

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe:

- The whole Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired of God and inerrant in the original writings and is the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
- In one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe they are equal in every divine perfection, executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.
- Jesus Christ was born of the Holy Spirit in a miraculous manner (virgin birth). He is both Son of God, and God, the Son.
- The Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal with God the Father and God the Son, and of the same nature. He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel and is the agent in the new birth.
- Satan is now the malignant prince of the power of the air and the unholy god of this world system. We hold him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of God and Christ, the accuser of the saints, the chief power behind the present apostasy.
- A literal interpretation of the Genesis account of creation.
- Man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy estate.
- The salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God. By His substitutionary death, He made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins.
- In God's electing grace, which is according to foreknowledge; that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel.
- Justification is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood.
- The Church of Jesus Christ was inaugurated at Pentecost and must be considered in two aspects: the "Church which is His Body" and the local church. The "Church which is His Body" is the entire company of believers in Christ, whether Jew or Gentile, regardless of denominational affiliation and present position in heaven or on earth. We believe the local church is a congregation of believers associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, and governed by His laws. We hold that the local church has the absolute right to self government, free from any interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations, and that the one and only head is the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe the believer is to avail himself of the

opportunity of remembering the Lord at the communion table, by sacred use of the bread and cup.

- In the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.
- Jesus Christ, after He arose from among the dead, ascended bodily to the throne of God.
- The return of the Lord will be two-fold. First, He shall appear in the air to call up the believing Church to be with Himself. The second part of the return of the Lord will be His return to the earth with His Church, prior to the Millennium, to establish His kingdom on earth.
- Civil government is of divine appointment. Magistrates are to be prayed for and honored.
- We believe that certain miraculous sign gifts were only given for the apostolic age to authenticate the authority of the apostles. These gifts are: speaking in tongues, prophecy, and the direct performance of healings, miracles, signs, and wonders. Therefore, we do not believe that the general exercise of these gifts in the present day is of the Spirit of God.