Statement of Faith

GOD
God is eternal, immutable, omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. He is Creator and Sustainer of the universe, and yet He cares about every circumstance we face. There is only one true God who is the eternal King, Creator, and Redeemer of all that is. He exists in three Persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.


JESUS CHRIST
Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life and paid our ransom when He died on a cross—being raised to life again after three days. In His great compassion, Jesus came to bind up the broken-hearted and set the captives free. It is only through Him that a person can receive forgiveness of sin and be reconciled to the Father through the free gift of salvation.

Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34-35; Isaiah 7:14; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26-27; 1 John 3:5; Colossians 1:14, 20; Romans 5:8-10; 6:23; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Luke 24:4-7; 36-38; Revelation 1:17-18

HOLY SPIRIT
The Holy Spirit is equal with the Son and the Father as God. We believe the Holy Spirit is present and ministering today—that He indwells and gives spiritual life to all believers. He convicts us of sin, enables us to understand biblical truths, and comforts us. Through His supernatural gifting, He empowers the Church for its work, life, and worship.

Genesis 1:2; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4; 10:44-48; 1 Corinthians 12, 14

SCRIPTURES
The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy—the supreme and final authority in faith and life.

Proverbs 30:5; John 16:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 2:13
HUMANKIND
Humankind was created in the image of God to know and enjoy Him—to bring Him glory, honor, and praise—but we willfully rejected the Lordship and glory of God for which we were intended. Because of this, death and judgment entered the world, and now creation experiences the effects and consequences of sin.

Genesis 1:26-28; Isaiah 43:7; Ephesians 3:9-10; Revelation 4:11; Isaiah 43:21; Titus 2:14

THE CHURCH
The Church consists of all who put their faith in Jesus Christ. The Church exists to worship the Father in spirit and truth, carrying on the ministry of Jesus Christ—teaching people how to love God with their whole heart, soul, and mind. Then we are to go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe the local Christian church is the prime agency for the work of God’s Kingdom on earth, so that the manifold wisdom of God might be made known.


THE FAMILY
God’s plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, that God created man and woman as unique biological persons. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female.

Genesis 1:27; 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9

END TIMES
We believe in the personal second coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory to consummate the marriage to His Bride—the Church—on a day and time only known by the Father.

John 5:28-29; 14:1-3; Mark 14; 62; Acts 1:11; Philippians 2:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:2-10; Revelation 1:5-7; 20:4-5; 11-12; Matthew 24:36