

## STATEMENT OF BASIC BELIEFS

The gospel is the hope of the world. As we read the Scriptures, we see the overarching themes of God's providence, power and provision to reconcile mankind and the created world to Himself through the person and work of Jesus Christ. In light of this, we aim to be explicitly gospel-centered in all that we preach, teach and practice.

We believe:

» the Scriptures are true, authoritative, and sufficient

*(Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).*

» there is only one true God, Creator of heaven and earth, who eternally exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*(Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5-6; Isaiah 46:9-10; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:5; Genesis 1:26; Psalm 45:6-7; Psalm 110:1; Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:17-20; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6).*

» all things exist for the glory of God

*(Psalm 148; Proverbs 16:4; Isaiah 61:3; Romans 11:33-36; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Ephesians 1:3-14).*

» all humanity, Christ excluded, is sinful by both birth and action

*(Genesis 6:5; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23; 5:8, 12-21; 7:18; Ephesians 2:1-3).*

» the deserved penalty for sin is physical and spiritual death

*(Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3:19; Romans 5:12; 6:23; James 1:14-15).*

» Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, was born of a virgin and is both fully God and fully human

*(Matthew 1:20; Luke 2:52; John 1:1-4, 14; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3).*

» Jesus Christ died as the sacrificial substitute to pay the penalty for sin

*(John 1:29; 10:1-18; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:4; 1 Peter 3:18).*

» Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and will one day physically return

*(Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-53; John 1:20-21:25; 1 Corinthians 15:12-34; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Hebrews 9:28; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 1:7).*

» there will be a future physical resurrection of the dead. Only those who turn from sin and to Jesus in faith and repentance will be raised to eternal reward. Those who do not turn from sin and to Jesus will be raised to eternal punishment

*(Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15).*

» only through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ and repentance from sin can one be reconciled to God and experience true life and joy

*(John 3:18, 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:21-26; 1 Timothy 2:5-6).*