

## Statement of Faith

The purpose of the Statement of Faith is to state the beliefs and worldview by which TGIF will operate. Formal acceptance of the Statement of Faith is not required for membership in TGIF. However, prior to being accepted, all members shall acknowledge, in writing, that they understand that the TGIF Statement of Faith constitutes the beliefs of this organization and that they agree not to contradict these beliefs. All members of the board shall be required to affirm, in writing, their personal agreement with, belief in, and acceptance of the TGIF Statement of Faith. The TGIF Statement of Faith is as follows:

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.*

*\*The word "catholic" refers not to the Roman Catholic Church, but to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.*