

# Southview Community Church

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### 1. GOD

There is one true God, the creator of heaven and earth, who is sovereign over all things. He is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each of whom is fully God yet each personally distinct from the others.

### 2. JESUS

Jesus is the eternal, only son of God. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died a physical death to pay the penalty for mankind's sins, was buried, and was physically resurrected on the third day. He ascended to heaven where He continues to intercede for mankind before God. He will one day return for His church.

### 3. HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, revealing God to mankind, drawing people to Christ, convicting them of sin, and empowering them for service.

### 4. BIBLE

The Bible is the unique revelation of God to man, written by men who were inspired by God. As interpreted through Christ, it is our sole guide for faith. As the inspired Word of God, it is absolute and true.

### 5. MAN

Man was created by the special act of God, in the image of God. He is the crowning work of God's creation. By His own free choice he sinned against God, and brought sin into the world. As the result of individual and personal sin, every person stands guilty before God and is in need of salvation.

### 6. SALVATION

Salvation includes the redemption of the whole person, and is offered freely by God to all who accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. It is the gift of God, and cannot be earned by good works or human effort.

### 7. CHURCH

The Church is the body of Christ. Its physical presence is seen in local autonomous bodies of baptized believers united by faith in Jesus, who gather together for worship, prayer, instruction, encouragement, mutual accountability, and community, and who serve in sharing the good news of salvation with those who are outside the Church. Spiritual unity is to be expressed among Christians by love of one another across ethnic, socioeconomic, national, generational, gender, and denominational lines. The Lord's Supper and baptism by immersion are practices of our Church which are observed in obedience to Jesus' instructions, but are not necessary for salvation.

### 8. LAST THINGS

In His own time and in His own way, God will bring the world to its appropriate conclusion. Jesus will return physically and visibly, the dead will be raised, and all mankind will be judged. The unrighteous will be sentenced to eternal punishment in Hell, and those declared righteous in Jesus will dwell forever in heaven with God. No one knows the day or the time of Jesus' return, except God.

### 9. MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His Church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

**I agree to act and teach in accordance with and not in contradiction of this statement of faith. I agree to submit myself and my teaching to the leadership and authority of the Elders of Southview Community Church.**

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Name

Date

**Non-Member Instructors  
Southview Community Church  
Homeschool Cooperative Ministry**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State of Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor of home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**We will contact the pastor of your home church as well as one additional reference that you provide below. This reference should be a non-family member who can speak to your character and life as a Christ-follower, especially as pertaining to the instruction of children in an educational setting.**

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**I give my permission for a representative of Southview Community Church's Elders to contact my home church pastor and my listed reference above.**

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Name

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Date