

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

"We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14)

"We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament as being verbally inspired and preserved by God and are without error and infallible in the original writings." (II Timothy 3:16, 17: II Peter 1:20, 21)

"We believe that man was originally created in the image and after the likeness of God." Adam's sin of disobedience brought death to himself and all mankind. Therefore, we believe that mankind has inherited a sinful nature and is separated from the Holy God and man is totally unable to redeem himself. (Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 5:12, 3:23)

"We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary." (Luke 1:35; John 20:31)

"We believe that the Lord Jesus instituted the ordinance of water baptism and the Lord's Supper, to be observed by all believers until His return." (Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 11:23 – 26)

"We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins as our substitutionary sacrifice and all true believers once saved are kept secure in Jesus Christ eternally" (John 1:14 and 5:24; II Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:1)

"We believe that salvation is a gift from God and is received by man only through personal faith in Jesus Christ and that man is justified by God's grace through faith apart from works." (Acts 13:38, 39; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8, 9)

"We believe that the present ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Jesus Christ." He baptizes every believer into the body of Christ at the moment of salvation and permanently indwells him. The Holy Spirit also guides, instructs, empowers, fills, and convicts the believer. (I Corinthians 12:13; John 16:7 thru 14, 14:16 thru 20; Ephesians 5:18)

"We believe that the universal Church is the body of Christ." As members of the universal and local Church we have a responsibility to walk together in Christian love. Also we have a responsibility to exercise care and watchfulness over one another and to pray with one another, sharing our burdens, sorrows and joys. (Acts 2:42 - 47; Ephesians 4:11 - 13)

"We believe in the resurrection of the saved and the lost, the saved destined to a literal Heaven and the lost to a literal Hell."

(Revelation 20:10 – 15; II Thessalonians 1:7 – 9; Luke 16:19 – 26)