



# Friends In Fellowship Christian Church

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At Friends in Fellowship Christian Church, we believe the Bible is the final authority for every matter of our faith and practice. We do not require our members to affirm belief in any written statement or creed, but only their trust in Jesus Christ and His plan of salvation. However, it is beneficial from time to time to clarify our beliefs through a Statement of Faith, which specifies the essentials of our Christian beliefs.

We welcome anyone and everyone to attend our services and programs, regardless of his/her faith background or worldview. Therefore, this Statement of Faith should help you know what to expect from Friends in Fellowship Christian Church. The following Statement represents the foundation for all of our teaching and practices, as well as the belief of our leadership.

## **Statement of Faith**

I believe in one God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*(Matthew 5:16, 45; 6:1, 4, 8, 9; James 1:17 / John 1:1; 14:9 / Genesis 1:2; John 4:24; 14:16-20; 2 Peter 1:21)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of all things visible and invisible.

*(Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 11:3)*

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, my one and only Savior,

*(John 1:14; 1 John 4:9 / John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:18)*

Who was born Jesus of Nazareth, both fully human and fully divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

*(Matthew 21:11; John 19:19 / John 1:14; Romans 5:15-17; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1 / Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:26-38)*

Who suffered and was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

*(Luke 23:1-46)*

Who died and was buried, and Who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day,

*(Luke 23:44 - 24:8; John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)*

Who ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father,

*(Luke 22:69; Acts 1:1-9; Colossians 3:1)*

and Who will return to earth to judge both the living and the dead.

*(Matthew 24:36-42; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:10-11; 10:39-42; 1 Peter 4:5)*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, Who is an active and operative part of the triune God,

*(John 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 8:26-27)*

and Who indwells every Christian.

*(1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14)*

I believe in the Bible and God's Holy Word, Scripture. I believe God inspired the autographs

(original writings) of the Scripture and those autographs were consequently without error.

*(Mark 12:36; John 14:26; 16:12-15; Acts 1:16; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)*

I accept the Bible as the final authority for all matters of faith and practice.

*(Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12)*

I believe the Bible teaches that man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ.

*(Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23)*

I believe the Bible teaches that salvation and the forgiveness of sins is achieved only by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ.

*(Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7)*

I believe the Bible teaches that one receives God's grace by putting faith in Christ, repenting of sin, confessing Christ, and being immersed into Christ, but that none of these is sufficient in and of itself for the assurance of salvation.

*(Romans 5:1-2 / Luke 24:45-47; Acts 3:19; 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9 / Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:11; 1 John 4:15 / Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21)*

I believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, founded on the Day of Pentecost and consisting of all Christians everywhere.

*(Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 2:14-47)*

I believe the Bible teaches that the Elders are to exercise authority over the local congregation.

*(Acts 20:28; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)*

In His Service,

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