

What We Believe/Statement of Faith

1. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired of God, inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also that spiritual death, which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word and deed.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all that believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
7. We believe in that "blessed hope," the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit of God and thereby become the children of God.
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.
10. We believe that the local church is a body of baptized (immersed) believers organized for worship, work and fellowship; that the two ordinances of the church are baptism (immersion) and the Lord's Supper; that the local church is an independent and self-governing body responsible to Christ alone, who is its Savior and Lord.
11. We hold as unscriptural the modern-day healing, tongues and extra biblical revelations movement.
12. We stand opposed to the modern-day ecumenical movement that seeks to unite believers and unbelievers in unholy alliance.
13. We believe the term "marriage" has only one, legitimate meaning: marriage sanctioned by God, which joins one man and one woman in a single, covenantal union, as delineated by Scripture. Marriage ceremonies performed in any facility owned, leased, subleased or rented

by this church will be only those ceremonies sanctioned by God, joining one man and one woman. An individual's gender at birth reflects God's perfect purpose and design for that person and is therefore the only gender we will recognize. (Genesis 2:24; Mark 10:6-9; Ephesians 5:22-23; and I Corinthians 7:1-9)

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman as defined above. We believe that any other type of sexual activity, identity, orientation, or expression that lies outside this definition of marriage are sinful perversions of and contradictory to God's natural design and purpose for sexual activity. (Gen. 2:24, 19:5,13, 26:8-9; Romans 1:26-29; I Corinthians 5:1, 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).