

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

- A. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired Word of God, the final and sole authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible, God-breathed, and Providentially preserved. II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:19-21.
- B. The Godhead - We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections. Matt. 3:16-17; I John 5:7; Eph. 2:18.
- C. Creation - We believe that God created the Heavens and the Earth and all things therein from nothing in six literal days. Gen.1:1; Gen.2:2; Heb.11:3; Col.1:16-17; John1:3.
- D. The Person and Work of Christ
1. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, became man without ceasing to be God, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-20.
  2. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice and that our justification is made sure by His literal physical resurrection from the dead. Rom. 4:25.
  3. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven (Acts 1:9), and is now exalted at the right hand of God (Heb. 1:3), where, as our High Priest (Heb. 3:1), He fulfills the ministry of Representative (I Tim. 2:5), Intercessor (Heb. 7:25), Mediator (I Tim. 2:5) and Advocate (I John 2:1).
- E. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit
1. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8), and that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration (Titus 3:5), spiritually baptizing all believers into the body of Christ at the moment of salvation (I Cor. 12:13), indwelling them unto the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30).
  2. We believe that He is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth (John 16:13), and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18), the evidence being soul-winning power.

- F. The Total Depravity of Men - We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell (Rom. 5:12), inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God (Col. 1:21), and that man is totally depraved (Rom. 3:10), and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition (Eph. 2:8).
- G. Salvation - We believe that salvation is the gift of God (Eph.2:8-9) brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins (Heb. 9:22). Salvation is of God and by God alone, and not by any works of our own righteousness (Eph. 2:8-9). We repudiate the notion that salvation comes from any religious work, devotion, sacrament, or affiliation (Titus 3:5).
- H. Separation - We believe that all the redeemed should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord (Titus 2:12-14), and that God commands separation from all religious apostasy and all worldly and sinful pleasures (Eph. 5:11), practices, and associations (II Cor. 6:14).
- I. The Church
1. We believe that the Church, which is the body and the espoused bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all redeemed persons of all ages. (Rom. 12:4-5; I Cor. 12:12-13).
  2. We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures. (Matt. 16:18).
  3. We believe in the autonomy of the local church free of any external authority or control. (Eph. 5:23).
- J. The First Day of the Week - We believe that Sunday should be set aside for special gathering and solemnity in commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ (I Cor. 16:2; Mark 16:2; Rev. 1:10). This day should therefore be observed in a manner that calls the world to remembrance of Him, while not respecting one day above another. (Rom. 14:5).
- K. Marriage - We believe that holy matrimony was instituted of God and sanctioned by our Lord Jesus Christ and should be held in honor by all. This relationship is to be between one man and one woman. (Mark 10:5-9, 11-12; Matt. 19:9).
- L. Human Sexuality -
1. Sexual Immorality- We believe that sexual acts outside marriage are prohibited as sinful. Consequently, all members and occupants of the campground must resist and refrain from any and all sexual acts outside marriage - including but not limited to adultery, fornication, incest, zoophilia, pornography, prostitution, masturbation, voyeurism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, sodomy, polygamy, polyamory, sologamy, or same-sex sexual

acts. (Exodus 20:14, Leviticus 18:7-23, Leviticus 20:10-21, Deuteronomy 5:18, Matthew 15:19, Matthew 5:27-28, Matthew 15:19, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-13, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:4, Galatians 5:19, Ephesians 4:17-19, Colossians 3:5)

2. Sexual Identity-We believe that God created mankind in His image: male (man) and female (woman), sexually different but with equal personal dignity. Consequently, all members and occupants of the campground must affirm their biological sex and refrain from any and all attempts to physically change, alter, or disagree with their predominant biological sex -including, but not limited to, elective sex- reassignment, transvestite, transgender, or non-binary "genderqueer" acts or conduct. (Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 1:26-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
  3. Sexual Orientation - We believe that God created and ordered human sexuality to be the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal "one flesh" union of man and woman, intrinsically ordered to procreation and the biological family. Consequently, all members and occupants of the campground must affirm the sexual complementarity of man and woman and resist any and all same-sex sexual attractions and refrain from any and all same-sex sexual acts or conduct, which are intrinsically disordered. (Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6, Mark 10:5-9, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 5:25-27, Revelation 19:7-9, Revelation 21:2)
  4. Sexual Redemption - We believe that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and should seek redemption through confession, repentance, and faith in Jesus Christ. Consequently, all members must welcome and treat with respect, compassion, and sensitivity all who experience same-sex attractions or confess sexually immoral acts but who are also committed to resisting sexual temptation, refraining from sexual immorality, and conforming their behavior to our Statement of Faith. (Matthew 11:28-30, Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1-10, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 2:17-18, Hebrews 4:14-16)
  5. Celibacy - We believe the Holy Scripture grants two life-enhancing options for human sexual behavior: (1) the conjugal "one flesh" marital union of one man and one woman, and (2) celibacy. Either is a gift from God, given as He wills for His glory and the good of those who receive and rejoice in His gift to them. Celibacy and faithful singleness is to be celebrated and affirmed within the church. (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:18, 21-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:5-8; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:1-8; Matthew 19:12; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Romans 12:10; 1 Timothy 5:1-2)
- M. Divergent Doctrine - We believe that the foregoing statements included in this "Statement of Faith" are in keeping with the Scriptural admonition to "speak those things which become sound doctrine." We are, therefore, unalterably opposed to the inclusion of any item(s) that would be divergent in nature. (1 Tim. 1:10).

**STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH MINISTRY DOCTRINE AND STANDARDS**

I hereby acknowledge that:

1. I have read the Statement of Faith.
2. I have had the opportunity to seek clarification of any words or items that I do not understand,
3. I have been given the opportunity, prior to signing, to seek legal counsel regarding any issues of concern to me,
4. I agree to support the doctrines, statements, and principles contained in the Statement of Faith.
5. I hereby declare my unreserved support for the Statement of Faith.
6. I agree that the foregoing statements are made voluntarily, that they are made without any promise or other financial gain, and that I have agreed to same without any force or compulsion by First Free Will Baptist Church - Seffner, FL.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_