

FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
DOCTRINAL STATEMENT AND ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. As set forth in Article II of the Constitution and By-laws of Faith Fellowship Church, the purpose of this Church shall be: To worship and glorify God; to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to all mankind; to promote the teaching that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God and shall be the sole guide for the redemption of all people; and to do all that we can as the Holy Spirit leads and directs us to influence people to accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior.

2. We believe there is but one living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection...working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will, for His own glory. We believe in the Holy Trinity God in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We believe in the imminent personal return of Jesus Christ according to the scriptures.

3. We believe commitment to the Lordship of Christ Our Savior is a living expression of the conscience of each individual, humbly, thankfully and happily responding to the direction of the indwelling Holy Spirit and to the revelation given us in the Bible.

4. The Holy Scripture, embracing the books of the Old and New Testament, is the infallible, divinely revealed and inspired Word of God. We believe that Jesus Christ is our Source of Faith and our Guide for a vital way of life...and reveals to us the meaning of both history and life. We believe that Salvation is by the Grace of God, alone, and is God's gift to those who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for the remission of sin, and rose again... a gift which is neither merited nor deserved by any virtue or work of man (for man is born of sin) but a gift, when accepted, that assures spiritual blessing and eternal life.

5. We recognize as sacraments those instituted and commanded by our Savior:

- a. Baptism. Baptism was ordained by Jesus Christ. We recognize that baptism is not essential to Salvation and the time and manner of baptism is a matter of individual interpretation, just as the mode and method of administering this sacrament is, and should remain, a matter of the individual conscience.

Recognizing the legitimate and sincere differences that exist in individual interpretations concerning this sacrament, Faith Fellowship Church will baptize those who:

Publicly profess their belief and faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and who present themselves for believer's baptism.

We will dedicate, if desired, during the primary worship hour, the infants and children of parents who publicly affirm their acceptance of Christ.

- b. The Lord's Supper. This ordinance was instituted by our Lord the night wherein He was betrayed. We believe in the observance of this Sacrament as a symbolic participation of Christian believers. It is His command that this sacrament be observed in His Church to the end of the world, for the perpetual remembrance of Him, the sacrifice of Himself in His death, the sealing of all benefits thereof unto true believers, their spiritual nourishment and growth in Him; and to be a bond and pledge of their communion

6. We believe our doctrinal position is summed up in The Apostles Creed:

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen."

7. Faith Fellowship Church, subject to the provisions of its Articles of Incorporation, is permanently and completely an independent and autonomous body, free of any and all external ecclesiastical control, constitution or authority... and adopts the representative form of Church government whereby the Church is autonomous in the free exercise of rule, government and doctrine.