**Statement of Faith**

**God**

I believe in only ONE living and true GOD, revealed to us in three equal persons known as the trinity. God the Father, JESUS the son (Christ) and the HOLY SPIRIT. All are of one essence, eternal, all powerful, all knowing and loving. Romans 8:9-10

**His Word**

I believe that God has revealed Himself to us thought his Holy Word, Scripture called The Bible

* I believe it is broken down into the Old and New Testaments
* I believe God inspired the inscriptions (original writings) of the Scripture and those inscriptions are consequently without error (Mark 12:36; John 14:26; 16:12-15; Acts 1:16; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
* I accept the Bible as the final authority for all matters of faith and practice (Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12)

**Mankind**

* I believe mankind is the most unique part of God’s creation. Man is made in his image.
* I believe we have a will to know and do right or wrong. We alone can know our Creator and return love back to Him through worship (Acts 17:24-28)

**Sin**

* I believe the Bible teaches that man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23)

**Jesus Christ**

I believe in His son Jesus Christ,

* Who is God’s one and only Son, my one and only Savior (John 1:14; 1 John 4:9 / John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:18)
* Who was born Jesus of Nazareth, both fully human and fully divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary (Matthew 21:11; John 19:19 / John 1:14; Romans 5;15-17; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1 / Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:26-38)
* Who suffered and was crucified under Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1-46)
* Who died and was buried, and who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day (Luke 23:44 – 24:8; John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)
* Who ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father (Luke 22:69; Acts 1:1-9; Colossians 3:1)
* Who will return to earth to judge both the living and the dead (Matthew 24:36-42; John 14:1-3, Acts 1:10-11; 10:39-42; 1 Peter 4:5)

**Salvation**

* The forgiveness of sins—is only by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7)
* I believe the Bible teaches that one receives God’s grace by putting faith in Christ, repenting (turn away) of sin, confessing Christ (Romans 5:1-2 / Luke 24:45-47; Acts 3:19; 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9 / Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:11; 1 John 4:15 / Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21)

**Sacraments**

* I believe we must be obedient and follow through with the sacrament of baptism (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21) I practice baptism by immersion but do honor other Baptism traditions
* I believe the Lord’s Supper, or Communion is a declaration of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ

**Holy Spirit**

I affirm and believe that the Holy Spirit

* Indwells all who are born again (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14)
* Conforms us to the likeness of Jesus Christ. This is a process completed only in Heaven (Romans 12:1-2)
* Comforts, guides, and convicts the heart of sin (John 14:16-17)
* Gives spiritual gifts to those who are in Christ (1 Corinthians 12)

**The Church**

I affirm that a church is a local assembly of baptized believers, under the discipline of the Word of God and the lordship of Christ, organized to carry out the commission to evangelize, to teach, and to administer the ordinances of believer’s baptism and the Lord’s table. Its offices are elders, deacons and it is self-governing. It functions through the ministry of gifts given by the Holy Spirit to each believer.