

# OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16).

We believe in the triune God who is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (John 14:18–27; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

We believe in the Virgin Birth, The Sonship, and Deity of Jesus Christ. We believe that He was God and Man (1 Timothy 3:16; Matthew 1:23).

We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith (Ephesians 2:8; Hebrews 9:12,22; Romans 5:11).

We believe in water baptism as an outward expression of one's inner faith—that it's God's plan for every believer to be baptized in water (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; 10:47–48).

We believe that it is the will of God that each believer be filled with the Holy Spirit and receive a prayer language of speaking in tongues (Acts 1:8, 19:1–6).

We believe in eternal life for believers (John 5:24, 3:16) and eternal punishment for unbelievers (Mark 9:43–50; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 20:10–15).

We believe in the operation of the gifts of the Spirit individually and corporately (1 Corinthians 12–14).

We believe that divine healing through the redemptive work of Christ is available for every believer (James 5:14, 1 Peter 2:24).

We believe in the table of the Lord, commonly called communion or the Lord's Supper, for believers (1 Corinthians 11:28–32).

We believe that every believer is given power to live a victorious, overcoming life (1 John 5:4).



# OUR MISSION, PROGRESS ICON, PROMISES & VALUES

## WHO WE ARE

With Christ at the Center, we move life forward toward God's best.

## OUR PROGRESS ICON

Our church will be a catalyst to build our lives with Christ as the center for all areas of life—Relationally, Emotionally, Physically, and Spiritually.

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will." Romans 12:1–2 (NIV)*

## OUR PROMISES

Express Life: We will be life-giving, expressive, and passionate in our worship and in Connect Groups.

Consider Everyone: We will be generous in gesture and affirm everyone as someone deeply loved by God.

Keep Advancing: We will be vision-fueled, faith-filled, and always moving forward.

## OUR VALUES

Details Matter: With every person, every experience, and in all of our environments.

Generosity Drives Us: With our resources, gestures, and talents to influence others.

We Build Up: By investing in future generations, developing leaders, and encouraging people.

Make it Memorable: By creating environments and experiences where people walk away forever changed.



# CULTURE TRENDS

**We believe all Christians receive a new identity in Christ that transcends all other group identity or race.**

## **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

## **Ephesians 4:22–24**

To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

## **Galatians 3:26–29**

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

**We believe every human, at conception, is a soul created in the image of God for His purpose.**

## **Genesis 1:27**

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

## **Jeremiah 1:5**

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

## **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



# CULTURE TRENDS (CONT.)

## **Ephesians 1:4**

Even as he chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love.

## **Psalms 139:1–5**

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**We believe God's plan for human sexuality includes marriage and sex to be between a biological male and biological female.**

## **1 Corinthians 6:19–20**

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

## **Mark 10:6–9**

But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

## **1 Corinthians 7:2**

But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.

