

# Our Statement of Faith

## **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to help each member successfully fulfill their ministerial call through intentional relationships and fellowship.

## **Our Vision**

Our vision, as a recognized ordaining body is to provide:

Fellowship with vision and resource sharing through conferences, retreats and regional meetings

Personal ministry development and spiritual covering through a network of intentional God-given relationships.

## **Our Doctrines**

WE BELIEVE in one God, revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Deut. 6:4; II Cor. 13:14; John 1:1

WE BELIEVE that our Lord Jesus Christ was begotten, not created, very God of very God, truly man. He was born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, died a vicarious and atoning death for the sins of the whole world, resurrected bodily for our justification, and now reigns in glory until all things be put under His feet

I Tim. 3:16

WE BELIEVE in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, given by the Holy Spirit as He moved upon men of old. Furthermore, we believe that the church has no authority to establish doctrine contrary to these same Scriptures, which were subsequently accepted as canon by the early Christian Church.

II Tim. 3:16

WE BELIEVE that man was created in the image of God and is the crown of creation. He is now, by reason of the fall, spiritually depraved and alienated from his Creator. Apart from God's grace he has no ability to attain to his high calling.

Psalms 8; Eph. 2:8-9

WE BELIEVE that justification is by grace through faith in our Lord's sacrifice on Calvary. Furthermore, we believe that those who are justified in Christ should depart from iniquity. Recognizing that salvation from the penalty of sin only begins the process of redemption, we understand the continuing work of the Holy Spirit is to create in us the character of Christ.

Romans 3:21-24; II Tim. 2:19

WE BELIEVE that all of God's people are to be buried with our Lord Jesus Christ in the waters baptism as a confession of their faith.

Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:4

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit indwells all believers, conforming them to the image of Jesus Christ. Furthermore, we believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an endowment of power given by God to anoint the believer for sanctification and evangelism.

I Cor. 12:13; Rom. 8:16-17; Acts 1:4-5, 8

WE BELIEVE that the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit are active within the body of Christ until the coming of the Lord. We believe the development of these spiritual gifts ought to be encouraged under the guidance of local church authorities.

1 Cor. 12:4-7; I Peter 4:10

WE BELIEVE the identity of the body of Christ on the earth is primarily perceived through the local church. While encouraging the voluntary association of local churches, and recognizing the need of consensus on matters of fundamental doctrine and conduct, we strongly confess the local church to be sovereign and autonomous.

Rev. 2-3

WE BELIEVE in one holy Christian Church, imperfectly represented on earth by the various Christian institutions. We confess as brethren, all who are truly born of God, those with whom we disagree, those who do not confess us, and others whom we exclude because of our un-willful ignorance.

1 Cor.1:10-13

WE BELIEVE in the personal second coming of our Lord, the resurrection of the regenerate to eternal life and the unregenerate to eternal judgment, and the ultimate victory of the eternal Kingdom of God.

Acts 1:9-11; Daniel 12:2; Rev. 22:1-7