

The Sanctuary

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Where God's  Is Our Refuge

We at "The Sanctuary" believe that everyone needs to hear the good news of God's forgiveness through Christ. We believe that salvation is both an instantaneous and a progressive work of God that begins when a person places their faith in Jesus. We hold to the old adage that genuine Christians have been **SAVED** from the penalty of their past sins, are being **SAVED** from the power and influence of the sinful nature and shall be **SAVED** from the very presence of sin when Jesus comes again.

With this wonderful reality as our hope, we put forth the following mission statement in the form of the **SAVED** acrostic. We believe it reflects God's calling and purpose for us as a local church family. We would love to have you join us in this noble pursuit. If you have interest in knowing more about our church or have any questions I would enjoy speaking with you personally. Simply call my office.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Jim Dockery

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MISSION STATEMENT

To be a church which shows the authenticity of their faith by:

Seeking to worship God with passion (*inwardly consecrated & outwardly expressive*)

Always adhering to sound biblical doctrine

Vying for the hearts of the unchurched through creative adult & youth programs

Equipping committed church and community members for service and leadership

Determined to restore backslidden and brokenhearted believers to Christ

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We Believe:

The Scriptures: The Bible is the inspired Word of God, and we accept it as our infallible guide in faith and conduct. It is the mind of Christ, and we give it pre-eminence over human reasoning. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Timothy 2:15, and 2 Peter 1:21)

We Believe:

The Godhead: Our God is one, but manifested in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, being co-equal. (Matthew 24:19, Matthew 3:16-17, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 2 Corinthians 13:14, 1 Peter 1:2, Hebrews 1:8, 2 Corinthians 3:17, 1 Corinthians 2:11, Galatians 4:6 and Ephesians 2:18)

God The Father is greater than all; He is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and immutable. He is both righteous Judge and loving Father. (Isaiah 43:10, 1 Corinthians 8:6, John 14:28, and 1 John 4:8)

God The Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, has eternally existed with the Father, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, took upon Himself the form of a man, and became obedient unto death. In His atonement, He bore the curse of sin, sorrow, and sickness, redeeming mankind back to God. He arose on the third day and ascended into heaven, where He sits at the right hand of the Father, and ever lives to make intercession for us. (John 1:1-3, Matthew 1:23, Philippians 2:6-11, and Hebrews 7:25)

God The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead, co-equal and eternal. He was sent by the Father through the Son, to convict the world of sin, regenerate the repentant, receiving heart, indwell and guide the believer, and prepare the bride of Christ for His return. (John 16:8, John 14:17, Revelation 22:17 and 1 Corinthians 3:16)

We Believe:

Man, His Fall And Redemption: Man is a created being, made in the image and likeness of God. Through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world. "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one." Jesus Christ, the Son of God was manifested to undo the work of the devil and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man back to God. (Genesis 1: 26-27, Romans 5:14, Romans 3:10, 23 and 1 John 3:8)

We Believe:

Eternal Life And The New Birth: Because of man's inability to save himself, salvation is by God's grace alone. It is received through sincere, godly repentance and a whole-hearted acceptance in Jesus Christ as personal Savior. Through being born again, man becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus. "Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." Jesus said, "And him that cometh to me I will in no

wise cast out.” (Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:3. 1 John 5:12, 2 Corinthians 5:17, and John 6:37)

We Believe:

Water Baptism: Baptism in water is by immersion, a direct commandment of our Lord, and is for believers only. This ordinance does not bring salvation, but is an outward symbol of the inward change that has already taken place by the new birth. It is also an open declaration that we have died with Jesus and been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. (Acts 8:36-39, Matthew 28:19, Colossians 2:12, and Romans 6:4)

We Believe:

The Lord’s Supper: the commemoration of the broken body and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is a symbol and an expression of thanksgiving of our sharing the divine nature. It is a memorial of His suffering, death, burial, and resurrection. It is not the literal body or blood of Christ, but represents the bread of life which is Jesus and His cleansing blood which washes away our sins. (Luke 22:7-22 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

We Believe:

Baptism With The Holy Spirit/Gifts: All believers are baptized with the Holy Spirit and into the body of Christ at conversion (1 Corinthians 12:13 and Romans 8:9). Never the less believers are commanded to be continually filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:19), are encouraged to ask and seek the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:9-13). As believers do so they may expect to experience the super natural presence of God, which may include speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, the ongoing conviction of sin, prophesying and the manifestation of the other gifts of the Spirit as listed in 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12. All such expressions of worship must be done in the spirit of love (1 Corinthians 13), must be done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40) for the purpose of edifying the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 14:40) and bringing glory to God.

We Believe:

The Second Coming Of Jesus: the angels said to Jesus’ disciples, “This same Jesus shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.” His coming is personal and imminent. When He comes, “The dead in Christ shall rise first, then we, which remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” (Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Titus 2:12-13, and Matthew 24:36&44)

We Believe:

Hell And Eternal Retribution: The one who physically dies in his sins, without accepting Christ, is hopelessly and eternally lost in the lake of fire, a literal place. This is the place of everlasting punishment prepared for the devil and his angels, as well as

the beast and the false prophet, and whosoever is not found written in the Lamb's book of life. (Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 19:20, Revelation 20:10, 14-15, Revelation 21:7-8, and Revelation 14:10-11)

We Believe:

Sanctification: The scriptures teach a life of holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to obey the command, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Sanctification is a definite, yet progressive, work of grace and should be earnestly pursued by walking and living in obedience to God's word, and allowing the word, in conjunction with the Holy Spirit to renew our minds and transform our lives. The natural outworking of this holy life is the fruit of the Spirit, which is "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law." These should be cultivated in the life of every believer. (Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1: 15-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, Romans 12:1-2, and Galatians 5:22-25)

We Believe:

The Church: The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the "general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven." (Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 2:22, and Hebrews 12:23)

The Church has a three-fold ministry, divinely called and ordained by our Lord.

- Ministry to the Lord (worship)
- Ministry to the saints (fellowship)
- Ministry to the world (stewardship or evangelism). (John 4:23-24, Acts 13:2, Ephesians 4:11-13, 1 Corinthians 16:14-18, Mark 16:15-20, and Acts 1:8)

Every born again child of God should identify himself with, and be joined to, the visible church of Jesus Christ. He should labor diligently in the areas of prayer, fellowship, worship, evangelism, tithes and offerings, loving one another, supporting and submitting to God's delegated authority in the church, attend services consistently and punctually, personal ministry and responsibility within the local body, and loving the Lord God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength. (Hebrews 10:24-25, Psalm 111:1, Acts 2:44-47, Acts 16:4-5, Romans 12:5, Malachi 3:8-10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 1 Corinthians 16:2, and 1 Corinthians 12: 14-28)