

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

**ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES:** We believe the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God and that men were moved by the Spirit of God to write the very words of Scripture. Therefore, we believe the Bible is without error. It is the only point of reference we will use in presenting religious instruction at co-op, no other books will be used.

**ABOUT GOD:** We believe in one living, true God who exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus Christ is the second member of the Trinity (the Son of God) who became flesh to reveal God to man and to become the Savior of the lost world.

**ABOUT MANKIND:** We believe that mankind was created in the image of God to have fellowship with Him but became alienated in that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, man is incapable of regaining a right relationship with God through his own effort alone. Man is the special creation of God, made in his image. He created them male and female. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation.

**ABOUT SALVATION:** Salvation, the redemption of the whole man, is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by his own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. He, and He alone, reconciles the universe to its creator.

**ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:** We believe that every Christian should live for Christ and not for himself. By obedience to the Word of God and daily yielding to the Spirit of God, every believer should mature and be conformed to the image of Christ.

**ABOUT THE CHURCH:** We believe that the church is the body of Christ, of which Jesus Christ is the head. The members of the church are those who have trusted by faith the finished work of Christ. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by loving Him and by making Him known to the lost world.