Statement of Faith

THE SCRIPTURES:
The Scriptures are the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God, serving as the final guide for faith and conduct. Christians must remain receptive to the illumination of Scriptural truth by the Holy Spirit. (2 Timothy 3:15–17, 2 Peter 1:20–21, Hebrews 4:12)

THE GODHEAD:
God is Spirit – infinite, eternal, uncreated and unchangeable in His being or attributes. There is one eternal, triune God existing in three distinct persons (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14):

- **THE FATHER:** God, the Father, is our creator. He is the Father of all Christians in a special, intimate relationship.
- **JESUS CHRIST:** Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He took the form of a man (Jesus is the Word that became flesh according to John 1). We believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His substitutionary and atoning death on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His authority, and His personal return in power and glory. Jesus fulfilled God's plan. (John 1:1, 14, Philippians 2:5–11, Hebrews 13:8)
- **THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity, distinct from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit possesses personal attributes, volition, and relational capabilities: He wills gifts (1 Corinthians 12:11), can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30), speaks and provides direction (Acts 13:2), helps us pray in the spirit (Romans 8:26), and teaches (John 14:26). He indwells the believer and is the Teacher who reveals all truth to us, even the deep things of God according to 1 Corinthians 2.

THE CREATION AND FALL OF HUMANKIND:
God created humankind—male and female—in His own image and likeness; sacred, unique, and with purpose. Man was tempted by Satan and disobeyed God. This original sin broke human fellowship with God, corrupted human nature, and brought spiritual and physical death, guilt, and God's condemnation upon all humanity. Because of the Fall, we are born sinners, unable to save themselves, and need of a Savior. (Genesis 1-3, Romans 5:12, 1 Corinthians 15:21–22, Ephesians 2:1–3)

THE CHURCH:

The Church comprises of all believers worldwide. As believers, we have individually being saved out of sin and redeemed from it's consequences and penalties. We are called to live a life reflecting our new nature in Christ Jesus by constantly renewing our minds to the truth of God's Word, through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Church is under the head of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we are called and equipped to live for His purpose through the 5 fold offices explained in Ephesians 4:11-13. (Ephesians 2:19-22; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:9-10; Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23).

All people are welcome to attend our services, with the understanding that we uphold the Biblical teaching that sexual relationships are reserved for a natural man and a natural woman within lawful holy matrimony. Adherence to this biblical principle is an inherent requirement for partnership.

The primary mission for our church is to serve as God's agency for evangelizing the world, offering a secure and intentional space for people to honor the Lord in praise and worship, and the sound, uncompromised teaching of God's Word. We place emphasis on equipping and edifying believers to grow spiritually, to the point where their lives reflect the image of the Lord Jesus, and demonstrate His love, power and goodness to all. The Church is also called to uphold God's wisdom and truth, promote constructive change, minister to the poor and the oppressed. The Church is expected to serve as an instrument of God's authority through enforcing the devil's defeat over people's lives, and releasing the benefits of what was won through the finished work of the cross to those who will believe.

THE SALVATION OF HUMANKIND:
All have sinned and are saved only by grace through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, resulting in regeneration and new birth by the Holy Spirit. Through His death, people can obtain the forgiveness and remission of sins; washing and cleansing from unrighteousness; justification and favor with God; healing and wholeness; the victorious life; and the gift of eternal life. (Romans 3:23, 10:9–10, Ephesians 2:8–9, Titus 3:5)

BLESSED HOPE AND FINAL JUDGMENT:
We believe in the personal, bodily return of Jesus Christ for His church, followed by a final judgment, eternal life for the redeemed, and eternal separation from God for the unrepentant. (1 Thessalonians 4:16–18, Revelation 20:11–15, Revelation 22:20)

SANCTIFICATION:
While we have been made righteous, we desire personal sanctification, a definite, yet progressive work of grace, commencing at the new birth and continuing through the life of the Christian. Sanctification is an act of separating from that which is evil and substituting it with a dedication unto God — walking daily in holiness, fruitfulness, and the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 12:1–2, Galatians 5:16, 22–25, Ephesians 4:30–32)

THE MINISTRY:
Scripturally, every Christian is a minister, having full and equal access to God through Christ – called to serve God and one another through love. We are stewards – called to profitably use the trust granted by God; and we are workers – called to fulfill the labor of love in God's kingdom. Christ has given various ministries to the church – pastors, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers – which are essential to equip the saints for the work of ministry and to build up the Body of Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:6, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Thessalonians 1:3, Hebrews 6:10, Ephesians 4:11–12)

WATER BAPTISM:
Scripture says that all who have become disciples through repentance and faith in Christ as Savior and Lord be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Baptism by full immersion in water is for believers, a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection; a declaration that the believer has died with Christ and has been raised with Him to walk in newness of life; a public confession of the new believer's faith in Christ. (Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16, Romans 6:4)

COMMUNION:
Communion is the regular partaking of the emblems of the bread and the cup as symbolic of the Savior's broken body and shed blood. In following this ordinance, believers are remembering the Lord Jesus Christ; proclaiming His death; giving thanks for the benefits of His broken body and shed blood; expressing their communion with Him and one another; celebrating His resurrection; and anticipating His return. (1 Corinthians 11:23–26)

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT:
The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an experience distinct and subsequent to the new birth. Through baptism in the Holy Spirit, believers are empowered and equipped for life and service; and with it comes supernatural gifts of the Spirit and their uses in the work of the ministry and spiritual warfare. The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance. (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4–8, 2:4, 10:44–46, 19:1–6)

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT:
Supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit (such as prophecy, healing, discernment, and tongues) are active, vital, and available for the edification of the church today. (1 Corinthians 12:4–11, 1 Corinthians 14:1, Romans 12:6–8)

DIVINE HEALING:
We believe that physical and emotional healing is provided for in the atonement of Christ and is available to believers through the power of prayer and faith. (Isaiah 53:4–5, Matthew 8:16–17, James 5:14–15)