



## **Our Beliefs**

All we do here is governed by our view about God and convictions of what Scripture tell us. We thus affirm wholeheartedly the following Statement of Faith as consistent with the bible and what is central to our teaching, preaching, pastoring, work in ministries, care in the community, outreach and missions. We Believe:

### **The Bible**

The Authority of the Bible which consists of the Old and New Testaments as the word of God with final authority over our lives, and it being reliable and sufficient for everyone who wants to know God through Jesus and walk in fellowship with other believers.

### **The Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ as God incarnate who died on the cross for the sins of humanity and reconciles us back to God through His Blood.

### **The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is divine and proceeds from God and helps us in our walk and relationship to the Father and the Son. He indwells all believers, convicts of sin, inspires Scripture and gives true understanding, gives gifts to believers and builds the church.

### **Salvation**

The need for one to have a personal salvation (i.e. receive Jesus Christ into one's life and be born again) as an invitation by the Lord to have a relationship with Him. Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved.

### **Baptism & The Lord's Supper**

Baptism and the Lord's Supper were ordained by Christ as visible expressions of the Gospel to be practised within the church as focal rites and dramatic enactments of the meaning of faith. We thus expect everyone who has accepted Christ as saviour and Lord to be baptised by immersion and, the Lord's Supper open to all who are heirs of salvation.

### **The Church**

The universal Church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible in local churches, and the participation in the local church community, use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and skill-set to glorify God and serve others in love. That our worship lifestyle should reflect the life of Christ in self revelation of the Father, prayer and fasting, fellowship with other believers, compassion for the unsaved and social action.

### **Worship**

Our praise and worship services should communicate our hearts and thoughts to and about God, through songs, art and creative communication, combining appropriate modern music, ancient songs and liturgy while at the same time upholding the centrality of the word of God.

## **Children**

Children and young people have a special place in the heart of our Lord and are also capable of professing faith in Christ Jesus. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." We are thus intentional in creating the environment to give children and young people a chance to receive the Lord.

## **Take The Good News Out**

Every Christian should obey the command of Christ and share his or her faith with other people in the power of the Holy Spirit aimed at bringing them to Christ.

## **Small Groups**

To be an Acts 2-type church, every believer should actively seek to be part of small groups to devote themselves to the Apostles doctrine, fellowship and prayer in an environment where one can bring or ask questions, make a contribution to discussions, have doubts about life and the bible addressed, build relationships and have fun together.

## **Spiritual Warfare**

Christians have an enemy who is Satan the devil who will do everything to oppose believers from having a good relationship with the Lord and living their lives in peace. We should be alert and ready to engage in spiritual warfare with Jesus being our captain and the Holy Spirit as our helper in this, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

## **Giving**

Giving is an act of worship for a Spirit-filled church and committing the ownership of our lives to God; members are encouraged to tithe and give regular offerings. As a church we also see giving as an opportunity to see the promises of God fulfilled in our lives in blessings and crediting (receipted) into our account.