

# Potter's Clay Co-op

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*But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter;  
And all of us are the work of Your hand. - Isaiah 64:8*

## Doctrinal Statement

Potter's Clay is distinctly a Christian Homeschool co-op. Our membership is made up of parents who have been saved but 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. Potter's Clay is governed by the beliefs and policies of Colonial Baptist Church (CBC). Potter's Clay is not limited to members of CBC, however, we do ask that you understand Colonial's beliefs and if your faith and practice differs significantly, please contact Pastor Scott Wylie before joining.

The following are areas upon which all Potter's Clay members agree:

### **The Scriptures**

We believe that the Bible (the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments) as originally written was inspired by God and the only true sacred text. It is the product of spirit -controlled men, and therefore, is truth without any mixture of error. We believe the Bible to be the center of true Christian unity and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried.

### **The Triune God**

We believe there is one and only one living and true God, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth. He is glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love. In the unity of the God head there are three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are equal in every divine perfection and they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, having not been created, but being the eternal 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 Holy Spirit is a divine person equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature.

### **The Fall of Man**

We believe that man was created in innocence under the laws of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression, Adam fell from his sinless and happy estate. In Adam as our representative head, all men have sinned, the consequence of which, all men are totally depraved, are partakers of Adam's fallen nature and are sinners by nature and by conduct, and, therefore, are under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

### **Grace and the New Creation**

We believe that, in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus. Salvation is instantaneous and not a process. In the new birth, the one dead in trespasses and in sin is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God. The new creation is brought about by our sovereign God in a manner above our comprehension, solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel. The proper evidence of true salvation appears in the holy fruits of repentance, faith, and newness of life.

### **Faith and Salvation**

We believe that faith alone in Jesus Christ is the only condition for salvation.

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