



Franklin Covenant Church

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD, AND OUR INFALLIBLE GUIDE IN CONDUCT AND FAITH.

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, MANIFESTED IN THREE PERSONS AS THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE AFFIRM THAT THE SON OF GOD, JESUS CHRIST, BECAME INCARNATE, WAS BEGOTTEN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND IS TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN.

WE BELIEVE THAT MAN, CREATED IN THE LIKENESS AND IMAGE OF GOD, BROKE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH DISOBEDIENCE (SIN), THEREBY RECEIVING A SIN NATURE, WHICH SEPARATES US FROM GOD. WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, GAVE HIS LIFE AND SHED HIS BLOOD TO REDEEM AND RESTORE MAN BACK TO GOD.

WE BELIEVE THAT SALVATION IS A GIFT OF GOD TO MAN, SEPARATE FROM WORKS AND THE LAW, AND IS MADE OPERATIVE BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, PRODUCING WORKS ACCEPTABLE TO GOD.

WE BELIEVE IN GODLY SORROW THAT WORKS REPENTANCE AS MAN'S FIRST STEP TOWARDS SALVATION AND THAT THE NEW BIRTH IS NECESSARY.

WE BELIEVE IN WATER BAPTISM FOR BELIEVERS AS OUR IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST IN HIS DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION.

WE BELIEVE IN THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AS DISTINCT FROM THE BELIEVER'S NEW BIRTH. WE ALSO AFFIRM THE VALIDITY AND IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS, AS GIVEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, EMPOWERING THE BELIEVER TO DO GOD'S WILL.

WE BELIEVE IN SANCTIFICATION AS A WORK OF GRACE, WHICH SHOULD RESULT IN PERSONAL HOLINESS AND OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

WE BELIEVE IN THE HEALING OF THE HUMAN BODY BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH THE PRAYER OF FAITH, AND BY LAYING ON OF HANDS.

WE BELIEVE IN THE IMMINENT, PERSONAL RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS REIGNING KING OVER THE EARTH.

WE BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF BOTH THE SAVED AND THE LOST; THE SAVED UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF ETERNAL LIFE, AND THE LOST UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF ETERNAL DAMNATION.

WE BELIEVE IN PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM. THE BREAD SYMBOLIZES THE LORD'S BROKEN BODY, AND THE CUP REPRESENTS HIS BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH WAS Poured OUT FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

WE BELIEVE IN THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AS A BLESSING FOR HEALING, FOR CONFERRING OFFICE, FOR RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, FOR RECEIVING ANOINTING AND THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND FOR ORDINATION.