

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe** in one God, Creator and Lord of the universe, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**We believe** that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is God's authoritative, inspired Word. It is without error in all its teachings, including creation, history, its own origins and salvation. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters of belief and conduct.

**We believe** that Jesus Christ, God's own Son, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, died a substitutionary atoning death on the Cross, rose bodily from the dead and ascended to heaven, whereas truly God and man, He is the only mediator between God and man.

**We believe** in the necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit for the individual's new birth and growth to maturity and for the Church's constant renewal in truth, wisdom, faith, holiness, love, power, and mission. Every believer is called to live and walk in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit so that he will bear fruit to the glory of God and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

**We believe** that all people are lost sinners and cannot see the Kingdom of God, except through the new birth, which takes place through repentance of sin and faith toward God. Justification is by grace through faith in Christ alone.

**We believe** that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church which is made up of all believers everywhere in the world, and locally the church is a group of baptized believers who are organized to do God's will. Its calling is to worship God and witness concerning its Head, Jesus Christ, preaching the Gospel among all nations and demonstrating its commitment by compassionate service to the needs of human beings and by promoting righteousness and justice.

**We believe** that Jesus Christ will personally and visibly return in glory to raise the dead and bring salvation to completion. God will fully manifest His kingdom when He establishes a new heaven and new earth, in which He will be glorified forever, and exclude all evil, suffering, and death.