

# Instructions for Application for Admission Grades 2-5

2017-2018

- Please read instructions carefully.
- Parents needing assistance should contact the Admissions Office directly at (808) 836-0233.

## Application to the Elementary School

• The number of openings in grades 1-5 is contingent upon withdrawals.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Age Requirement

• To apply to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade program, your child must turn six (6) on or before **August 31, 2017**.

## **Application Fees**

• A non-refundable fee of \$90.00 must accompany each application.

## **Required Documents**

Copy of your child's birth certificate
Completed parent questionnaire
Copy of most recent report card (usually Quarter 1, Quarter 2 or Semester 1)
Copy of last year's final report card
Copy of most recent standardized test results, if any
2 teachers' references
A pastor's reference

## **Application Deadline**

- The completed application, fee, and **ALL** required documents are due by **December 1, 2016**.
- Please follow up with your child's teacher(s) and / or pastor to ensure references are sent in.
- Only completed applications with **ALL** required documents will be processed.
- Applicants whose applications are incomplete will **not** be processed or scheduled for testing.

### **Testing**

- An admissions test will be scheduled on a Saturday.
- Testing focuses on ascertaining the applicant's abilities in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- 2<sup>11</sup>—5<sup>11</sup> grade applicants will also be asked to demonstrate cursive writing.
- Please make every effort to attend the scheduled test session(s); postponing the test session(s) will delay the processing of your child's application.

#### Notification and Other Enrollment Information

- First-round applicants are notified of a decision by April 19, 2017.
- If an applicant is accepted, a non-refundable enrollment deposit of \$500.00 (fully applicable towards annual tuition) is required by **May 10, 2017**.
- Late applicants who are accepted after May 10, 2017 must pay the enrollment deposit within two weeks of notification.
- <u>Before</u> school begins, a current annual physical examination (including immunizations and tuberculin test) is required of all new Christian Academy students; signed enrollment contract must also be returned.
- Please contact the school office directly at (808) 836-0233 for financial aid information.



# **Checklist for Applicants**

Grades 1-5

2017-2018

Submit the following application materials in a single envelope addressed to the Admissions Office.	
Completed, signed Application for Admission form	
☐ Applicant's photo ☐ Application fee of \$90.00 (make check payable to Christian Academy)	
Copy of birth certificate	
Completed parent questionnaire	
☐ Copy of most recent progress report or report card (usually Quarter 1, Quarter 2 or Semester 1)*☐ Copy of last year's final report card*	
Copy of last year's littal report card  Copy of most recent standardized test results (usually Spring 2016)*	
Step 2: Consent for Release of Information	
<ul> <li>Parent/guardian must sign the Consent for Release of Information form</li> <li>Submit the form to <u>your child's CURRENT SCHOOL</u> to authorize release of pertinent information</li> </ul>	n*
Step 3: Current Teachers' Reference Forms	
At least one current teacher must submit a confidential <b>Teacher Reference Report</b> . Follow these steps:	
☐ Parent/guardian must sign the back of the confidential <b>Teacher Reference Report</b> form(s)☐ Provide a stamped envelope addressed to the Admissions Office	
Deliver form(s) and envelope(s) to the teacher(s) no later than November 1, 2016	
Step 4: Pastor's Reference Form	
Please submit this to any pastor in the church you attend who knows your family/child well**	
☐ Parent/guardian must sign the back of the confidential <b>Pastor Reference</b> form☐ Provide a stamped envelope addressed to the Admissions Office	
Contact and deliver form and envelope to the pastor no later than November 1, 2016	
Step 5: Follow-up & Application Deadline	
Please follow up with your child's teacher(s) to ensure references are sent in	
Please follow up with your/your child's pastor to ensure his/her reference is sent in**  The completed application for and ALL required documents are due by December 1, 2016	
The completed application, fee, and <u>ALL</u> required documents are due by <b>December 1, 2016</b> Applicants whose applications are incomplete will <u>not</u> be processed or scheduled for testing.	
Step 6: Testing	
You will receive an appointment notice via e-mail or telephone for testing. Please mark your calendar.	
☐ Individual observation sessions will be scheduled on a Saturday	

<sup>\*</sup>If you are submitting (personal) copies of the 2015-2016 (last year's) & the most recent 2016/2017 report cards **as well as** the most recent standardized test results, **you may opt not** to give the Consent for Release of Information form to your child's current school.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If you do not attend church or do not know a pastor, please call the Admissions Office at (808) 836-4480.



# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL APPLICATION**

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Please Type or Print Apply	ving for grade: K□	1 2	3	4	5			
APPLICANT'S NAME (Please give applicant's full legal name)	First	Middle La		nder (circle on	ie): M F			
Home AddressStreet		City		State	Zip			
Home Phone () Citizenship: U.S. citizen? Yes		Date of Birth	pplicants must be 5/	6 by Aug 31				
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFOR/	MATION							
Father		Mother						
Home Address		Home Addre	ess					
Employer		Employer _						
Position		Position						
Business Phone		Business Ph						
Alternate Phone (cell)		Alternate Phone (cell)						
Church Affiliation		Church Affiliation						
Member? Yes ☐ No ☐		Member? Ye	es 🗌 No 🗍					
Attendance 1-2x/wk 1-2x/m	nth 📗 1-2x/yr 🗌	Attendance	1-2x/wk 1	I-2x/mth 🗌	1-2x/yr 🗌			
FAMILY INFORMATION								
Primary Family Email Addres	s:							
List <u>ALL OTHER</u> adults with y	whom the applicant live	es ( <b>excluding</b> parent/	guardian listed	above).				
Name	Relationship	Na	me	Rel	lationship			
List siblings and any other rel	atives with whom appl	icant lives.						
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# **ACADEMIC HISTORY**

Name & Address of School	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Grades</u>			Dates Attended (Month & Year			
			From	1	to	present_		
			From	1	to	1		
			From	1	to	/		
Please tell us about your child's strengths:								
Has the applicant ever failed and/or repeated a grade? Y	′es	lf yes, դ	olease explai	า:				
Has the applicant ever been suspended or expelled from s	school? Yes 🗌	No 🗌	If yes, pleas	se exp	olain:			
Has the applicant had serious discipline problems in school	ol? Yes 🗌	No 🗌	If yes, pleas	se exp	olain:			
Has the applicant received any IEPs, special help, or tutor	ing? Yes □	No 🗌	If yes, pleas	se exp	olain:			
Has the applicant received any special honors or awards for please elaborate:	or academic ach	nievement	? Yes □	No	<b>□</b>	If yes,		
MEDICAL INFORMATION								
Christian Academy is not staffed to handle students w interest, please be candid when you answer the follow		ning disa	bilities. For y	our o	child's	best		
Has the applicant any allergies or health concerns? Yes	□ No □ I	f yes, plea	ase explain:					
Has the applicant ever seen a physician, counselor, psych emotional problem? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please o		iatrist for a	any type of so	ocial, l	oehavi	oral, or		
Has the applicant ever been diagnosed with, or do you suschallenges? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please o		plicant ma	ay have any I	earnir	ng disa	abilities or		

## Assembly of God Statement of Faith\*

#### 1. We believe and teach:

- a. The Bible is Inspired. The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God.
- b. **One True God.** There is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- c. **The Lord Jesus Christ is Fully God.** The deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years.
- d. **The Fall of Mankind.** Mankind was created good and upright, however, mankind ignored God's instructions...choosing to engage in what they knew was wrong and evil.
- e. **The Salvation of Mankind.** Salvation is deliverance from spiritual death and enslavement by sin. God provides salvation for all who believe and accept His free offer of forgiveness. The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus.
- f. **The Ordinances of the Church.** (1) Baptism in water symbolically declares to everyone that the old sinful life style of the believer died with Christ and has been raised anew in Christ. (2) The Lord's Supper, or Communion, consisting of bread and the fruit of the vine (grape juice), is a memorial of Christ's suffering and death. The eating and drinking of these symbols express the believer's awareness that he has been made right with God and shares the divine nature of eternal life through Jesus Christ.
- g. **The Baptism in the Holy Spirit.** It is given to believers who ask for it. The Holy Spirit provides the power for victorious Christian living and productive service through specific spiritual gifts.
- h. **The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.** The gift of tongues (unlearned language) is spoken as the Spirit of God gives audible expression (Acts 2:4).
- i. **Sanctification.** The act of separating ourselves from evil and identifying with things that are good, upright, and morally pure.
- j. **The Church and Its Mission.** The church is a body of believers with Christ as the Head. As His church, our mission is to fulfill God's purpose concerning mankind.
- k. **The Ministry.** A divine call to ministry is ordained through Scripture. This is provided by the Lord for the purpose of leading the church in evangelization of the world, worship of God, and building a body of believers conforming to the life of Christ.
- I. **Divine Healing.** The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer.
- m. The Blessed Hope. The rapture of the church at Christ's second coming.
- n. The Millennial Reign of Christ. The visible return of Christ with his saints to reign on the earth for 1000 years.
- o. **The Final Judgment.** Those who died without accepting Christ's salvation will be raised and judged according to the way they lived. Anyone whose name is not found written in the Book of Life (the recorded list of people who received Christ's forgiveness), together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be sent to everlasting punishment in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20, 20:11-15, 21:8)
- p. **The New Heavens and the New Earth.** The promise of what God has prepared for His faithful followers (II Peter 3:13; Revelation 21,22).

<sup>\*</sup>Taken from the 16 Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God (ag.org/top/Beliefs/index.cfm)

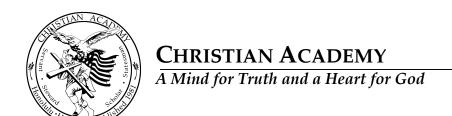
#### 2. First Assembly of God's Statement on Marriage and Sexuality

- a. We believe that term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture.
- b. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.
- c. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, or any attempt to change one's biological sex or to otherwise act upon any disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God.
- d. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the Assembly as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the Assembly in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers should abide by and agree to this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.
- e. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of the Assembly.

Has your child received Jesus as his/her Lord and Savior? (Our staff and faculty members encourage students to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, to develop Christ-like character, and to mature in their Christian lives)									
I understand th Marriage and	statement on Yes [	No 🗌							
I agree to my child being taught the doctrines found in the Assemblies of God Statement of Faith and First Assembly of God's Statement on Marriage and Sexuality.									
I (we) certify that this application is true and correct.									
Date	Signature	Print Name	Relationship to Applica	ant					
Date	Signature	Print Name F	Relationship to Applica	ant					

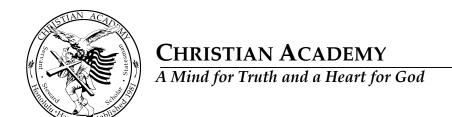
## Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as To Students

Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.



# PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE Kindergarten - Grade 12

Name of A	Applicant:	Grade applying to:
Name of I	Parent(s) / Guardian(s):	
	s: Please answer each question completely; return this application. A separate sheet of paper may be used if y	
1.	How did you hear about Christian Academy? What as here?	pect of Christian Academy caused an interest to apply
2.	From your perspective, what are the advantages of a	Christian education at Christian Academy?
3.	What do you see as your role or responsibility in the	education of your son/daughter?
4.	How would you describe your son/daughter?	
5.	What would your child identify as the values that ma	tter most to your family?
6.	How would your son/daughter complete this sentence	e: "What Dad and Mom want for me is ?"
7.	Please briefly explain your belief in and relationship which you and your child participate together.	with Jesus Christ, and list the church activities in
Parent Sig	gnature:	Date:



# Consent for Release of Information

## Instructions to Parent/Guardian:

Please complete and submit this form to your child's <u>CURRENT SCHOOL</u>, where your child is presently enrolled. It will provide information pertinent to your child's application. One or both parents/guardians should sign below. Your child's <u>CURRENT SCHOOL</u> will retain this form.

, parent(s) or legal guardian(s)					
_, birthdate: _	(child's birthdate)	_, hereby			
chool)	to release <i>co</i>	<b>pies only</b> of			
below to <b>Chri</b> s	stian Academy	y:			
<ol> <li>Progress/Report cards (final 2015-2016 &amp; most of 2. Most recent standardized test scores, if any 3. Transcript (grades 9-12 only)</li> <li>Signature of Parent/Guardian</li> </ol>					
City	State	Zip Code			
Date	 e				
	, birthdate:	to release conthology to the control of the control			

# Instructions to Current School Administrator/Registrar:

Please keep this form in the student's cumulative file. Thank you for your assistance.

Please mail copies to: Christian Academy

Admissions Office 3400 Moanalua Road Honolulu, HI 96819



## TEACHER REFERENCE REPORT

#### Instructions to the Parent / Guardian:

- 1. Please sign and date this form below where indicated.
- 2. Please type or print the information requested on the first line of the reverse side.
- 3. Give this Teacher's Reference Report to the applicant's present academic teacher to complete. The teacher should be the primary teacher (for elementary applicants).
- 4. Provide the teacher with a stamped envelope addressed to:

Christian Academy Admissions Office 3400 Moanalua Road Honolulu, HI 96819

- 5. The Teacher Reference Report will be held in strict confidence and will not be shared beyond the Admissions Committee.

## Dear Teacher:

We appreciate your willingness to complete the Teacher Reference Report for the applicant. The parent/guardian is aware that any information you supply will be held in strictest confidence. Your assessment of the applicant is valuable, necessary component of a good admission decision. Please complete your evaluation and mail it directly to CHRISTIAN ACADEMY's Admissions Office. **DEADLINE: December 1, 2016.** 

If there are any questions, please call 836-0233 ext. 4480. Thank you very much.

# Hawaii Association of Independent Schools Common Teacher Reference Report Due by December 1, 2016

Grades 2-12

Applicant's N	Jame				GradeApplying
11	Last	First		Middle	11.
Class Level:	Accelerated _	High	Average	Low	Heterogeneous
Subject(s) an	d/or Grade				
Please check information.	$(\sqrt{})$ the approp	priate rating. N/A (no	t applicable) r	may be used in are	eas where there is insufficien
		Aca	ademic Qual	ities	
Motivation (effor	rt, drive)		•	•	
Ability to work a	lone	rare	•	moderate	maximum
•	_	needs help frequently	needs	help occasionally	works well
Homestudy habit	ts _	never completes assignment	s compl	• letes assignments	does more than expected
Participation in d	liscussion _		•	•	•
Ability to express	s ideas orally	contributes when called on	volunt	teers occasionally	joins in readily
		has some difficulty		good	exceptionally good
Use of time	-	poor	•	average	excellent
Organization of v	work _	ī	•	•	
Follows direction	,	poor	•	average	excellent
ronows direction	_	needs much explanation	needs	s occasional help	responds quickly
		Pe	rsonal Quali	ties	
Leadership poter	ntial		•	•	
	_	a follower	occasional	lly seeks opportunities	natural leader
Classroom condu	act _	poor	•	average	excellent
Cooperates with	adults _		•	•	
Personal/social a	diretment	rarely	•	usually	always
r etsoliai/ sociai a	_	relates poorly		ng relationships with	healthy self image;
Ability to work in	n a oroun	with others	peers; ge	nerally happy person	healthy peer relationships
Tibility to work if	ir a group	rarely		usually	always
Consideration of	others	rarely	•	usually	always
Takes initiative	_	rarcry	•	usuany •	aiways
D 1611 11		rarely		usually	always
Fulfills responsib	oilities _	rarely	•	usually	always
Uses suggestions	or corrections		•	•	·
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Print or Type	Teacher's Name			Signature	
School		,	School Phone 7	#	Date



## TEACHER REFERENCE REPORT

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- 4. Provide the teacher with a stamped envelope addressed to:

Christian Academy Admissions Office 3400 Moanalua Road Honolulu, HI 96819

- 5. The Teacher Reference Report will be held in strict confidence and will not be shared beyond the Admissions Committee.

## Dear Teacher:

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# Hawaii Association of Independent Schools Common Teacher Reference Report Due by December 1, 2016

Grades 2-12

Applicant'sNam	ne				_GradeApplying
11	Last	First		Middle	_ 117 0
Class Level: A	ccelerated	High A	verage	Low	Heterogeneous
Subject(s) and/	or Grade				
Please check ( <b>v</b> nformation.	) the approp	riate rating. N/A (not a	pplicable) may l	be used in ar	reas where there is insufficient
		Acade	emic Qualities		
Motivation (effort, d	rive)	•		•	
Ability to work alone		rare	mode	rate	maximum
ability to work alone	<u> </u>	needs help frequently	needs help o		works well
Homestudy habits	_	never completes assignments	completes as	esignments	does more than expected
Participation in discu	ssion	never completes assignments	completes as	•	does more than expected
		contributes when called on	volunteers o	ccasionally	joins in readily
Ability to express ide	as orally	has some difficulty	goo	• od	exceptionally good
Use of time	_	•		•	
Organization of worl	lz	poor	avera	ıge •	excellent
organization or won		poor	avera		excellent
Follows direction	_	needs much explanation	needs occas	ional help	responds quickly
		-		юнаг петр	responds quickly
		Perso	onal Qualities		
Leadership potential		a follower	occasionally seek	• opposition	natural leader
Classroom conduct		a follower	occasionally seek	s opportunities •	naturai leadei
	_	poor	aver	age	excellent
Cooperates with adu	lts	rarely	usua	ally	always
Personal/social adjus	stment	•	•	•	·
		relates poorly with others	fluctuating rela peers; generally		healthy self image; healthy peer relationships
Ability to work in a g	group	•		•	neutry peer remainings
		rarely	usua	,	always
Consideration of oth	ers	rarely	usua	ally	always
Γakes initiative		•		•	
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Uses suggestions or o	corrections	•		•	
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we appreciate ad	ditional observ	rations about this applicant	I		
Print or Type Tea	acher's Name _		Siş	gnature	
School			hool Phone #		Date

#### PASTOR REFERENCE FORM

### Instructions to the Parent / Guardian:

If you or your child attends a church, you may submit this Pastor Reference Form to any pastor (i.e. children's, youth, family, music, senior) whom you feel has interacted with your child and/or your family. This form is confidential and will be used for admissions purposes only.

Before submitting this form to the pastor, please be sure to:

- 1. Type or print the information requested on the first **three lines** of the reverse side.
- 2. Provide the pastor with a stamped envelope addressed to:

Complete and sign the following statement of consent.

Christian Academy Admissions Office 3400 Moanalua Road Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

, ,								
" I hereby give my permission to release the information that is requested on								
Pastor Reference Form, regarding m	ny child,							
for the purpose of admission to Christian Academy."								
Signature of parent/guardian	 Telephone	Date						

## **Dear Pastor:**

3.

We sincerely appreciate your willingness to complete the Pastor Reference Form for this applicant. The parent/guardian is aware that any information you provide will be held in strictest confidence. Please complete this form and mail it directly to CHRISTIAN ACADEMY's Admissions Office.

DEADLINE: December 1, 2016

Should you have any questions, please call (808) 836-0233 ext. 4480. Thank you very much.

# Pastor Reference Form Due by: December 1, 2016

Parent's/	Guardia	n's Name (print):								
Name of A	Applicar	nt:								
Grade Ap	pplying:	Κ□	1 2 _	3 4 [	5	6 🗌	7 8	9 🔲 10 🔲	11 🔲	12 🗌
Dear Pasto	or,									
"a mind fo centered ea	r truth a lucation,	's vision is to educand a heart for God. we request your th wclosed). Thank you	" Since our oughtful re	goal is t sponse c	to partner w	ith the ho	ome and church	h to provide a Ch	rist-	have
1.		H ATTENDANCE: Faithful and regul Occasional Infrequent Never	ar	-						- -
2.		IAN COMMITMENT: Evident and beyor Evidence of growt No evidence of co	h .	-	Comments, i	-				_
3.		H RELATIONSHIP: Members in good : Not members, but commitment		-	Comments, i	f any: _				_
4.	Have aı	ny members of the	family helc	d a leade	ership positi	on in the	church? Plea	se describe		
5.	Has the	e family used any sp	oecial talen	ıts withi	n the churcl	h body?	Please describ	e		
6.	Is the a	pplicant active in S	Sunday Scho	ool and/	or youth pro	ogram of	the church? _			
7.	Do you	consider the applic	cant to be o	pen to	spiritual ins	truction?				
8.	After re	eviewing Christian .	Academy's	vision, r	nission and	statemer	nt of faith, wo	uld you recomme	end thi	s
	applica	nt for admission?								
9.	How lo	ng have you known	the applica	ant and	his/her fam	ily?				
Pastor's Na	ame (prir	nt):			Past	tor's Sign	ature:			
Address: _							Date: _			
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### OUR MISSION AND VISION

**Christian Academy's mission** is to educate and train young men and women for the glory of God. As a ministry of First Assembly of God, the doctrine of the General Council of the Assemblies of God is at the core of our mission and vision. We employ the Principle Approach ®, which is America's historic Christian method of Biblical reasoning that makes the truth of God's character and His Word the basis of every subject. **Our vision** is that our graduates will have *a mind for truth and a heart for God*. Our graduates will be prepared to advance God's kingdom as He has gifted and called them.

We educate because children are important to God and because they are our future. We teach and equip them, employing an intensive Principle Approach ® methodology that adheres to biblical principles, including the school's and church's published doctrinal statement based on the authoritative Word of God.

The purpose of Christian Academy is to prepare children and young people to be citizens of heaven who will also fulfill their responsibilities on the earth. We are committed to educating and equipping a generation of children to be world-shakers and His-Story-makers. We help them discover and develop their God-given gifts and callings in building the church of God and advancing His Kingdom. We are committed to the development of their spiritual growth, academic excellence, Christian character and leadership skills for service. We disciple children through a deliberate, values-driven process. Our purpose is historically Christian. It is to prepare students, through a thoroughly Christian education, to fulfill the Great Commission, found in Matthew 28:19-20.

## **OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH**

#### We believe ...

- ... the Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God.
- ... there is only one true God, revealed in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- ... in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. As God's Son, Jesus was both human and divine.
- ... that though originally good, humanity willingly fell to sin, ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.
- ... that every person can have a restored relationship with God through 'salvation' (accepting Jesus' offer of forgiveness for sin).
- ... and practice two ordinances—(1) water baptism by immersion after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation, and (2) holy communion (the Lord's Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death.
- ... the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a special experience following salvation that empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times.
- ... the initial physical evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the gift of tongues (unlearned language) spoken as the Spirit of God gives audible expression (Acts 2:4).
- ... sanctification (being made holy) initially occurs at salvation and is also a progressive lifelong process of separating from evil as believers continually draw closer to God and become more Christ-like.
- ... the Church (the people who have accepted God's offer of redemption, regardless of religious denomination) has a mission to seek and save all who are lost in sin.
- ... a divinely called and scripturally ordained leadership ministry serves the Church.
- ... divine healing-the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer.
- ... in the Blessed Hope the rapture of the church at Christ's second coming.
- ... in the millennial reign of Christ when He returns and begins His benevolent rule over earth for 1,000 years.
- ... a final judgment will take place for those who have rejected Christ.
- ... and look forward to the perfect new heavens and a new earth that Christ is preparing for all who have accepted Him.