

## HOME GROWN HEARTS ~ Elkhart County

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the verbally inspired and only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God. (II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:21)
2. We believe in the one true and living God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Gen. 1:1,2; Isa. 9:6 Matt. 1:23; John 10:37-38; John 16:13-15; 1 Cor. 2:10,11; Col. 2:9; Heb.1:8,10)
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death through His shed blood on the cross in our place, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His future personal return in power and glory. (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:35, Heb. 7:25; John 2:11; Heb. 9:12; Col. 1:14; Col 2:9; John 11:25; Acts 1:11; Rev. 19:11-16)
4. We believe that human beings are sinful by nature; that although created in the image of God, human sin against God marred the image, and fellowship with God was broken. (Rom. 3:19,23; Isa. 53:6; Rom.5:12,18; 1 John 1:8)
5. We believe that God has demonstrated His love for lost and sinful humanity, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. We believe that the Holy Spirit convinces us of sin and leads us to experience God's salvation through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, who alone reconciles us to God. (John 3:16-19; Rom. 5:8; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8,9; Titus 3:5-7; 1 John 5:11)
6. We believe in the ongoing ministry of the Holy Spirit, Whose indwelling empowers us to live godly lives, and to express our personal faith through good works. (1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Gal. 5:22,23; Titus 3:14; Eph. 1:13,14; Eph. 2:20; James 1:22-25; James 2:26)
7. We believe in life after death of both the saved and the lost: the saved to eternal life in God's presence, and the lost to eternal damnation. (Dan. 12:2; Matt. 13:40-42; Matt. 25:46; John 3:16, 36; John 5:28, 29; John 17:3; Acts 24:15)
8. We believe in the unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, bound together by the Holy Spirit, and sent out in gifted diversity to accomplish Christ's mission in the world. (1 Cor. 12:11-14; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 2:19-22; Eph. 1:2-6)
9. We believe in the creation of man by the direct act of God, which reveals His unparalleled power, and His unfathomable love toward every person even before each is born. (Gen. 1:26-28; Gen. 5:1-2; Psa. 139:13-18; Eph. 1:3-6)
10. We believe in the family, the basic unit created by God, which consists of one male and one female, legally married, and their children, including adopted, foster, and step-children. We recognize the exception of single parents. We do not recognize one-gender marriages, believing in homosexuality is contrary to Scripture and the intentions of God in creation. (Gen. 1:27,28; Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:22-33; Col 3:18-21; Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:18-27; I Cor. 6:9,10)
11. We believe in God-ordained authority, where the parents have primary authority over and accountability for their children, and therefore are responsible to direct their educational development. We also believe we are subject to the state when it is acting under its godly jurisdiction. (Deut. 6:4-9; Psa. 127:3-5; Prov. 22:6; Rom 13:1-4; Eph. 6:1-4)

This is a non-denominational group. You are expected to abide by the statement of faith. Though we all stand for the normative Christian faith, we may differ on non-essentials. Please respect the convictions of each member and treat each other with respect and equality.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please write a brief description of your relationship with Christ on back.\*\***