



## Statement of Faith

- We believe the Bible is inspired by God, without error, and the authority on which we base our faith, conduct, and doctrine.
- We believe in one God who exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to this earth as Savior of the world.
- We believe Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood for our sins. We believe salvation is found by placing our faith in what Jesus did for us on the cross. We believe Jesus rose from the dead and is coming again.
- We believe water baptism by immersion is a symbol of the cleansing power of the blood of Christ and a testimony to our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe in the full gospel that includes salvation, deliverance, and healing by and through the power of Jesus Christ and the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit as he distributes them to the church.
- We believe every believer should be in a growing relationship with Jesus by obeying God's Word, yielding to the Holy Spirit, and conforming to Christ's image.

\*We agree with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000

## Theological Distinctives

We hold to the Classic, Historic, Pre-millennial view of the second coming of Jesus Christ. As the church, we are grafted into Israel, share in her blessings, and await the coming of our Bridegroom. We believe in the personal, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to rule the nations on earth as King of kings and to continue His priestly office as Lord of lords. At that time, He will sit upon the throne of David. During His thousand-year reign upon the earth, He will forever restore all things and establish the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 24:30,44, Revelation 1:7, Revelation 11:15, Revelation 19:16, Revelation 20:4-6, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-16, John 14:3, Isaiah 9:7, Isaiah 40:10-12)

The 7th Day Sabbath (Saturday) and the Biblical Feast Days (Passover, Pentecost, Sukkot) are for every believer in Jesus Christ. Jesus and His early followers celebrated the Sabbath and the Biblical Feasts and never taught anyone to do any different. The Feasts reveal God's plan for man in ages past and in the last

days before Jesus returns and provide a framework for our Christian lives in the last days. (Lev. 23:2, Ex. 12:19, 1 John 5:3, Luke 2:42, Matt. 26:17, John 7:2, 10, 14)

The Lord's Supper, also called "Communion," refers to the observance of the annual Passover, which is to be done "in remembrance" of Christ. While there is no Biblical requirement to celebrate the Passover at another time or weekly, we regularly break bread with one another in Godly fellowship, just as the early church demonstrated. (Luke 22:19, Acts 2:42, 46, 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:24)

We abstain from celebrating Halloween, Easter, Christmas, and other patron saint holidays adopted by the Romish church. Once we are born again, the old man (sinful nature) and his customs die. (Jer. 10:2, Duet. 12:29-30, 2 Cor. 6:14, Matt. 28:20, Acts 17:11)

## **Our Core Values**

### **Biblically Based**

God's Word is our guide, authority, and conscience in everything. We stand firm where it stands firm and remain flexible where it is flexible. (2 Timothy 3:16)

### **Fully devoted to Christ**

We measure our success by our ability to be and make disciples. Full devotion to Jesus is normal for every believer. (Luke 9:23)

### **Grounded in Grace**

We acknowledge our complete dependence on the goodness and grace of God. We have benefited from the kind intention of His will; therefore, we eagerly extend it to others. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

### **Passionate about Prayer**

We believe the attitude and action of prayer and praise are essential to everything we do. (Colossians 4:2, 2 Chronicles 20)

### **Authentic in Our Walk**

Authenticity, integrity, openness, and sincerity will define us. "The goal of our instruction is love, from a good conscience, a pure heart, and a sincere faith." (1 Timothy 1:5)

### **Committed to the Uncommitted**

We believe that lost people matter to God; therefore, they matter to us. Jesus came to seek and save the lost and has left us here, in part, to do the same. Our individual lives and corporate efforts will reflect this conviction. (Luke 19:10)

### **Relevant & Innovative**

The Bible does not tell us to use only certain styles of music or to present our message only through words. However, the Bible clarifies that we are to find ways to effectively bring the message "into all the world" to make disciples. We believe this will require scrutiny of everything we do - new practices and

old - and a willingness to change, when necessary, within biblical parameters so that we, "by all possible means might save some." (1 Corinthians 9:22)

### **Committed to Community**

Belonging to our community requires a commitment to being intentionally involved with others in accountable, encouraging relationships. We believe life change happens best in the context of relationships. Participants share and encourage each other toward spiritual growth in clusters of caring people. Here, people can experience both the benefits of a larger church and the kind of relationships that only develop in small, safe settings. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

### **Common Questions**

#### **Q: Do you believe going to church on Sunday is a sin?**

A: NO! Sunday is the first day of the week and the first fruit of the week, and we encourage congregational assembly on this day and/or the Sabbath day.

#### **Q: Do you believe in the eternal security of the believer?**

A: Yes! The keyword is "believer". Any believer living a Christian life of faith, works, and repentance continues to walk as a believer and cannot lose their salvation.

#### **Q: Do you agree with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000?**

A: Yes! We agree with the BFM2K.

#### **Q: What denomination are you affiliated with?**

A. None.