

# Walnut Ave Christian Church

## Statement of Fundamental Truths

### The Scriptures:

We believe the Bible is God-breathed and without error, to which nothing can be added or taken away. It is the only and perfect order of our faith and manner of living, and is superior to conscience and reason. II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 1:16

### The One True God:

We believe there is only one living and true God, eternal with unlimited power, Creator of all things; and in one God are three distinct persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:6; Matthew 28:19; I John 5:7 (KJV)

### Jesus Christ:

We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is truly God and truly man. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, suffered death on the cross for the sins of man and rose from the dead on the third day. He will soon return to this world and rapture all Christians to be with Him in heaven. After the tribulation, He will rule as King over all the earth for one thousand years of peace, before the establishment of new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells. John 1:14; Luke 1:27-35; I Peter 3:18; Acts 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:16-17; 5:9; I Corinthians 15:51-54

### Man – His Fall and Salvation:

We believe man was created good, but fell by willful transgression. Jesus Christ is the only means to salvation for all those who experience "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Each person must be born again by the Spirit of God. This new birth is the only means to enter the Kingdom of God. The inward evidence of the believer's salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit. Genesis 1:26-31; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21; John 3:16; I John 5:11; John 3:5 Acts 20:21; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16

### The Church – Her Composition, Ordinances, and Ministry:

We believe the church of Christ is both local and universal, but consists solely of those who through the new birth are in Christ, Matthew 13:24-30; John 3:3,5

We believe it is the primary mission of the church to proclaim the gospel of Christ to the world, and that all morally and scripturally correct means should be used to influence people to commit themselves to Christ. I Corinthians 15:3-4; John 3:16; II Peter 3:13; I Corinthians 9:22; Galatians 1:6-11; I Corinthians 2:2

We believe all who have repented of sin and believe in Christ as Savior should observe the ordinance of water baptism. Baptism should be administered in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by one recognized as a minister. Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47; Romans 6:4

We believe Christians should regularly observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper as a memorial of His death, a witness to the believers' unity, and a reminder of His soon return, The bread and fruit of the vine are only symbols of the body and blood of our Lord. I Corinthians 11:20; Matthew 26:16-29; I Corinthians 11:26; 10:16-17

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## The Christian – His Lifestyle:

We believe that the Christian is credited with our Lord's sanctification. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Christian can live in victory over sinful behavior, though never sinless nor free from temptation. The outward evidence of his salvation is his life of righteousness. Important to this evidence is a life completely free of drunkenness, illegal drug use, homosexuality, fornication, and other forms of an immoral lifestyle. Hebrews 12:14; Romans 8:13; I Corinthians 1:30; Hebrews 6:1; I John 2:3-6; I Corinthians 6:9-10

We believe the Christian must daily fortify himself against the attempts of Satan and his host of evil spirits to tempt the believer to fall. Isaiah 14:12; Ephesians 6:11-18; Daniel 10:12-13; I Peter 5:8-9; II Corinthians 11:14; James 4:7

We believe that every Christian should give himself zealously to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, because all those who are saved will spend eternity in heaven, whereas all those who reject Christ are destined for eternal damnation, along with Satan and his hosts. Romans 10:14-15; Matthew 28:19-20; II Timothy 4:5; Ephesians 4:11; II Corinthians 5:11,14; Matthew 24:14, 25:41; II Peter 2:4

We believe the most important attribute of the Christian lifestyle is love, Love from God allows us to love other Christians, sinners, and even our enemies. This love is our motivation to win souls to Christ. Luke 6:32-35; Romans 13:8; I Corinthians 13:1; John 13:35; I John 3:14

## The Promises of God:

We believe that God provides power for life and service through the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is received distinct from the new birth, and its initial evidence is speaking in tongues, a language one has never known. Acts 1:4-5 2:38-39; 19:1-7; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 2:42-43; James 3:1-10

We believe healing from sickness, with or without the services of a physician, is the will of God provided in the atonement for all believers in proportion to their faith and in response to prayer through the laying on of hands. Isaiah 53:4; Matthew 8:16-17; Luke 17:14; John 9:6-7; Luke 18:42; James 5:14; Mark 16:18; Acts 19:12