

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### We believe:

- The Bible is the only, inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21)
- There is one God (Deuteronomy 6:4), eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30)
- The human race came into existence by divine design in a literal 6-day creation of all things as described in Genesis 1.
- 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, Hebrews 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His substitutionary, atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His resurrection (John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of God (Mark 16:19), His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11) to judge the living and the dead. (2 Timothy 4:1)
- In the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; that we are justified only by faith in the shed blood of Christ, only by God's grace when we believe and repent of our sins. (John 3:16–19, John 5:24, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8–9, Ephesians 2:8–10, Titus 3:5, Acts 3:19)
- In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the believers to everlasting life in the presence of God (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17), and the unbelievers to everlasting punishment and separation from God. (Revelation 20:11–15; John 5:28–29)
- In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12–13, Galatians 3:26–28)
- The Holy Spirit is given to every believer immediately upon acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:7) to convict of sin, to teach and instruct (John 16:7–13; Romans 8:26; Luke 12:12), and to enable and empower the believer to live a godly life (Romans 8:13–14; Ephesians 1:19). It is the believer's choice to be filled and empowered for holy living and then to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)
- That gifts of the Spirit are given to believers for the benefit of the body of Christ (all believers). These gifts are prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leadership, mercy, wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous power, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpreting of tongues, evangelists, pastors (Romans 12:6–8, 1 Corinthians 12:4–11, Ephesians 4:11). Not all believers have the same gifts.
- That the fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control and that these should be demonstrated in an ever-increasing measure as the believer matures in Christ. (Galatians 5:16–25; Romans 6)
- In the ordinances of the church—Holy Communion for believers in right relationship with God (1 Corinthians 11:23–29) and Water Baptism by immersion. (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:1–4)