



NEW HILLS

CHURCH

Statement of Faith

God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. There is one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— co-equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections. (Genesis 1:1, 26-27; 3:22; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 90:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2)

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven and will return to earth to judge and rule over all creation. (Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5,14; 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Peter 4:5; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13)

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make us aware of our need for Jesus. He lives in every believer from the moment of salvation and provides power for living, understanding truth, and discerning what is right. (2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13-14; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18)

The Bible

The Bible is the inspired Word of God and the final authority for faith and life. It is without error and complete in the original writings, infallible, God-breathed, and sufficient for and consistent in communicating God's everlasting truth to all humanity through all times and in all places. It is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. (Psalm 119:105,160; Proverbs 30:5; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12, 13)

People

God created humans, both male and female, in His image and likeness. Every person (from conception through natural death) has immeasurable worth as a sacred creation of God, but all have sinned and fall short of God's perfection, making a relationship with God by human effort impossible (Genesis 1:27; Psalms 8:3-6; Psalms 139:13; Jeremiah 1:5; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2)



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The church is made up of people who have placed their faith and hope in Jesus. It is the community of God and the body of Christ on earth and exists to continue the mission of Jesus by equipping and building up all believers to do His work. Jesus is the sole head of the church, not any person, group, or religious organization. While we value associating and cooperating with other groups of Christians, we believe every local congregation is directly under the ultimate leadership and authority of God. (1 Corinthians 12:27; Matthew 28:19-20; John 10:10; Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 1:18)

Salvation

Salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith. We are saved from sin's penalty by trusting in Jesus Christ and his sacrifice as God's offer of forgiveness. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his or her life by faith. (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts are God-given abilities for serving and building up the church. It is the privilege and responsibility of every believer to serve others according to the gift(s) and grace of God that is given. (Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 13; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

Baptism

Baptism by immersion symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and is a public declaration that a person has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Baptism does not save us, but shows the world that we have already been saved. And while baptism is not required for salvation, it is a biblical command and demonstrates our love and obedience to Christ. (Colossians 2:12; Acts 2:41; Ephesians 2: 8-9; Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 6:4)

Marriage

Marriage is a lifelong covenant relationship between one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. It is a lifetime relationship in the eyes of God. The Church believes in the covenant faithfulness of each man and woman in marriage before Jesus Christ, and the Church only performs marriages under these beliefs. These beliefs constitute the "Biblical Definition of Marriage." The Church hereby creates this policy, known as the "Marriage Policy." (Matthew 19:6; Ephesians 5:23-33; Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Genesis 2:22-25; 1 Corinthians 7:2-16)