

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. **II Timothy 3:16,17**

The Trinity

We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit who are equal in every Godly perfection, and that execute distinct but harmonious functions in the work of creation, providence, and redemption.

Matthew 28:19; I John 5:7,8

God, the Father

We believe in God, the Father, who is Spirit, infinite eternal and unchangeable; in His being are wisdom, power, holiness, goodness, love, Justice and truth. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. **Isaiah 46:9,10**

Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, continual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. **Mark 10:45; Acts 1:11; Hebrews 7:25; Isaiah 7:14 John 1:1-10; John 4:24; John 14:6**

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to give unbelievers a new life in Christ. We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to enable believers to live a godly life, to sanctify them, and to empower them to service. We believe that the Holy Spirit permanently indwells every believer in Christ at the time of salvation, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide. **John 14:16,17; John 16:7-16; I Corinthians 6:19,20; Titus 3:5,6**

Security of the Believer

We believe that because of the very nature of the gift of eternal life, because of the present intercessory ministry of Jesus Christ, and because of the sealing of the Holy Spirit, all true believers, once saved, will be kept saved by the power of God forever. **John 5:24; 10:28; II Corinthians 1:21,22; Hebrews 7:25**

Regeneration

We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. **Romans 3:23,24; Romans 6:23; II Corinthians 5:17**

The Church

We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible confession of faith, united for worship, work, and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world. John 3:16; Ephesians 1:22,23; Acts 1:8; Hebrews 10:25; Romans 8:9

Christian Conduct

We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ. **Romans 12:1,2; I Corinthians 10:31-33; 4:1,2; Philippians 2:15, 4:8; II Timothy 2:15**

The Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for remembrance of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 28:19; Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 1: 9,10; I Corinthians 11:23,24

Religious Liberty

We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority. **Mark 11:24; Matthew 7:7,8; Matthew 22:21; James 1:5**

Church Cooperation

We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary, independent basis. Acts 14:23; Acts 15:22, 30-31

The Last Things

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal happiness of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked. **II Timothy 4:18; Acts 1:11; Acts 24:15; Philippians 3:10,11; II Peter 3:7; I Thessalonians 4:16,17**

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