

# Statement of Faith

## Article 1 - Our Covenant

Having received The Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

*We covenant together as a Church* to attend its regular services faithfully, to uphold its Confession of Faith and Constitution, to accept its discipline, to contribute regularly and cheerfully to its support, and to promote its growth.

*We covenant together as Christians* to walk as brothers and sisters in Christ: to remember each other in prayer, and to aid each other in sickness and in distress; thus bearing one another's burdens.

*We covenant that as individuals*, we will walk circumspectly in the world, strive to maintain personal and family devotions, teach the Word of God to our children, and to continually work toward Christian knowledge and holiness.

## Article 2 - Our Confession of Faith

### Section 1 – The Bible

We believe that:

The entire Bible as originally written is fully inspired by God. 2 Timothy 3:16

The Bible is the product of Spirit-controlled men. 2 Peter 1:19-21

The one great theme of the Bible is the Lord Jesus Christ. Genesis 3:15. Revelation 22:18-22

The Bible ought to be loved, read, and studied by everyone. Psalm 1:2. 1 Thessalonians 4:18

The Bible is to be our infallible rule of faith and conduct. 2 Timothy 3:16. Colossians 3:16

The Bible is the complete revelation from God to man; therefore nothing is added or subtracted. Revelation 22:18-19

The King James Version of the Bible shall be used in this church for teaching and preaching.

### Section 2 – Our God

We believe that:

There is only one true and living God. Deuteronomy 6:4

God, by nature, is spirit, eternal, unlimited, and self-existent. John 4:24, Psalm 90:2, Exodus 3:14

God is worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love. Revelation 4:11

God has natural attributes of being everywhere present, all knowing, and unchangeable. Psalm 139:7-12, Jeremiah 23:23-25, Job 42:2, Jeremiah 32:17-27, Malachi 3:6

God has moral attributes of holiness, righteousness, faithfulness, mercy, and love. Ephesians 2:4, 2 Corinthians 13:11, Psalm 47:8, John 17:25, 1 John 1:9

In the unity of the Godhead, there are three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

The three in the Godhead are equal in every respect. 2 Corinthians 13:14, John 10:30

The three personages in the Godhead execute distinct but harmonious works. Genesis 1:26, John 3:1-36

The Genesis account of the creation of all things by God is correct and instantaneous. Genesis 1-3, Colossians 1:16-17

### **Section 3 – The Lord Jesus Christ**

We believe that:

Jesus Christ is the son of God, is equal with God, and was instrumental in creation. John 1:1-14, 3:16, 10:30

Jesus Christ was born apart from sin and lived His earthly life without sin. John 3:5, 2 Corinthians 5:21

Jesus Christ was miraculously born of the Virgin Mary. Matthew 1:18 – 25, Luke 1:26-35

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. Luke 19:10, 1 Timothy 1:15

Jesus Christ is the only mediator between man and God. 1 Timothy 2:5

The death of Jesus Christ met the ransom price of God for the remission of our sin. Matthew 20:28, Hebrews 9:12

The death of Jesus Christ was for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2, John 3:16

The death of Jesus Christ was the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place. Romans 5:16

The Bible accounts concerning the resurrection of Christ are accurate and true. Matthew 28:1-20, Mark 16:24:1-31, John 20:1-25

Jesus Christ is coming in the air for His believers, and He will take them to heaven. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Jesus Christ will come back to earth and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords during the Kingdom Age (Millennium). Revelation 19:6, 20:4, 1 Timothy 6:15

Jesus Christ is the Righteous Judge, and He will judge the unbelievers at the Great White Throne Judgement. Revelation 20:11-15

Jesus Christ will reward the Christian for His service at his return. Matthew 16:27, 2 Corinthians 5:10

Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, and He is at the right hand of the Father. Luke 24:51, Mark 16:19

## **Section 4 – The Holy Spirit**

We believe that:

The Holy Spirit is a divine person. John 14:16-26, Hebrews 9:14

The Holy Spirit is equal with God the Father and God the Son, and was present and active in creation. Genesis 1:2, Matthew 28-19, 2 Corinthians 13:14

The Holy Spirit convicts the unbeliever of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. John 16:8-11

The Holy Spirit enables the Christian to understand the Bible. John 14:26

The Holy Spirit indwells, seals, and baptizes the Christian into the body of Christ. Ephesians 1:13-17, John 14:15-18, 1 Corinthians 12:13

The Holy Spirit fills and comforts the Christian. Ephesians 5:18, John 14:26

The Holy Spirit empowers and guides the Christian in his daily life. Romans 8:14, 26-27

The Holy Spirit sanctifies by revealing unrighteousness to all Christians. Romans 8:14-16, Ephesians 4:30

## **Section 5 – Salvation**

We believe that:

The salvation of sinners is wholly through grace by the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:15

In order to be saved, sinners must be born into the family of God. John 3:3-7

The new birth is instantaneous and not a process. Romans 10:8-9, John 3:6-7

Eternal life (heaven) is the free gift of God unto whosoever will by faith, receive Jesus Christ as personal Savior. Ephesians 2:8-9

At salvation, man is declared righteous (justified) and set apart (sanctified) by God. Romans 8

After salvation, the child of God is commanded to grow in grace and in the knowledge of God. Ephesians 4:11-16

The true believers are eternally saved and shall never come under the divine wrath of God Almighty. Romans 8:1, John 3:36

Those who reject God's plan of salvation will receive eternal punishment (hell). Matthew 25:40-46

## **Section 6 - Man**

We believe that:

Mankind was made in God's image by direct creation. Genesis 1:26-27, Isaiah 43:1-7

Mankind was created in innocence and made perfect by God. Genesis 3:1-6

Man, by a voluntary transgression, fell from his sinless and happy state. Genesis 3, Romans 5:12

In consequence of Adams fall, all mankind is now sinful. Romans 3:9, 5:12-19

Mankind is spiritually and physically dead in trespasses and sin before a Holy God. Romans 1:18-20, John 3:18

Man is wholly unrighteous and unable to save himself. Romans 3:10

Mankind is completely sinful before God (body, soul, and spirit). Romans 5:10, 3:10-19

Mankind has a will and is able to acknowledge or deny God. Genesis 1:26, Matthew 19:16-26

## **Section 7 - Angels**

We believe that:

God created personal spiritual beings called angels. Psalms 148:2-5, Hebrews 1:14

Holy angels minister to God and to the Christian. Hebrews 1:14, Psalm 28:1-2

Satan is an angel fallen from his original state of holiness. Ezekiel 28, Isaiah 14

Satan, because of his fall, is the unholy god of this age and the ruler of darkness. 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 2:2

Satan is the enemy of God and has limited power. Job 1, Matthew 4

A number of angels (demons or fallen angels) followed Satan and now oppose the Christian and holy angels. Revelation 12:4, Daniel 10-12-13

Satan and his followers are destined for eternal punishment. Revelation 12:4, Matthew 25:41

The Christian cannot be possessed by fallen angels (demons) but can be influenced by them. 1 John 4:4

## **Section 8 - Prophecy**

We believe that:

Jesus Himself will come in the air first (not to the earth) to receive His believers (rapture). 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

The rapture (taking away) of the church is imminent and will take place before the Great Tribulation. Revelations 3:10

The righteous will be resurrected at the coming of Christ. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Christian will be rewarded and partake of the great marriage supper, beginning at the rapture, which is before the tribulation. Romans 8:1, Revelation 1:19

The tribulation will begin after the church age and will be 7 years long. Romans 8:1, Revelation 1:19

The tribulation of God will execute judgment upon all the earth and its inhabitants. Revelation 8, 9, 16 and 17

The second coming of Christ to earth at the battle of Armageddon will close the tribulation period. Revelation 19:11-21

The second coming of Christ to earth will be bodily and visible. Acts 1:11

The Messianic kingdom (millennium – a 1,000-year period) of Christ will begin when Christ comes to earth. Revelation 19:11-17, Daniel 2:34

The Messianic kingdom of Christ will be an earthly rule of Christ over the nations on earth. Daniel 7:14, Isaiah 9:7

Satan will be bound for the Messianic kingdom. Revelation 20

Satan will be loosed for a season at the close of the Messianic kingdom, and will deceive the nations. Revelation 20

The eternal judgment (Great White Throne) will fall upon all that refuse to receive Jesus Christ as Savior. John 3:18, Revelation 20:12

Eternal judgment will take place at the close of the Messianic kingdom. Revelation 20:5

Following the Messianic kingdom there will be a new heaven and a new earth. Revelation 21:1-5

## **Section 9 – The Church**

We believe that:

The local church is a congregation of born again, immersed believers, associated together by a covenant of faith and the fellowship of the gospel for the purpose of Christian worship, observance of the ordinances, promotion of Christian fellowship, instruction in Christian doctrine, and the propagation of the gospel message. Acts 2:41-42

The true mission of the local church is the edification of the body of Christ, observance of the ordinances, instruction in Christian doctrine, and faithful witnessing of Christ to all men as we have the opportunity. Acts 8:1, Matthew 28:19-20, Ephesians 4:11-12

The local church should be governed by Christ's laws, and exercise the gifts, rights and privileges invested in her by His Word. Ephesians 1:22-23, Matthew 28:19-20

The local church has the absolute right to self-government, free from any hierarchy of individuals or organizations. Acts 15:22, 2:23-26, 6:16

It is scriptural for the church to associate with other churches of like faith for the propagation of the gospel and Christian fellowship. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, Romans 16:1-2

In the Biblical command of church separation, it is unscriptural for this church to associate and fellowship with other churches in activities and services that are not of like faith and practice. Roman 16:17, 2 Corinthians 6:14, Ephesians 5:11, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-14, 2 John 10:11

The elected officers of the local church are pastors and deacons. Titus 1:5-9, 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Baptism is a command of the Lord Jesus Christ upon every believer. Matthew 28:19-20

The New Testament has two ordinances: that of baptism and the Lord's Supper (communion). 1 Corinthians 11:24-26, Matthew 28:19-20

Baptism is to be by immersion of the believer in water. Acts 8:38-40, Matthew 3:13-16

Baptism is administered to regenerated believers only and therefore is not for infants or the unsaved. Acts 2:38, 8:36-37

Baptism is a visible sign of the saving truth of the gospel. Romans 6:3-6

Baptism does not play any part in the salvation of the sinner. John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9

The Lord's Supper is commanded by God and represents the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ for all believers. Matthew 28:19

The Lord's Supper is a solemn and sacred privilege of every believer. Luke 22:20

The prerequisites to participation in the Lord's Supper are a regenerated life, an orderly walk in the Lord, and self-examination. 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Acts 2:46

The elements of the Lord's Supper are unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine (juice). Luke 22:7-20

## **Section 10 – The Civil Government**

We believe that:

Our first obligation is to God and then to our government. Matthew 10:28, Acts 5:29

The civil government is of divine appointment and for the best interest of man. Romans 13:1-3

Magistrates (leaders) are to be conscientiously obeyed and honored. 1 Peter 2:17

All Christian people should pray regularly for all those in places of authority. 1 Timothy 2:12