

## GBBC STATEMENT OF FAITH



### 1. **The Bible** – *2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:89, Proverbs 30:5-6*

- We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and every word is without error. The Bible has 66 books of the Old and New Testament from Genesis to Revelation. The Word of God is the final authority for faith and practice. No new revelation is needed or accepted. We teach and preach from the KJV authorised version of the Bible.

### 2. **God the Father** – *1 John 5:6-8, Exodus 20:2-3, 2 Corinthians 3:17*

- We believe that God is one in essence and yet composed of three persons; thus there is only one true God in the unity of the Godhead – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – who are equal and carry out separate offices and are unified in the great work of redemption.

### 3. **Jesus Christ** – *Philippians 2:6-8, Isaiah 9:6; Revelation 1:8*

- We believe that Jesus is God and co-equal with the Father who is eternal and has no beginning nor end. Jesus is the perfect, sinless Lamb of God who submitted Himself to the will of the Father, and gave Himself to die on the cross; and rose again on the third day (bodily), and He ascended into Heaven where He is our High Priest, mediator, and advocate with the Father.

### 4. **The Holy Spirit** – *John 16:8-15; 14:16-17, Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13*

- We believe that the Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead, with the Father and the Son, co-equal and co-eternal. He was active from the beginning of creation. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He regenerates a person when they repent and believe on the Lord Jesus. He indwells and seals all who saved and become the children of God through Christ. We are non-charismatic, and believe that the sign gifts have ceased with the chosen Apostles.

### 5. **Salvation** – *Romans 1:16, Ephesians 2:8-10, 1 Peter 1:3-5, Mark 1:15, Acts 16:30-31*

- We believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto Salvation for every generation. Jesus is the only way in which a person is saved and forgiven. Salvation is offered by God's grace alone, and can be received by faith alone. We are all sinners so therefore no one can be justified by the law or by works. Our justification is through the blood of Jesus Christ alone. A person must repent and believe the Gospel to be saved. We believe that the saving grace of God secures the believer, so therefore we can never lose our salvation. We believe that God alone brings Salvation, however, it is the responsibility of man to repent and believe on Jesus Christ. God's sovereignty does not take away from man's responsibility.

### 6. **The Church** – *Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42, Hebrews 10:22-25, Acts 2:41-42*

- We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that the church is the pillar and ground of truth. The church of God is a living, organized assembly of saved, baptized believers meeting in the name of Jesus Christ for worship, prayer, fellowship, teaching, the practice of the ordinances (baptism and the Lord's Supper), and the fulfilment of the Great Commission. The church is to exhort one another to be faithful until the coming of Christ. We believe in two ordinances that are given to the church — baptism and the Lord's Supper. The baptism is by immersion of a believer in water under the authority of a New Testament church, portraying the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a continuing memorial of the broken body and shed blood of Christ observed by the church and should be preceded by solemn self-examination.

### 7. **The Second Coming of Jesus Christ** – *John 14:3, Hebrews 9:27-28, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 2 Timothy 4:1, 8*

- We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is coming again, bodily, personally and visibly as He promised He would. We believe in only ONE second coming of Christ at the end of the age. When Jesus returns, He will raise the dead Christians, and the believers who are still alive will be caught up (raptured) to meet the Lord in the air. Both resurrected and raptured Christians will receive their glorified bodies. At the second coming of Christ believers will be delivered, and the ungodly will be destroyed. Jesus will judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom. When Jesus returns, He will set up His Kingdom where Christ will rule and reign.