

## Doctrinal Statement

1. The Bible - I believe that the Word of God is infallible, inerrant, and inspired. I further believe that God has preserved it for the English-speaking people in the Authorized King James Bible.
2. The Trinity - I believe that God eternally exists in three Persons and that these three are one God having the exact same nature, attributes, and perfections, but with different offices and functions. I believe that God the Father is the First Person of the Godhead, eternal, self-existent, omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Godhead, only begotten of the Father, and the Saviour of all who by faith accept Him. He is the perfect God and the perfect man, never changing; He was born of a virgin, and became the Redeemer of sinners through His death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead and dwells within every believer. His work to the believer consists of regeneration, indwelling, empowering, teaching, discernment, filling, and sealing.
3. Man - I believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God and that he fell through sin. As a result, he lost his spiritual life becoming dead in trespasses and sins. I also believe that this sin nature of man has been transmitted to the entire human race giving every child of Adam born into the world a nature that is essentially sinful, apart from divine grace.
4. Salvation - I believe that a person can only be saved by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Through repentance and believing, the sinner receives the new birth, and having experienced the new birth, is saved for all eternity. Once a person is saved, he is justified (the act of God whereby He declares as righteous the sinner who believes); he is sanctified (but not made perfect); and he is preserved.
5. Heaven and Hell - Heaven will be the eternal abode of all believers where they will forever rejoice in the presence of the Lord. Hell is the eternal abode of all unbelievers where they will be eternally separated from God and consciously punished and tormented in the literal Lake of Fire.
6. The Local Church - I believe that God has established the local church to carry on His work. This work is to glorify God and edify the believer so he can evangelize the world. The church has only two offices: pastor and deacon. The pastor is the under-shepherd of Jesus Christ. He feeds, guides, warns, and leads the church. The deacons are given to assist him in his duties. The local church is charged with keeping two ordinances: the Lord's Supper and baptism. Both of these ordinances are symbolic of the work of Christ and have no saving merit.
7. Things to Come (Pre-millennial, Pre-tribulational, Dispensational) I believe that the next event in God's timetable is the Rapture of the redeemed. The Rapture is followed by the Tribulation; then Christ returns for the Battle of Armageddon which ushers in His Millennial reign.
8. Separation - I believe that there are two areas of separation for the believer: Ecclesiastical: We must not cooperate with liberal organizations, men who are lost, erring brethren, and those who do not take similar stands of separation. (Groups with whom I would avoid cooperating would be the liberals, neo-orthodoxy, new evangelicals, World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, National Association of Evangelicals, Charismatic and Pentecostal groups, and Southern Baptists.) Personal: How we appear, what we say, what we do, and where we go are important. Biblical principles of modesty and identification (as either a male or a female) are important in consideration of appearance. All music in every church should be conservative and God-honoring in sound, words, and presentation.