

## Arise, Shine Homeschool Community

### 1a. The Purpose:

**Our Name:** ASHC is based on Isaiah 60:1 “Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee”. It is our desire that Christian families that are part of ASHC will glorify God and shine as lights in this dark world!

**Our Mission:** The mission of ASHC is to provide support for home schooling families in our church and the surrounding regional area. ASHC will provide educational opportunities and fellowship/encouragement/spiritual discipleship to families. “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth” (3Jn.4). It is our desire to see the children in ASHC grow spiritually through the classes that are being offered. Proverbs 9:10 says that “The Fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the holy is understanding”. Education begins with fearing the Lord, knowing Jesus Christ as one’s personal Savior and is founded upon the bedrock of the inspired Word of God. ASHC is designed to enhance what parents are already doing in the home.

**2a. The Statement of Faith:** Arise, Shine Homeschool Community is under the authority of Shalom Baptist Church in Brown Deer, WI. The purpose of the home school group is not to teach on baptism, communion or end time doctrines. Although baptism, communion and end time doctrines are very important, due to the fact that we are reaching out to the larger community, we will leave those important doctrines to each local church/denomination to articulate. The Statement of Faith reflects a basic evangelical faith. While it is not necessary to sign the Statement of Faith to be part of the group, the leadership and teachers must agree to the Statement of Faith.

1. **We believe that all 66 books of the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, inerrant, authoritative, Word of God.** (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21)
2. **We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons** – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30). All are co-equal, co-eternal and co-substantial.
3. **We believe in the deity of Christ** (John 10:33), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26; 2Cor.5:21), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3,

Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19) and His personal return in power and glory. (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11)

4. **We believe in salvation by grace through faith alone** and apart from any human works (baptism or good deeds). Salvation is based upon the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At the moment of salvation the Holy Spirit regenerates and indwells believers. (John 3:16 – 19, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8 – 9; Ephesians 2:8 – 10; Titus 3:5)
5. **We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit** by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (Romans 8:13 – 14; I Corinthians 3:16, 6:19 – 20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).
6. **We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the unsaved;** they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (John 5:28 – 29).
7. **We believe in the Genesis account of Creation in 6 literal 24 hour periods of time.** (Genesis 1:1 – 2:24).
8. **According to Gen1:26-28 God created male and female in His image** for the purpose of marriage and to reproduce. Therefore, marriage is only one woman and one man, legally bound together by vows before a Holy God. No other arrangement of people being brought together is a valid marriage in God's eyes. Any form of child molestation, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, bisexuality, incest, pedophilia, polygamy, or pornography is a sinful perversion of God's gift of sex. We believe God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Genesis 2:22-24; 19:5,13; Leviticus 18:1-30; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1:26-29; 7:2; First Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; Gal. 3:28; Ephesians 5:22-23; First Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).
9. **Human life begins at conception,** although not fully developed, it is nonetheless a human created in the image of God (Ps.139). Abortion is murder of the unborn and clearly condemned in the Word of God (Ex.20:13; Deut.30:19).