



Open Door Mission

Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness and Poverty

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Statement of Faith

† **We believe** in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, inerrant in the original writings, a divine revelation, and that they are the final and supreme authority in faith and practice. (2 Tim, 3: 16-17)

† **We believe** in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Exodus 20:2-3; 1 John 5:7; 1 Cor. 8:6)

† **We believe** that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, and that He is truly God and truly man. (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; John 1:4)

† **We believe** that the Holy Spirit is a person, coequal with God in all of His attributes, and is sent by the Lord Jesus Christ from the Father to convict the world of sin, to regenerate, indwell, guide and teach the believer and to empower the Christian to live in victory over sin. (John 15:26; John 16:7-9)

† **We believe** that man was created in the image of God, but that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. Therefore all human beings are born with a sinful nature. (Romans 5:19)

† **We believe** that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures as a substitutionary sacrifice and that all who believe in Him are justified once and for all on the grounds of His shed blood. We believe that all who are born again and have believed in Him are kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:25; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 1:3-5)

† **We believe** in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord; in His ascension into Heaven and in His present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate. (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Heb. 1:1-3)

† **We believe** that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God; and that each child of God is indwelt, led, sealed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. (John 1:12; 3:3; Eph. 1:13-14)

† **We believe** in the personal, imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:13)

† **We believe** in the bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust and in the everlasting blessedness of the saved as well as the everlasting and conscious punishment of the lost. (1 Cor. 15:21-23; Rev. 20:11-15)

† **We believe** in the historical Biblical teaching of the gifts of the Spirit. Every believer is granted spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:11). Any modern day practice of tongues, working of miracles, healing, etc. which causes dissension and division within the Body of Christ is contrary to the purpose of the Spirit's gifts.

† **We believe** that Jesus Christ is living and the only Head of the Church. (Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 5:23; Rev. 20:11-15)