

STATEMENT OF FAITH

About God: We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, sovereign and supreme, existing eternally as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with each person being fully God.

About Man: We believe that man was created in the image of God to glorify Him by enjoying, loving, trusting, and obeying Him forever, but man rejected God and rebelled against Him.

About Sin: Sin is any act or attitude that is contrary to God's moral law, whether conscious or unconscious. We believe that through the fall of man, sin entered the world and man is now born into sin. This sin separates man from his holy Creator. Forgiveness of sins is available through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

About Jesus Christ: We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, both fully God and fully man in one person, King of kings and Lord of lords. He was born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, suffered at the hands of earthly authorities, was obedient to His Father even unto death on a cross, and was raised from the dead on the third day thus proving He is Lord and Christ. After forty days, He ascended into heaven where He sits at the right hand of God making intercession on our behalf.

About Salvation: We believe that sinners are saved by sovereign grace through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ by which He accomplished redemption, forgiveness of sins, renewal of life, and life everlasting for His people. This salvation is received by grace through the gift of faith so that no man can boast.

About the Holy Spirit: We believe in the deity and personhood of the Holy Spirit who convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment. He is sent to indwell the believer, provides power for righteous living, equips people for service in the church, and guides into truth. He is the deposit guaranteeing our inheritance to come.

About the Church: We believe in the one, holy, universal Church which is the community of all the people of God for all time. The Church has been commissioned to be a light unto the world and to make disciples among all the nations. We recognize the abiding significance of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which will be used in service of the Church until the Lord returns.

About Scripture: We believe that the canon of the Old and New Testaments is the authoritative standard for the faith and practice of the Church. All Scripture is inspired by God. It is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.

Last Things: We believe Christ is coming again to judge the living and the dead. The righteous shall receive fullness of life and joy and will be raised up and given a body conformable to Christ's glorious body and shall live forever. Those who do not believe will receive everlasting punishment apart from Him in hell.



Membership Covenant

DISCIPLESHIP

I commit to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. I commit to the study of God's Word and promise to devote myself to prayer and other spiritual disciplines so that my faith, peace, and love may grow. I submit to the discipline of the eldership of Birmingham Community Church as they seek to guide members into growing relationships with Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP

I commit to give my life as a living act of worship and to attend corporate worship with the local body of believers with whom I have entered into covenant.

COMMUNITY

I commit to participate in the faith community, using my spiritual gifts for the edification of the church, giving of my time and resources, confessing my sins, forgiving others as I have been forgiven, seeking peace, being quick to reconcile, and eager to encourage my brothers and sisters in Christ.

MISSIONS

I commit to taking the Gospel to my neighbor and the ends of the earth. I commit to being intentional about building relationships for the spread of the Gospel.

BCC MEMBERSHIP

I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and have followed the command of Jesus Christ and been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, I commit to loving the Lord with all of my heart, with all my soul, and with all my might and to loving my neighbor as my self. I acknowledge that I have read and agree with the Birmingham Community Church Statement of Faith and the Birmingham Community Church Membership Covenant. I promise to live and teach according with, and not contrary to, these documents.

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