

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

1. We believe that the Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God with all wording and sentences infallible and all content and meaning inerrant for their respective purposes.
2. We believe that God is Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His Being, Wisdom, Power, Holiness, Justice, Love, and Truth. We believe He is eternal, exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died as a substitutionary propitiation for our sins, arose bodily from the grave, ascended into Heaven, where He is now our advocate and High Priest, and will personally and visibly return to establish a millennial kingdom on this earth.
4. We believe that the Holy Spirit came forth from God to convict the world of sin, of righteousness, of judgment, and to regenerate, baptize, indwell, sanctify, empower, bestow gifts, and seal forever those who believe in Jesus Christ.
5. We believe that all men by nature and by choice are sinners, but that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." We believe therefore, that those who accept Christ as Lord and Savior by faith, and who have repented of their sins, will rejoice forever in God's presence. Those who refuse to accept Christ as Lord and Savior will be forever separated from God.
6. We believe that a local church is composed of believers in Jesus Christ for worship, edification, fellowship, and evangelism. We believe that to these local churches were committed the ordinances of baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper.
7. Marriage is between a biological man and a biological woman as defined in the Bible and we affirm that human sexuality is designed for physical expression only in the bonds of biblical marriage. Therefore, we will uphold biblical marriage and sexuality as the standard for staff, membership, and ministry while also affirming the value of singles for staff, membership, and ministry. (Please see Appendix 2 for further clarification.)

## **CHURCH ON THE HILL CORE VALUES (What We Cherish the Most)**

1. We are committed to the infallible, inerrant Word of God and therefore the message of the Bible shall be central in all our preaching and teaching.
2. Making disciples was a final command of Jesus and we will endeavor to help all believers grow in the grace and knowledge of the Savior.
3. We believe in the missions focus of the church and will support this evangelistic effort both at home and abroad.
4. The worship and praise of our triune God is a central part of the life of our church family.
5. Prayer is a gift from God and is practiced in every ministry of our church.
6. The gathering together of God's people in fellowship is crucial to the health and well-being of our church family.
7. Godly leaders are essential for biblical accuracy, church unity, direction, organization, and the care of our people.
8. We love new faces and will not only welcome our guests, but we shall also seek to assimilate them into the life of our church.
9. We cherish our children and recognize they are the future of our church and will minister to them in every way possible.

## **Vision Statement**

*Having a **Heart** for **God** and for **People**:*

*We will prayerfully reflect the saving **Grace** of **Jesus** to a world*

*in desperate need of **Love**, **Truth**, and **Forgiveness***

*by making **Disciples**.*