**Statement of Faith**

**We believe in one God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

(Genesis 1:2; Matthew 5:16; 6:1,4,8,9;

John 1:1; James 1;17; 14:19; 2 Peter 1:21)

**We believe God is the Creator of all things.** (Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 11:3)

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son and Savior of the world.**

(John 1:14; John 3:16; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 John 4:9)

\* Conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:18)

\* Born of a virgin. (Matthew 1:18; Luke

 1:26-27)

\* Died on the cross, was buried, and rose again

 bodily from the grave. (Luke 23:44-24:8; John

 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

\* Ascended into Heaven; seated at the

 Father’s right hand. (Luke 22:69;

 Acts 1:1-9; Colossians 3:1)

\* Who will return to earth to judge both the

 living and the dead. (Matthew 24:36-42;

 John 14:1-3; Acts 1:10-11; 10:39-42; 1 Peter

 4:5)

**We believe the Bible teaches that the pattern to follow to** **receive Christ as Savior** is to believe in Christ as God’s Son and Savior to the world, to repent of personal sin, to confess Christ as Lord, and to be immersed in baptism.  Each of these is clearly taught in the word of God. (Romans 5:1-2; Luke 24:45-47; Acts 3:19; 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10;  1 John 4:15; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21)

**We believe that salvation** —the forgiveness of sins —**comes by grace** through the blood of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8-9;1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7)

**We believe in the Holy Spirit.**

\*A personality who is part of the triune God.

 (Matthew 28:19; John 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8)

 Who indwells every Christian.

 (1 Cor. 3:15; 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14)

Who empowers Christians for Works of service. (1 Cor. 12:4-11)

Who enables us to live Christ like lives. (Galatians 5:16-25)

**We believe in the Bible….**

God’s Holy Word...without error in its original form, and inspired by the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

**We accept the Bible as the final authority** for all matters of faith and practice.  (Isaiah 40:8; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12)

**We believe that man is, created by God, willfully sinned** and as a result, is lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23)

**We believe that the church is the body and bride of Christ,** founded on the day of Pentecost, consisting of all Christians everywhere. (Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 2:14-47)

 **We believe God has ordained elders** to exercise spiritual leadership and authority over the local congregation. (Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)

**We believe Christ will return.** He will formally pronounce the eternal fate of each individual, both living and dead.  The saved will be assigned eternal life; the unsaved, eternal separation from God. (Daniel 12:2; John 5:29; John 6:39; Romans 8:10-11; 19-23)