

Statements of Faith *(Cont.)*

ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS — People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life. *Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1, 2*

ABOUT SALVATION — Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith. *Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:17.*

ABOUT ETERNAL SECURITY — Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot "lose" it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security. *John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25, 10:10,14; 1 Peter 1:3-5*

ABOUT ETERNITY — People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. *John 3:16; John 14:17; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15; 1 Cor. 2:7-9*

Church Vision Statement:

We envision being a healthy spiritual church that is truly alive. This means: reaching out to the community of Lake County; making disciples of Christ that are growing and maturing in faith; being faithful and loving to each other; encouraging people to a life of personal and corporate spiritual practices; and developing Godly leaders.

Core Values

- We love people because they matter to God and must matter to us. (Luke 19:10)
- We do everything for God's glory, not for our greatness. (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- We believe that each person stands before God and makes a decision about his or her relationship with God. (Matthew 16:15)
- We believe the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- We practice baptism of believers in response to God's saving grace. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Every member is a minister. (Revelation 1:5-6)
- We believe that the church can maintain its purpose and integrity best if there is no governmental (Local, State, or National) interference, either positive or negative. (Acts 5:29)
- The church is free to govern its own affairs, to order its worship, and to decide how and to what level it will relate to other churches. (Acts 2:42)
- We provide material and spiritual support to national and global ministries that reach people. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- We strive to meet peoples' felt-needs so that they can have real-needs met by Christ. (Colossians 4:2-6)
- We believe that all services should be culturally relevant while remaining doctrinally pure. (John 4:21-24)
- We pursue ministry excellence by doing our best work for God. (Genesis 1:31a)
- In essential beliefs — we have unity. (Eph. 4:4-6)
- In non-essential beliefs — we have liberty. (Romans 14:1,4,12,22)
- In all our beliefs — we show charity. (1 Cor. 13:2)

Reaching Out

Welcoming

Others to Christ



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