

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Bible--We believe that the entire Bible in its original writings is verbally inspired of God, and is of plenary authority (II Tim. 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:21).

The Trinity--We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons--Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19,20; John 10:30).

The Lord Jesus Christ--We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man (Luke 1:35; Isa. 9:6, 7:14; John 1:1; Phil. 2:6-9).

The Holy Spirit--We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, regenerates, indwells, enlightens, and empowers the believer (John 16:8; I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:13, 17, 18; 3:16).

Natural Sin--We believe that all men, by nature, are dead in trespasses and sins; and we, therefore, are totally unable to make themselves acceptable unto God (Ph. 2:1-3; Romans 3:23; 8:7, 8).

Redemption--We believe that man can be redeemed from sin only through the voluntary death of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the Cross of Calvary; and that His blood accomplished, once and for all, complete redemption (Eph. 1:7; Heb. 10:10, 12, 14).

Salvation--We believe that man by faith receives salvation and that it is a gift of God, apart from works. We believe that man who trusts in the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ is justified freely by God's grace (Romans 3:24-28; 4:5; Eph. 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9, 10).

Believers Walk--We believe that as Christians, we should seek to walk worthily of the Lord and that we should consciously endeavor to manifest that quality of life that truly pleases and glorifies God (Rom. 13:12-14; Eph. 5:1-17; I Thess. 4:1; Matt. 3:8).

The Church--We believe the church is called the Body of Christ, having a membership composed of all saved people (I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:22; 3:1-6).

Mission--We believe that the mission of the church is to preach and teach the gospel of the Grace of God (Acts 20:24; Romans 1:1-5).

Resurrection--We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was resurrected bodily from the dead, and that He will raise from the dead both the just and the unjust. The just to resurrection unto life and the unjust to the resurrection unto condemnation (John 5:29; 20:24-29; Acts 24:15; I Cor.

15:4-18; 42-46).

Ascension--We believe that Christ ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father

(John 6:62; Eph. 4:8-10; I Peter 3:22).

The Second Coming of Christ--We believe that the second coming of Christ will be personal, visible, and glorious and could be imminent (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Phil. 3:20, 21; Col. 3:4).

Biblical Marriage-- We believe that God has divinely ordained the institution of marriage to be a covenantal union; a lifelong commitment shared exclusively between one naturally-born man and one naturally-born woman, based on the principles of biblical love (Mal. 2:15; Mat. 19:3-6; Mark 10:6-9; Eph. 5:22-33).

Human Sexuality-- We believe that God calls some to a life of marriage and others to lifelong celibacy. His calling to either is a divine gift worthy of honor and respect. We believe that God intended the gift of sexual intimacy to be shared only within the biblical marriage relationship. All other physical expressions of our sexuality outside of biblical marriage are personally destructive, sinful, and forbidden by God. We believe that God in His sovereignty gifts each individual with a biological gender according to His design and disapproves of any attempt to alter one's God given gender (1Thess 4:3-8; (1 Cor 6:9-10;18-20; Leviticus 18:22; Deut 22:5).  
\*Please see *Nashville Statement* for further clarification <https://cbmw.org/nashville-statement/>

Sanctity of Life--We believe that God created man and woman in His image and calls us to defend, protect, and value all human life which has intrinsic value and significance from conception to natural death. We affirm the sacredness and dignity of all people: male and female, unborn, aged, physically or cognitively challenged, or any person who is devalued - "the least of these" (Genesis 1:27, 2:7, 9:5-6; Deut 5:17; Jer 1:5; Psalms 139:13-16).