



THE FAITH IN KIDS ETHOS STATEMENT

In ethos, despite pressures from society, we will continue to uphold the traditional biblical view that:

1. Spiritual unity is to be expressed amongst all who confess the truth of the Gospel (as outlined in 1 Cor 15: 1-4). It is through the Gospel that we are saved, and built up in the faith. The Gospel of salvation by grace is so precious to us that we desire to stand together with all who believe and preach it. For the same reason, we cannot express Christian fellowship with those who reject it.
2. Parents have a God-given authority over their children and have primary responsibility for raising their children. We believe that families flourish best when children are raised as part of a church community which seeks to support parents in this responsibility.
3. Sexual intimacy is a gift from God and is to be enjoyed exclusively within the context of marriage. Marriage is, by definition, heterosexual and between one man and one woman.
4. A human person is a mind-body whole, and so the body (not just the mind) determines personhood. It is therefore wrong to alter a person's gender because their mind cannot accept their body. The Christian response to a person who finds it hard to accept their God-given body or biological sex should be compassionate prayer, care and counsel.
5. Every single human life bears the image of God. It therefore has special intrinsic value regardless of how young, old, able-bodied or disabled that life might be.

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