

## **We believe...**

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

(Matthew 5:16,45; 6:1,4,8,9; James 1:17/John 1:1; 14:9 / Genesis 1:2; John 4:24; 14:16-20; 2 Peter 1:21)

### **We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of all things visible and invisible**

(Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 11:3)

### **We believe in Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, my one and only Savior**

(John 1:14; 1 John 4:9 / John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:18)

#### **Who was born Jesus of Nazareth, both fully human and fully divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**

(Matthew 21:11; John 19:19 / John 1:14; Romans 5:15-17; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1 / Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:26-38)

#### **Who suffered and was crucified under Pontius Pilate**

(Luke 23:1-46)

#### **Who died and was buried, and Who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day**

(Luke 23:44 – 24:8; John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

#### **Who ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father**

(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 in the Holy Spirit**

#### **Who is an active and operative part of the triune God**

(John 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 8:26-27)

#### **Who indwells every Christian**

(1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14)

## **We believe in the Bible—God's Holy Word, Scripture. We believe God inspired the autographs (original writings) of the**

**Scripture and those autographs were consequently without error**

(Mark 12:36; John 14:26; 16:12-15; Acts 1:16; 1 Corinthians 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; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12)

**We believe the Bible teaches that man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ**

(Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23)

**We believe the Bible teaches that salvation—the forgiveness of sins—is only 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 the Bible teaches that one receives God's grace by putting faith in Christ, repenting of sin, confessing Christ and being immersed into Christ**

(Romans 5:1-2 / Luke 24:45-47; Acts 3:19; 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9 / Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:11; 1 John 4:15 / Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21)

**We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, founded on the Day of Pentecost and consisting of all Christians everywhere**

(Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 2:14-47)

**We believe the Bible teaches that the Elders are to exercise authority over the local congregation**

(Acts 20:28; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)