



Reflecting the DESIGNER

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Statement of Faith & Practice

The Created to Connect space is specifically designed to host believers in Christ who desire to teach, train, and fellowship. For this reason, we ask that those who would like to rent this space to use for spiritual teaching or training purposes agree to the statement of faith and practice detailed below.

God

We believe that there is only one true, creator God who exists in three distinct yet equal persons: the Father, the Son – Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. He is the source of all life both physical and spiritual, visible and invisible. (Genesis 1:1; Leviticus 19:2; Matthew 28:19; Romans 1:20, Romans 3:26; 1 Timothy 2:5; Titus 1:2; I John 4:3, 9)

The Bible

We believe that the 66 books of the Old and New Testament are the inspired Word of God, and God's way of communicating His nature, work, and plans to humanity. We believe that the Bible is the final authority helping us to determine truth from lies in all areas of Christian faith and practice. (1 Thessalonians 2:12; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Isaiah 8:20; Acts 17:11; Hebrews 4:12)

Salvation

We believe that Jesus Christ who is fully divine and fully human came to earth to live a perfect life and absorb the punishment we deserve for our sin through His death on the cross. We believe that through His death and resurrection, He offers freedom from sin and sin's power and entrance into eternal life and relationship with Him to all who put their trust in Him. (John 1:12; 3:3-7; Acts 16:30-33; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 5:1).

Sanctification

We believe that a true believer in Christ has been set apart before God the moment he believes and that he will continue to progressively grow in grace to be more like Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the believer will continue to battle his sinful nature until he is perfectly transformed into the image of Jesus Christ at the moment of his death or the return of Jesus Christ to earth. (Romans 8:32; John 17:19; 2 Corinthians 1:2, 2 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; 1 John 1:8-10)

The Church

We believe that the church universal, which is the body and bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons in this present church age (Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 5:25-27).

We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures, with its mission defined in our Lord's Great Commission to evangelize, baptize, and teach believers to observe all things He has commanded (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 14:27, 20:7; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Timothy 3:1-15)

The Eternal State

We believe that Christ will one day return for his bride, the church, and judge sin and those who reject Him. Upon Christ's return, all believers will live in eternal joy with God free from sin and death. (Luke 23:43; Revelation 20:4-6; 1 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23, Philippians. 3:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; John 11:25-26; Revelation 20:5-13)

Gender

We believe that God created two distinct yet equal genders to best reflect His image. We believe that God determined a person's true sex/gender before their conception, and this gender cannot be changed through external, physical means. (Psalm 139:1-18; Genesis 1:26-31, 2:4-25; 2 Corinthians 5:1-17; Galatians 3:28)

Marriage

We believe that God instituted marriage as a sacred covenant between one man and one woman and as a divine representation of Christ's covenant love relationship with the church. (Genesis 2:15-24; Ephesians 5:22-33; Matthew 19:3-9; John 14:1-3; John 3:27-36)

****This statement of faith was drawn heavily from both Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Oak Ridge, TN and Bethany Baptist Church in Brevard, NC.*