

Sunrise Christian Fellowship ***(Statement of Belief)***

In order to identify the church as conservative in theology and evangelical in spirit, we set forth this general statement of fundamental beliefs:

(1) The Bible - We believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments are entirely inspired by God in the original manuscripts. We believe the Bible is the revealed word of God and that it is infallible and eternal. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Isaiah 40:8).

(2) God The Father - We believe that God is an eternal person, that He is Creator of all, infinite and infallible; and is Father of all those who receive Jesus Christ as Savior. (Genesis 1, John 1:12)

(3) God the Son - We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is the only Savior of mankind. We believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His substitutionary sacrificial death, His bodily resurrection, His future return and His final reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. (Acts 4:12, Luke 1:34-35, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24, Matthew 28:1-6, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

(4) God the Spirit - We believe the Holy Spirit is a person and that He possesses all of the divine attributes of God. We believe that He indwells all believers and that He is our source of power for witnessing and service in the church. He is our Comforter and Teacher who guides believers into all truth. His ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 16:7-14, 1 Corinthians 12, Acts 5:3-4).

(5) The Trinity – We believe in the Trinity of God; that there are three distinct persons in one Godhead. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; who exist eternally and are co-equal in power and glory. (Genesis 1:26, Matthew 28:19, Hebrews 9:14, 2 Corinthians 13:14).

(6) The Church - We believe the church is the Body of Christ and is made up of all born again believers. We believe the local church is a group of believers who assemble for teaching, equipping, worship, prayer, fellowship and ministry. We believe the Church is God's redemptive force in this world. (Acts 2:41-42, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

(7) Ordinances - We believe in the Baptism of believers by immersion as taught in the Scriptures. We also believe that baptism does not provide salvation, rather it is an act of obedience to the command of Christ and a testimony to others of our faith in His death, burial and resurrection. (Matthew 3:16, Acts 8:38, Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 6:3-5)

We believe that Communion (The Lords Supper) is a symbolic ordinance, picturing Christ's broken body for our sins and His shed blood for our

redemption. It is not a saving sacrament, but a practice that helps us remember His death, and encourages us to look forward to His coming. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

(8) Man – We believe that mankind was created in the image of God and is not a product of evolution. Mankind through disobedience fell into sin, resulting in spiritual death, and is now sinful by nature and practice, unable to save himself from his sin. (Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 3:1-24, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23).

(9) Salvation – We believe the only way a person can be saved from the penalty of their sin and be restored to fellowship with God is by trusting in the finished work of Jesus Christ upon the cross. Salvation is a free gift from God and is effected on the grounds of the shed blood of Christ alone and is entirely of grace, not any effort on the part of man. (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9).

(10) Heaven – We believe heaven is real and exists now and is being prepared for all born again children of God. It is the present abode of Christ from which He will return to this earth to receive His children and take them back to heaven to abide with Him forever. (John 14:1-6, Acts 1:9-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).

(11) Hell – We believe Hell is real and has been made ready primarily for the devil and his angels. It is also a place for those who reject Christ as Savior and Lord, those whose names are not found written in the Book of Life. It is described as a place of fire. It has no ending. (Revelation 20:10-15, Revelation 21:8).
