

# our faith, community, and culture



**JOURNEY  
COMMUNITY**

## Statements of Faith

**We believe that the Bible to be inspired, the only infallible Word of God.**

- The scripture is the only source cited for doctrine all other resources are not authoritative. The scripture stands alone.

**We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons; namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.**

- Also referred to as trinity.

- The Trinity is one God in three persons, each fully God and distinct from one another. The Father is not the Son or the Holy Spirit, the Son is not the Father or the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son. Yet, they are all equally God and share the same divine nature.

- The Trinity is a divine mystery that cannot be fully comprehended by the human mind. While we can understand certain aspects of it, we cannot fully grasp the nature of the Trinity without divine revelation.

- The Trinity is a doctrine that has been developed over time through the study of Scripture, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the insights of theologians. It is a central belief of Christianity and is essential to the understanding of God and the gospel.

- The Trinity is not three gods, but one God who exists eternally as three distinct persons. This means that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are not separate beings or entities, but are united in their essence and nature as one God.

- The Trinity is a reflection of the Godhead's eternal self-giving and self-receiving love. The Father eternally begets the Son, and the Holy Spirit eternally proceeds from the

Father and the Son. This eternal relationship of love is what makes the Trinity a communion of persons rather than a solitary deity.

**We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning sacrifice through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection; in His ascension to be the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.**

**We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful souls, the blood of Christ and a repentant heart bring about spiritual transformation.**

**We believe that justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.**

- Not obtained by works. By deeds, or membership. By faith alone in Christ alone. True faith will always be accompanied by action.

**We believe in sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the word, and by the Holy Ghost.**

- The continual work of the Spirit in our lives. Until our bodies are resurrected or risen with Him, we will continually grow in his likeness through the Spirit. No one arrives at a fully matured and perfected state while in this flesh.

**We believe that the full Gospel includes holiness of heart and life, healing for the body and the baptism in the Holy Ghost which may include speaking in other tongues, healing, wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing,**

**miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, interpretation of tongues.**

- We will elaborate on this one quite a bit more as it is a point of contention and division among so many western churches.

- Do we allow people to speak in tongues in our church? Short answer. Yes. Kinda hard to say no to tongues with 1 Corinthians 14:39 saying “Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.”

- Tongues is often a point of contention in many western denominations. Mostly because tongues have been over emphasized by many Pentecostal denominations. Also, a misunderstanding of the types and timing of tongues in scripture. Two types are referenced here.

- Other Tongues - it is commonly said there must be an interpreter. In this case, the

interpretation is the whole point. Acts 2 is a perfect example. They spoke in the native tongue of those in the city from many different languages. This was a sign to them. Also, a great asset too. Evangelizing the world with diverse languages.

- Unknown Tongues - Not meant to speak to people, but to God himself. The Spirit speaks this. 1 Corinthians 14:2 (KJV) For he that speaketh in an [unknown] tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth [him]; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

- Paul warned in 1 Corinthians 14 that unknown tongues was for the individual and God, not to dominate a church service. He later said, do not forbid speaking on tongues. So the message he's giving is our viewpoint. That is, we can't make disciples or win souls by having church services with everyone speaking in unknown tongues. So we focus on seeking

Gods face for his will in the church and will emphasize preaching and teaching in words people understand. But will never forbid someone to speak in tongues.

•Prophecy. We also note Paul's teaching on desiring to prophecy. "1 Corinthians 14:39 (KJV) Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues." The definition of prophecy here is Strongs G4395 , to speak forth by divine inspirations, to predict

1.with the idea of foretelling future events pertaining esp. to the kingdom of God

2.to utter forth, declare, a thing which can only be known by divine revelation

3.to break forth under sudden impulse in lofty discourse or praise of the divine counsels

4.under like prompting, to teach, refute, reprove, admonish, comfort others



- Key note here is that prophecy has been abused by much of the Pentecostal church. Prophets speaking very general or vague words or altogether unbiblical falsehoods. So as the scripture teaches to call out false prophets openly. If someone were to prophecy falsely in the open, it will need to be addressed in the same manner.

**We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Ghost by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.**

- We believe in water baptism by immersion and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

- Water is H<sub>2</sub>O. It does not save anyone. It has no power. Baptism is a following of Jesus command. There is much conflict in some as to where one should be Baptized in

Jesus name or in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We follow Jesus words in Matt 28:19, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”.

**We believe in the Lord's Supper and washing of saint's feet.**

- Following Jesus pattern. We aren't dogmatic about ceremony nor frequency as the scripture isn't specific about timing or frequency.

**We believe in the pre-millennial second coming of Jesus: first, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air; second, to reign on the earth one thousand years.**

**We believe in the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous, and eternal punishment for the wicked.**



## Our Commitment and Culture

- **Love.** We commit to loving unconditionally.

- **Truth.** We commit to preaching Biblical truth in love. We can't separate truth and love. Love must come with truth or else it isn't love and truth cannot come without love or else it is prideful and disempowered.

- **Biblical Grace.** We commit to teaching and preaching Biblical grace. Teaching that true grace doesn't give us a license to do whatever we want. But rather teaches us to deny ungodliness. Titus 2:11-12 (KJV) 11 For

the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; However, despite our intentions to live Christlike, we will stumble. Biblical grace help us us lift one another up and focus forward and grow in strength to endure temptation. Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound, God forbid. However, shall we bash our brother because he stumbles, God forbid.

- **Practical Theology Application Approach** . We commit to not give you theology without application. But also, not give application without theology.

- **Preparation** . We commit to teach apologetics to prepare you for answering

difficult questions about your faith and prepare you to share the Gospel outside the walls of the church.

**•Finding Your Gifts.** We commit to helping you find your God given gifts and help find ways to plug that into the kingdom work for greater purpose.

**•Not Being Grumpy & Judgmental.**  
We commit to never becoming a grumpy and judgmental harsh church. We want to be welcoming and loving. Whatever your background or past, we all desperately need Jesus.

**•No pets.** We commit to not finding a certain type of sin to continually beat on. All sin

separates from God. We will teach the whole Word and not hand pick certain parts to continually focus on.

• **No idols.** We commit to not making idols out of a building, decorations, a worship style, a preacher, a tradition, or any such thing.

• **Safe from Extra-biblical and Traditional Standards** . We commit to zero tolerance for teaching tradition, opinion, and man-made doctrines. If the Bible don't clearly teach it, we're not going to either.

• **Past is past.** We're not going to remind you of your past that is under the blood. Jesus has cast it as far as east is from west. Who are we to keep bringing it up to you.

•**Relationships and Marriage.** We'll teach the Biblical stance on marriage. One man with one woman. All other sexual relationships are fornication.

•**Discipleship.** We commit to an intentional discipleship model. This includes open and candid conversations around Christian living in a safe but transparent community environment. Discipleship without accountability is a social club. Our goal isn't butts in our seats, but to equip each person for boots on streets.

•**Challenge.** We commit to challenge you to grow in Christ and move outside your comfort zone.

**•Unconventional Ministry.** We commit to not being bound by American, modern and western definitions of how church is done. We are likely going to be much different a lot of the time in efforts to be most like the early church and reaching a community where it is. We aren't different for the sake of being different, we are different with intentions on emulating the early church in principle and meeting the community where it is for the sake of the Gospel.

**•Casual Dress.** We're not formal. Neither was Jesus and his disciples. We're not gonna try to impress with our dress. Just wear clothes and we're good.

- **We Won't Harass you for Money.**



We strive to never put the church in a financial position to have to press for money just to pay the bills. We keep a low cost overhead and building, no one is on salary. The team works full-time jobs to support the ministry. We won't beg anyone to give. Each persons generosity and faithfulness in giving us up to them.