teamwork and biblical respect.
- We strive to pursue God-honoring relationships and maintain moral purity.
- We only plan events and activities that will edify and encourage the participants, and all church-sponsored events are alcohol, tobacco and drug free.

I agree to the above statements.

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General Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Christian / Church /Ministry Experience

Do you consider yourself to be saved or "born again?" \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your understanding of how a person may be granted eternal life: \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you sign the first page of this document with a clear conscience? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you describe yourself as "Evangelical" and "Protestant?" \_\_\_\_\_

What church do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you served in a church ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, in what areas have you served? \_\_\_\_\_

Homeschool

Have you participated in a homeschool co-op in the past and if so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any gifts, skills or training that you would be willing to share with the group: \_\_\_\_\_

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Is your homeschool in compliance with applicable North Carolina homeschooling laws? \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that the information provided in this document is accurate and truthful.

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