

## **Pinewood Christian Academy Statement on Biblical Marriage**

According to the Bible, the primary responsibility for the education of children lies with the family (Deuteronomy 6:4-7, Psalm 78:1-8). Pinewood Christian Academy's mission is to partner with Christian families in providing a strong academic, as well as spiritual, education for their children. Families who wish to attend PCA should recognize that children learn far more spiritually from their parents than any other source. For this reason, PCA requires that at least one parent be a professing Christian, trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, adhering to the basic precepts of historic, orthodox Christianity, and regularly attending a local protestant evangelical church.

We believe that the foundational relationship in the family is that of husband and wife (i.e. father and mother) which, according to the Apostle Paul, is a picture of the relationship between Christ and His church (Ephesians 5:31-33). Therefore, Pinewood Christian Academy has adopted the following statements regarding the Biblical definitions and guidelines for our families:

1. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25).
2. We believe that marriage between one man and one woman uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church (Ephesians 5:31-33).
3. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to one another, and that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4).
4. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery; fornication; homosexual, bisexual, or transgender behavior; and/or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matthew 5:27-28; 15:18-20; Romans 1:26, 27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).
5. We believe that while God does not condone divorce (Malachi 2:13-16), Scripture does make provision for it (as in infidelity or abandonment) because of our sinful nature (Matthew 19:3-9).
6. We believe that divorced and/or single parents who truly desire to model a God-honoring lifestyle for their children should live in conformity with the principles outlined in 3 and 4 above, and/or remarry so as to live in conformity with the principles outlined in 1 and 2 above.