

## **The Village Chapel Statement of Faith**

As a Christian Church, TVC espouses and practices the following beliefs: TVC acknowledges Jesus Christ as the Head and serves Him as its Lord and Savior. We are a Trinitarian community (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) in practice, word and deed. We proclaim and advocate the basic Christian beliefs as stated in both the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed. We study, proclaim and use the Holy Bible as the inspired word of God. We believe that our prayer guides, directs and empowers all we do in fulfilling God's will for our lives. As an independent, inter-denominational Christian congregation, TVC has no stated or inferred denominational polity, dogma or doctrine.

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, authoritative word of God revealing the love of God to the world. (1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:17; John 3:16)
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; Ephesians 4:4-6)
- We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. (Matthew 1:23; John 1:1-4 and 1:29; Acts 1:11 and 2:22-24; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15: 3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-4 and 4:15)
- We believe that all people everywhere are lost and face the judgment of God, that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation, and that for the salvation of lost and sinful humanity, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, we believe that God will reward the redeemed with eternal life in heaven, and that by their own choice the unredeemed are committed to everlasting separation from God's eternal grace. (Luke 24:46-47; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Ephesians 1:7 and 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7)
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life. (John 3:5-8; Galatians 5:16-18; Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:6-10)
- 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 damnation and eternal separation from God. (1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Revelation 20:11-15)

- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church. (1 Corinthians 12:12, 27; Ephesians 1:22-23)
- We believe we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to his Ministry. (Matthew 9:35-38, 22:37-39 and 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15 and 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10; Colossians 2:6-10; 1 Peter 3:15)
- We believe that human life is sacred from conception to its natural end; and that we must have concern for the physical and spiritual needs of our fellow people. (Psalm 139:13; Isaiah 49:1; Jeremiah 1:5; Matthew 22:37-39; Romans 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10)
- We believe God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society, and that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete each other. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female. (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9)
- As members of the human family, living in a sinful world, we believe that God expects us to use our resources to support and reach out to those near and far, in need of God's grace that heals, inspires, and saves, as a reflection of the forgiveness we have received through our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. (Psalm 133:1; Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 10:24-45; and 1 Thessalonians 5:14)