

## True North Community Church STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1- We believe in the existence and personal relationship with the triune God, existing in 3 distinct persons. The Father, the Son who is Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, each equally deserving worship and obedience. (2 Corinthians 13:14, John 10:30, Matthew 28:18-20)
- 2- We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is fully God and fully man. (John 1:1-3, 1 John 5:20, Colossians 1:15-18, Colossians 2:9)
  - a. For us and our salvation Jesus became incarnate was born as a human so that He may reconcile us to the Father. (Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:10-12; John 1:14,29; Romans 5:1-2; Hebrews 2:14-17)
  - b. His death on the cross paid the price for our debt of sin. His resurrection on the third day proved that He was God the Son, who conquered death and by His power forgave our sins. (Romans 3:21-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8,20, Ephesians 1:7-8, Hebrews 2:14-17, Hebrews 9:11-15, Hebrews 10:14-22)
  - c. Jesus ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father. (Acts 1:9-11 Ephesians 1:3,20-23, Colossians 3:1-2, Hebrews 8:1-2)
- 3- God is the personal, transcendent, and sovereign Creator of all things who has always existed and will exist forever. (Psalm 90:2, 1 Timothy 1:17, Isaiah 57:15)
- 4- The Holy Spirit is fully God and is the one responsible for drawing non-believers into a relationship with God. It is the Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are regenerated and sanctified. He intercedes for us in prayer. (John 3: 1-8, John 14-16, 1 Peter 1:1-2, Acts 1:8, 1 John 2:19-27, Romans 8:26-27)
  - a. The spirit indwells each believer at the time of salvation and works in each believer's life to conform him/her to Christ, we call this process Sanctification. (Ephesians 1: 13-14, 1 Corinthians 3:16 & 6:19, 2 Timothy 1:14, Romans 8:9)
- 5- We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God, free from error in the original autographs and the final authority in matters of life and faith. The sixty-six books of the Protestant Canon contain God's written revelation of Himself. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)
  - a. there may be several applications of any given passage of Scripture, there is but one true interpretation. The meaning of Scripture is to be found as one diligently applies the literary, contextual and grammatical-historical method of interpretation under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20)
  - b. It is the responsibility of believers to ascertain carefully the true intent and meaning of Scripture, recognizing that proper application is binding on all generations. Yet the truth of Scripture stands in judgment of men; never do men stand in judgment of it. (Acts 17:10-11, 2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Timothy 3:14-17)
- 6- We believe that mankind is inherently sinful, in need of redemption and is unable to save itself. (Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:8, John 8:34)
- 7- It is only through God's gracious provision to us whereby we can be in a right relationship with God. This covenant of grace was sealed with the blood of Christ on behalf of our sins. It is by Christ's finished work upon the cross that God has forgiven us our sins, declared us righteous, and given us the right to be His adopted children.
  - a. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy

Spirit. All his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord. (Ephesians 1:3-9, Romans 8:9-17)

- 8- Mankind is transformed through interaction with Holy Bible and a relationship with Christ Jesus, through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. (James 1:21-25, 1 Corinthians 6:11)
- 9- The Natural fruition of a relationship with Christ is a reproducing faith, that expresses itself through personal change, a servant's heart and a supernatural hope. (John 15:1-11, Romans 1:14-17, Romans 6:1-14, Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 4:1-3,20-32, Ephesians 5:1-14, Colossians 2:6-7)
- 10- We believe in the pursuit of Unity within the Body of Christ (the universal church). (Colossians 3:13-14, Ephesians 4:3, Galatians 3:26-28)
- 11- After Jesus ascended to Heaven, He poured out His Holy Spirit on the believers in Jerusalem, enabling them to fulfill His command to preach the Gospel to the entire world, an obligation shared by all believers today. ( John 14: 25-26, John 15: 26-27, and John 16:7-15, Acts 2, Ephesians 4:7-15)
- 12- We look forward to Christ's second coming when he will raise the dead, judge the world, and bring about his kingdom in the new heavens and the new earth. At that time the people of God will be raised and will dwell as whole people in salvation and in the glory of God forever. (1 Corinthians 15, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 21-22)