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**DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF
FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

We believe this Statement Of Faith to be founded upon the truth of Scripture. In no way is it intended to cover every issue and position. Instead, it is a summary of what we believe is essential and foundational. All members shall refrain from advocating doctrine that is not included in the Statement Of Faith in such a way as to cause dissension.

Convictions - Our doctrinal Statement

(Not written in order of priority)

The Bible

2 Tim. 3:16-17
1 Thess. 2:13
2 Pet. 1:19-21
Rom. 14

The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life. It was given through the instrumentality of chosen men, thus at one and the same time it speaks with the authority of God and reflects the backgrounds, styles and vocabularies of the human authors. No other writings are similarly inspired by God. Scripture is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. This church recognizes that it cannot bind the conscience of individual members in areas where scripture is silent. Rather, each believer is to be led in those areas by the Lord, to whom he or she alone is ultimately responsible.

God

Deut. 6:4
Matt. 3:16-17
Matt. 28:19
Gen. 1, 2
Rev. 4:11
John 1:1-3
Col. 1:16-29

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each possesses equally all the attributes of deity and the characteristics of personality. In the beginning God created out of nothing the world and all the things therein, thus manifesting the glory of His power, wisdom and goodness. By His sovereign power He continues to sustain His creation. By His providence He is operating throughout history to fulfill His redemptive purposes.

Jesus Christ

John 1:1, 14
Luke 1:35
Matt. 1:18-25
John 17:1-4
Titus 3:4-7
Col. 1:20-22
1Cor. 15:3-8
Acts 1:9
Heb. 4:14-16
Heb. 1:3, 8; 9:24
1 Thess. 4:13;
5:11
Col. 1:18
Eph 1:22; 5:23

Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a life without sin, perfect in obedience to the Father, and voluntarily atoned for the sins of all by dying on the cross as their substitute. This satisfied God's justice and accomplished salvation for all who trust in Him alone. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where, at the right hand of the Father, He now is our High Priest, Advocate, the Mediator between God and man, and continually makes intercession for His own. He shall come again to earth, personally and visibly, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church.

The essential accompaniment of a genuine saving relationship with Jesus Christ is a life of holiness and obedience, lived out by believers as they submit to the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity. He was sent into the world by the Father and the Son to apply to mankind the saving work of Christ. He enlightens the minds of sinners, awakens in them a recognition of their need of a Savior and regenerates them. At the point of salvation He permanently indwells every believer to become the source of assurance, comfort, strength, and wisdom. He uniquely endows each believer with gifts for the up-building of the body. He is a seal of their eternal destiny and dwelling. The Holy Spirit guides believers in understanding and applying the Scripture. His power and control are appropriated by faith, making it possible for the believer to lead a life of Christ-like character and to bear fruit to the glory of the Father.

Holy Spirit and the Christian Life

John 7:38-39
John 14:14-16,
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John 16:7-11, 13-
14
Rom. 8:11
Eph. 1:13
Gal. 5:16-23

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Mankind

Gen. 1:26-27; 3:1
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Rom. 5:12-21;
6:23

We believe that man was created by God and made in the image of God but chose to sin and is therefore lost. Only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained and lived out.

Salvation

Gen. 1, 2
Isa. 53
Rom. 3:23
Eph. 2:8, 9
John 1:12-13;
5:24
Rom. 5:8-9
Col. 1:20-22
Mark 1:14-15
John 10:27-29
Phil. 2:12-13

The central purpose of God's revelation in Scripture is to call all people unto fellowship with Himself. Originally created to have fellowship with God, man defied God choosing to go his independent way, and was thus alienated from God and suffered the corruption of his nature, rendering him unable to please God. The fall took place at the beginning of human history, and all individuals since have suffered these consequences and are thus in need of the saving grace of God. The salvation of mankind is, then, wholly a work of God's free grace, not the result, in whole or in part of human works of goodness, and must be personally appropriated by repentance and faith. When God has begun a saving work in the heart of any person, He gives assurance in His Word that He will continue performing it until the day of its full consummation. Salvation is also an ongoing process called sanctification in which one lives in light of the saved state. Glorification is the final state of salvation.

Destiny of Mankind

Heb. 9:27
Rev. 20:11-15
John 5:28
Matt. 25:46
John 14:3
1 Thess. 4:16-18
Acts 1:11
Titus 2:11-14
1 Cor. 15:51-52
Rev. 20:4-6

Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. For all mankind, there will be a resurrection of the body into the spiritual world, and a judgment that will determine the fate of each individual. Unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation. God's judgment will reveal His justice in consigning them to perpetuate in eternal retribution for their own rejection of God. Believers will be received into eternal communion with God and will be rewarded for works done in this life. We believe in the personal, premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.

The Church and its Practices

Col. 1:18
Eph. 1:22
Heb. 10:24-25
Acts 2:38-47
1 Cor. 12:12-14
Matt 16:15-18
Titus 1
1 Tim. 3
Matt. 28:19

Along with knowing Christ personally comes a belonging to the church universal and a desire to fellowship in a local congregation. There is one true church universal, comprised of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Scripture commands believers to gather together often to worship, to pray, to teach the Word of God, to observe the ordinances of Baptism and communion as established by Jesus Christ, to fellowship, to service the body through the development and use of talents and gifts, and to reach out to the world. These are however, not to be regarded as means of salvation. But rather as expressions of it. Wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience to this command, there is the local expression of the church. Under the watch-care of elders and other supportive leadership, its members are to work together in love and unity intent on the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ, building up believers, and reaching the unsaved.