ARTICLE II - STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE

**Section 1:**

We believe that the Holy Bible is the Word of God, infallible in the

original, that every word (verbal) is inspired of God so that the entire

sixty-six (66) books of the Bible (plenary) are without error (inerrant),

whether in matters of faith, conduct, science, history, or prophecy. The

Word of God only is our supreme authority and final rule in all matters

whatsoever.

**Section 2:**

We believe that there is one and only one living and true God, an infinite,

sovereign Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly

glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence,

and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three Persons;

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection,

and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

**Section 3:**

We believe in God the Father, who sent the Son to be the Savior of the world,

that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death

all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. 2 Thes.2; Eph. 1:4; John 14:6.

**Section 4:**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, and God,

the Son; that He was active in the creation; that He is sinless; that He

was born of Mary, a virgin, by the Holy Ghost coming upon her and the

power of the Highest overshadowing her; that He was made in the likeness

of men, sin excepted; that by His death He made full and vicarious atonement

for the sins of the whole world; that He arose bodily fromthe dead;

that He ascended into Heaven; that He is our only High Priest; that He

will take His bride, the church, out of this world at the end of this age;

and that He will return personally to this earth to sit upon the throne

of David and to reign a thousand years.

**Section 5:**

We believe that God the Holy Spirit is a divine Person, equal with God

the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in

the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains

the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin,

of righteousness, and of judgment; that He bears witness to the truth

of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the Agent in the new

birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and

helps the believer.

**Section 6:**

We accept the Genesis account of creation and believe that man and all

things, living and non-living, came by direct creation of God and not

by any form of evolution; that man was created in innocence but by willful

disobedience he fell from his sinless and happy state, in consequence

of which all mankind are now sinners by nature and by choice and therefore

under just condemnation and without excuse.

**Section 7:**

We believe that our salvation is wholly of grace; that the only condition

of salvation is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; that in order to be

saved, sinners must be born again; that this new birth is a new creation

in Christ Jesus, an instantaneous work of God by which the one dead in

trespasses and sins is made partaker of the divine nature and receives

eternal life, the free gift bf God; that the individual thus regenerated

is justified by the blood of Christ, his faith being reckoned for righteousness;

that all who are truly born again are kept by God the Father

for Jesus Christ. We further believe that those who are born again

will take part in the first resurrection and shall ever be with the Lord;

and that those who believe not shall die in their sins and have their

part in the lake of fire forever.

**Section 8:**

We believe that a local New Testament church is a body of believers

baptized (immersed) upon a credible confession of faith in Jesus Christ;

having two offices (Pastor and Deacon); sovereign in polity; subject

to her one superintendent, Jesus Christ. We further believe that the

local church is the organized working force of Jesus Christ, united for

worship, for work, and for fellowship; that to the local church are

committed for administration and perpetual observance the ordinances of

baptism and the Lord's Supper, as well as the task of winning the lost

for God and teaching them His Word, locally and worldwide. We reject

the so-called social gospel.

**Section 9:**

We believe that every individual has the right to interpret the Scriptures,

to hold and to profess and to worship as he believes the Bible teaches,

and that these things are not to be forced upon any man; that we have an

obligation to preach all the counsel of God, including warnings against

false teachings and false teachers, nevertheless, while opposing and exposing

error, upholding the right of non-members to hold to error if they

insist; moreover, we recognize that all must give account to Jesus Christ

Who is Lord of the conscience and Sovereign of the soul. We further

believe that civil government is ordained of God, that we are to pray

for all that are in authority that we may lead an orderly life, that

magistrates are to be conscientiously honored and obeyed except in things

opposed to the will of God, and that the church and the state are to be

maintained separately and separate.