



Statement of Faith

1. **The Bible:** We believe that God moved men along by the Holy Spirit, to reveal His inerrant and infallible words as the rule of faith and life for all who believe. We believe the original records have been accurately transmitted, copied and divinely preserved through the Church; as made evident by the writings of the Church Fathers, textual criticism of extant manuscripts and intrinsic value of the scriptures. We believe these special revelations of God are sufficient and complete for everything we need to know about salvation and righteous living. (Deut. 12:32; Josh. 1:8; Psalm 12:6; Isaiah 40:8; John 1:1-14; Rom. 15:4; 1 Thess. 2:13; II Tim. 3:16; Heb 1:1-2, 4:12; I Peter 1:25; II Peter 1:21). We believe only the 66 books that make up the Bible are to be counted as scripture. They are as follows:

Old Covenant – 39

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, I & II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

New Covenant – 27

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, I & II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I & II Thessalonians, I & II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, I & II Peter, I, II & III John, Jude, Revelation

2. **God's Nature:** We believe God is one yet eternally exists in three distinct persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We believe the Trinitarian nature of God is completely unique and incomparable to anything else in all creation. (Genesis 1:26, 3:22; Deut 6:4; Isa. 6:8, 9:6; Matt. 3:16-17, 28:19; Mark 12:29; John 10:30-38; John 14; Acts 2:17-18; 1 Cor. 8:6, 12:3-6; II Cor. 13:14; Philip. 2:5-8; Col. 2:9; 1 Peter 1:2).
3. **The Hypostatic Union:** We believe that at the proper time, Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. We believe He received a human body and a sinless human nature, yet retained His absolute deity; being at the same time both fully God and fully man. (John 1:1-14, 8:58, 14:6, 17:5, 19:5, 20:28; Rom. 9:5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 4:4; Col. 2:9; Philip. 2:6-11; I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 1:3, 13:8).
4. **The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit:** We believe in the deity and personality of the Holy Spirit, who indwells every true believer. (John 14:26, 15:26; Acts 5:3-32, 13:2, Rom. 8:9-27; I Cor. 2:14, 3:16, 6:19-20, 12:13; II Cor. 5:5; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30; II Tim. 1:14; I John 3:24, 4:13).
5. **Original Sin/Inherited Sin:** We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death (separation from God) and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature. (Gen. 1:26-27; Psalm 51:5; Ecc. 7:29; Isa. 59:1-2; Matt. 15:18-19; Rom. 3:23, 5:12, 6:23; Eph. 2:1-3; I John 1:8-10).
6. **Penal Substitutionary Atonement:** God imputed the guilt of our sins to Christ, and He, in our place, bore the punishment that we deserve. This was a full payment for sins, which satisfied both the wrath and the righteousness of God, so that He could forgive sinners without compromising His own holy standard. (Lev. 17:11; Psalm 103:12; Isa. 53; John 1:12-13, 29; Acts 13:38-39; Rom. 3:22-25, 5:6-11; I Cor. 6:9-11, 15:1-3; II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13-14; Col. 1:19-20; Col. 2:14; Heb. 9:12, 28; I Peter 2:24, 3:18; I John 2:2; Rev. 5:9).
7. **The Resurrection:** We believe in the bodily resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ and His present intercession in heaven for all believers. (Mark 16:9-20; John 20:11-20; Acts 1:3-11, 2:23-24, 7:55-56, 10:40-41; Rom. 1:4, 4:25, 6:9-10, 8:34; I Cor. 15:3-6; Eph. 1:20-21; I Thess. 4:14; Heb. 7:25; I Peter 1:3; I John 2:1-2).



8. **The Church:** We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ that is globally composed of all true believers who personally receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and their God. (Matt. 16:18; John 1:12; Acts 2:42-47; I Cor. 12:12-31, 14:26-23; Eph. 1:22-23, 4:15-16, 5:29-30; Col. 1:18-24).
9. **Satan:** We believe in the reality and personality of Satan as the celestial enemy of God, the leader of demons and the father of all sin and deception. (Gen. 3:1-5; Job 1:6-12; John 8:44, 10:10; I John 3:8; II Cor. 2:11, 11:3-14; I Peter 5:8; I John 5:19; Rev. 12:9).
10. **The Second Coming:** We believe in the personal, premillennial and imminent second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is possible but unlikely that the events described by Jesus in Matthew 24 have already occurred. (Matt. 24:30-36, 44-46; Mark 13:32; Luke 17:26-30; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; Phil. 3:20-21; I Thess. 1:8-10, 4:13-14; Titus 2:11-13; Heb. 9:27-28; II Pet. 3:10; I John 3:1-3; Rev. 1:7-8, 3:11).
11. **The Final Judgment:** We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust, the never ending blessedness of the saved, and the never ending conscious torment of the lost. (Matt. 25:41, 46; Mark 16:16; Luke 16:19-31; John 5:24-29; I Cor. 15; Col. 3:4; I Thess. 4:13-18; II Thess. 1:6-10; Heb. 9:27; II Peter 2; Rev. 20:10-15).
12. **The Duty of Believers:** We believe that upon salvation, we are divinely called to be set apart as strangers, pilgrims, ambassadors, and witnesses and that our purpose in life should be to make Christ known to the whole world. (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 17:18; Acts 1:8; II Cor. 5:18-20; I Peter 1:17, 2:11-12).
13. **Marriage & Sexuality:** We believe that the 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. 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. (Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19; Eph. 5).

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 sex, or disagreement with one’s biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God. (Lev. 18; Rom. 1; I Cor. 6:9-11). We believe that this Statement of the Sanctity of Marriage and Sexuality is foundational for every aspect of the administration of the ministry of the church and for the preservation of the function and integrity of the church as the local Body of Christ. (I Tim. 3:15).

We believe that this Statement of the Sanctity of Marriage and Sexuality provides instruction in the application of the Scripture to church members and the community. Accordingly, it is imperative that all *members/persons* employed by the church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, shall abide by and agree to this Statement of the Sanctity of Marriage and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly.

I agree with the Statement of Faith of Clayton Community Church.

Printed Name

Signature

Date