

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Versailles Christian Church 2017-01



This congregation confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God and the principles embraced therein to be used for the rule of both faith and life.

We believe in one God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 5:16; 45; Matthew 6:1,4,8,9; James 1:17; John 1:1; John 14:9; Genesis 1:2, John 4:24; John 14:16-20)

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of all things visible and invisible.

(Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 11:3)

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, our one and only Savior,

(John 1:14; 1 John 4:9; John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:18)

Who was born Jesus of Nazareth, both fully human and fully divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

(Matthew 21:11; John 19:19; John 1:14; Romans 5:15-17; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1; Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:26-38)

Who suffered and was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

(Luke 23:1-46)

Who died and was buried, and Who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day,

(Luke 23:44-24:8; John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

Who ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father,

(Luke 22:69; Acts 1:1-9; Colossians 3:1)

and Who will return to earth to judge both the living and the dead.

(Matthew 24:36-42; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:10-11; Acts 10:39-42; 1 Peter 4:5)

We believe in the Holy Spirit, Who is an active and operative part of the triune God,

(John 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 8:26-27)

and Who dwells in every Christian.

(1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14)

We believe in the Bible as God's Holy Word. We believe God inspired the autographic (original writings) of the inerrant Scriptures.

(Mark 12:36; John 14:26; John 16:12-15; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

We accept the Bible as the final authority for all matters of faith and practice.

(Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; Matthew 24:35; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12)

We believe that God has established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman, and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise is immoral and therefore a sin. *(Gen. 2:24-25; Ex. 20:14,17; Ex. 22:19; Lev. 18:22-23; Lev. 20:13, 15-16; Matt. 19:4-6, 9; Romans 1:18-31; 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 15-20; 1 Tim. 1:8-11; Jude 7)*

We believe that God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is immoral and therefore a sin. *(Gen. 1:27; Deut. 22:5)*

We believe the Bible teaches that man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ.

(Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23)

We believe the Bible teaches that salvation and the forgiveness of sins is achieved only by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ.

(Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7)

We believe the Bible teaches that one receives God's grace by putting all of one's faith in Jesus Christ and His work on the cross alone. One's faith is proclaimed through public confession and represented through public baptism.

(Romans 5:1-2; Luke 24:45-47; Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:11; 1 John 4:14; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21)

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, founded on the Day of Pentecost and consisting of all Christians everywhere.

(Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 2:14-47)

We embrace our responsibility to fulfill "the Great Commission."

(Matthew 28:19-20)

We believe the Bible teaches that the Elders are to exercise authority over the local congregation.

(Acts 20:28; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)