

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS COMPRISE MISSION 832'S STATEMENT OF FAITH:

HEN YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED BY GOD in its entirety, and is without error in the original autographs, and is the complete and final written revelation from God. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:21)

WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD, who is eternal and immutable, and manifests Himself in three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30)

WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS OF NAZARETH IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH (John 1:36-42), born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:34-35), totally without sin (Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 7:26), God in human flesh (John 1:1 & 14; John 20:28), the One who died on the cross for the sins of the world (1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9), was buried (John 19:40-42), rose again from the dead on the third day (John 2:19), and ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, where He now intercedes for us who believe in Him. (Mark 16:19; Acts 7:56; 1 Timothy 2:5)

WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS GOING TO RETURN in the clouds to Rapture His church before the tribulation that is coming upon the whole earth (John 14:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), and that He will return in the Second Coming with His saints and all His holy angels to the earth at the end of the tribulation to set up His kingdom on earth, ruling and reigning forever and ever. (Matthew 24; Revelation 19)

WE BELIEVE THAT ALL HUMANITY IS LOST AND BORN WITH A SINFUL NATURE, and can only be saved by a personal faith in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and not by any human merit or performance. (John 3:16-19; John 5:24; Romans 3:10; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5)

WE BELIEVE IN A REAL AND LITERAL DEVIL, CALLED SATAN, who, along with all his fallen angels, demons, and evil spirits, are destined to spend eternity in hell, and now seek to deceive the world, defeat the believers, and destroy the work of God, but can be resisted by believers, who are protected by God, the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord (Genesis 3:1; Job 1:6-12; Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 22:31-32; 1 John 4:4; Revelation 20:10)

WE BELIEVE THAT HEAVEN IS A REAL AND LITERAL PLACE where the saved will dwell forever, and that hell is a literal place of torment where unbelievers will reside forever. (John 14:1-3; Revelation 20:11-15; Revelation 21:8; Revelation 22:5)

WE BELIEVE THAT GENUINE BELIEVERS ARE BORN AGAIN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, and are indwelt, baptized into the body of Christ, the true church, and sealed by the Holy Spirit, and thus, unable to be separated from the love of Jesus Christ. (John 3:1-6; Acts 1:4-5; Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 1:13-14)

WE BELIEVE THAT ALL BELIEVERS NEED TO BE FILLED AND EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

to live a godly life and to be bold in our witness for the Lord. (Romans 8:13-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30; Ephesians 5:18)

WE BELIEVE IN THE SPIRITUAL UNITY OF ALL GENUINE BELIEVERS in the Lord Jesus Christ which is manifested by the use of spiritual gifts and evidenced by fruit of the Holy Spirit's presence through His love. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:8-12)

WE BELIEVE THAT THE NATION OF ISRAEL HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN both past, present

and future, and that all of the promises of God to Israel will be fulfilled both now and at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to establish His millennium reign. (Genesis 12:3; Psalm 122:1)

WE BELIEVE THAT THE HUMAN RACE WAS CREATED AS MALE AND FEMALE by a direct act of God to fully reveal His image and that both male and female united produces life. (Genesis 1:26-28)

## WE BELIEVE MARRIAGE, AS REVEALED IN THE BIBLE, IS A SACRED COVENANTAL UNION BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN that limits sexual relations to monogamous, heterosexual marriage.

(Genesis 2:24)

WE BELIEVE THAT THE SOLEMNIZING OF A MARRIAGE IS A SACRED ACT ORDAINED BY GOD and is a profound event that shall be entered into only where the proposed covenantal union is in compliance with the Word of God. (Genesis 4:1)

## WE BELIEVE THAT THE SOLEMNIZING OF A MARRIAGE BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN OF THE SAME SEX IS CONTRARY TO THE WORD OF GOD and is a sin before God. (Romans 1:21-27)

**WE BELIEVE THAT ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE GOD'S IMAGE BEARERS**, and Scripture designates unborn babies from the moment of conception within their mother's wombs as children as evidenced by continuing of the terms for children, both before and after birth, and additionally the use of personal pronouns to refer to children from the moment of conception to birth, making the unborn God's image bearers, innately possessing supreme value and worth, and as Scripture commands the protection of innocent life. (Psalm 139:15-16; Jeremiah 1:5)

**WE BELIEVE ABORTION IN ALL ITS FORMS IS MORALLY UNJUSTIFIED** and is the indefensible taking of human life, in short, abortion is murder. We are theologically opposed to any teaching that abortion due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the physical or mental well-being of the mother, is morally permissible. We are theologically opposed to providing any financial support for abortions whether directly or through third parties like insurance providers. We object to any teaching, ethic, or political view in favor of abortion. (Ephesians 1:4)

## WE BELIEVE, BASED UPON CLEAR BIBLICAL TEACHING AND BY OBEDIENCE TO THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, that life is to be preserved without exception. (Genesis 9:6)

WE BELIEVE THAT ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE LOVED BY GOD and that He seeks to enjoy them and to have them enjoy Him in eternity. It is for this reason that Jesus Christ came into this world and that by faith in Him alone, man can be reconciled to God through His sacrifice. He calls all, no matter the severity of their sins, to repent of those sins and to turn to Him in faith by which He grants them forgiveness and access to His home, heaven, and that, forever!

