

# Statement Of Our Faith

## The Lighthouse, A Christian Church

### We believe:

- \* The Bible to be the only inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. John 16:13; II Timothy 3:15-17; II Peter 1:21; I Thessalonians 2:13
- \* There is one God, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22; John 14:16
- \* In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, John 1:1; Philippians 2:6-11; John 1:14; Isaiah 9:6; John 20:28-29; Colossians 2:9
- \* His virgin birth, Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34-35; Isaiah 7:14
- \* His sinless life, II Corinthians 5:21; I John 3:5; Hebrews 4:15, 7:26-27; I Peter 2:22
- \* His miracles, Matthew 4:23; Luke 6:17-19; John 3:2
- \* His vicarious (substitutional) and atoning death through His shed blood, Colossians 1:14, 20; Romans 5:8-9; Ephesians 1:7
- \* His bodily resurrection, I Corinthians 15:3-4; Luke 24:4-7, 36-48; Revelation 1:17-18
- \* His Ascension to the right hand of the Father, Acts 2:23, 5:30-31; I Peter 3:22
- \* And His personal return in power and glory to rule and reign as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Acts 1:11; Philippians 2:9-11; I Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-18; John 14:1-3
- \* Justification by faith, in the atonement of Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful man. Romans 3:24-25; John 3:3-7; Ephesians 2:1-16; Revelation 5:9; Acts 4:12; I Corinthians 6:11; John 5:11-13
- \* The prime agency for the establishing of God's kingdom is the individual local Christian churches functioning under the sovereignty of the Lord Jesus Christ; by the empowering of the Holy Spirit. Acts 16:4-5; Matthew 16:18, 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-47; Ephesians 1:22-23; I Corinthians 12-14; II Corinthians 11:23-26
- \* Baptism in water is to be done by immersion as a public statement of identification with Jesus Christ; as an outward testimony of obedience to Christ Jesus, and of complete and full repentance from sin and separation from the world. Romans 6, Matthew 3:16, Acts 8:38
- \* We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit which includes: the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as a experience distinct from regeneration; His indwelling by which the Christian is enabled to live a godly life; and His supernatural gifting and empowerment of the church for its work, life and worship. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-4, 10:44-46; I Cor. 12, 14
- \* In the Rapture, the Blessed Hope of the Church, by the Lord Jesus Christ when the dead in Christ shall be raised and those who are alive caught up to be with the Lord forevermore. I Thessalonians 4:16-17; I Corinthians 15:51-52
- \* In the return of Jesus Christ, to consummate His Kingdom in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:4-5, 11-12; Mark 14:62; Revelation 1:5-7; II Thessalonians 1:2-10
- \* In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. John 17:11, 21-23; Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 4:11-16