

WE PROMISE TO AFFIRM THE HISTORIC BELIEFS HELD BY EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES. **WE ARE COMMITTED TO THESE CORE DOCTRINES:**

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## THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible is God's Word, divinely and uniquely inspired, trustworthy, and has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

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## JESUS CHRIST

We believe in Jesus Christ; God's only begotten Son, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, sinless in his life, making atonement for the world's sin by his death on the cross.

We believe in His bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, high priestly intercession for His people, and personal, visible return to the world according to His promise.

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## HUMANITY, SALVATION, AND ETERNITY

We believe that all are sinners by nature and by choice, but that "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

We believe, therefore, that those who accept Christ as their Lord and Savior will rejoice forever in God's presence, and those who refuse to accept him will be eternally separated from God.

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## THE CHURCH

We believe the Church's mission is to glorify God in corporate worship, build itself up in the faith by the instruction of the Word, and communicate the gospel to the world. Each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; therefore, Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other.

## GOD

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We believe in God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power. We rejoice that He is merciful toward sinful people, hears and answers prayer, and saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, who came forth from God to convince the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment and to regenerate, sanctify and comfort those who believe in Jesus Christ.

## ORDINANCES

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We believe in the Church, a living, spiritual body of which Christ is the head, and all regenerated people are members.

We believe a visible Church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ, buried with Him in baptism and associated with worship, work, and fellowship.

We believe that these visible churches were committed to observance "until He comes," the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper and that God has laid upon these churches the task of persuading a lost world to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and to enthrone Him as Lord and Master. We believe that righteous living, good works, and proper social concern are essential products of the gospel.

Empowered Leaders  Transformed Communities