

# Home Educators Association of Roxboro

## Statement of Purpose and Belief

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The Home Educators of Roxboro was founded in the fall of 1988 as a support group for Christian home educators in the Roxboro, North Carolina area. HEAR, from its conception, was formed upon the principles and commands found in the Holy Scriptures (i.e. the Bible). We provide support for one another in an effort to help each family grow in the knowledge and wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ and to walk out their calling as a family according to God's Holy Word. This purpose, by its very nature, sets us apart from organizations of a secular nature.

As an increasing number of families seek alternative means of educating their children in the coming months and years ahead, we believe that a tremendous growth will occur in home education. As these families seek out support groups to help them get started, we believe that it is imperative that we as HEAR members are open and honest as to where we stand and to whose calling we are responding. If these people then choose to be a part of our group, then they will do so having the full knowledge of our stand for Christ Jesus. Should a family or families decide that they cannot agree to our "Statement of Purpose and Belief" then they can begin a support group with others of like mind or receive help from NCHE or HEAR members outside of the group setting.

In obedience to the Scripture: "...then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being in one spirit and purpose..." (Phil. 2:2 NIV), we of the Home Educators Association of Roxboro have purposed that our support group be consistently and forthrightly Christian. We believe that it is essential that everyone be "like-minded" if our group is to function harmoniously.

Therefore, it is vital that all be aware of the foundation on which this group is built. Implications of this are as follows:

HEAR will not allow any activities, presentations, witnessing, literature or communications within the group that are in opposition to the following statements of belief, either directly or indirectly, stated or implied, in whole or in part:

- The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and is without error in whole and in part, including theological concepts as well as geographical and historical details.
- God has existed from all eternity in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is God come in human flesh being fully God and fully man except without sin.
- All men are in violation of God's righteous requirements and His holy character both by nature and act, and are therefore under His wrath and just condemnation. The eternal purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to pay the penalty for man's sin through His substitutionary death on the cross – the successful accomplishment of which was attested to by His subsequent visible bodily resurrection.
- A Christian is one who confesses with his or her mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and believes in his or her heart that God has raised Him from the dead as outlines in Romans 10:10.

