Statement of Faith

**Beliefs**

1. We believe that the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. (2 Tim 3:16)
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (John 14:11, 16; 15:26)
3. We believe in the deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious death and atonement through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection,
in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory. (John 1:1, 14; Luke 1:26-31; 2Cor 5:21; John 14:10-11; Rom 3:25, 26; Luke 24:6, 7; Eph 1:20, 21; Act 1:10,11)
4. We believe that people are sinful and lost, saved by faith alone in
the Lord Jesus Christ, and regenerated by the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5, 6; Eph 2:8,9)
5. We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life. (Gal 5: 16, 25)
6. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life eternal. (Eph 1:7; John 11:25; 1 John 5:11,12)
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Cor 12: 27; Eph 4:1-6)
8. We believe that women are created in the image of God, uniquely gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve and build up the body of Christ. (Gen1:27; 1Cor 12:7; 1Pet 4:10)
9. We believe in and are committed to the home and family as set forth in Holy Scripture. We believe God has ordained and created marriage to exist between one man and one woman, with absolute marital fidelity. (Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:18-24, Matthew 19:4-9, Mark 10:5-9, Ephesians 5:31-33)
10. We believe that God created mankind in His image: male (man) and female (woman), sexually different but with equal personal dignity. We believe men and women must affirm their biological sex and refrain from any and all attempts to physically change, alter, or disagree with their predominant biological sex. (Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 1:26-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
11. We believe in the sanctity of life and that God has ordained all the days of the person’s life before they were born, from the moment of fertilization until natural death.
(Psalm 139: 13, 14, 16)

**CW Core Value Scriptures**

**Romans12:1-2 (Message):**So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so **well-adjusted** to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be **changed from the inside out**. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and **quickly** respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (NIV)**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

**Faith**

1. **James 2:17 (NIV):** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.
2. **James 1:2-7 (NIV):** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.
3. **John 3:16 (NIV):** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Purpose/Dreams**

1. **Psalm 139:13- 14 The Message:** Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother’s womb. I thank you, High God—you’re breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, The days of my life all prepared before I’d even lived one day.
2. **Ephesians 4:24** **(Message):** …..take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you. (Both inside and out)
3. **Ephesians 2:10** **(Message):** He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.
4. **Jeremiah 29:11** **(NIV):** For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
5. **Ephesians 1:17 – 19 (NIV):** I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength
6. **Proverbs 19:21 (NIV):** Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lords Purpose that will prevails.
7. **Romans12:1-2 (Message):**So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so **well-adjusted** to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be **changed from the inside out**. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and **quickly** respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

**Legacy**

1. **Joshua 4:24 (Message):** Yes, God, your God, dried up the Jordan’s waters for you until you had crossed, just as God, your God, did at the Red Sea, which had dried up before us until we had crossed. This was so that everybody on earth would recognize how strong God’s rescuing hand is and so that you would hold God in solemn reverence always.”

**Fashion & Health**

1. **2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV):** We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.
2. **1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV):** Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;
3. **1 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV):** Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.
4. **1 Peter 2:9 (**ESV): But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Healing

1. **Isaiah 43:2 (NIV):** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.
2. **Psalm 147:3 (NIV):** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
3. **Luke 4:18 (NIV):** “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,”
4. **Psalm 23:3 (NIV):** He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

**Creativity**

1. **Genesis 1:1 (NIV)**: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth
2. **Psalm 8:3-8 (NASB)**: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!
3. **Genesis 1:28 NIV:** God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

**Girl Time**

1. **Proverbs 17:22 (NLT):** A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person’s strength.
2. **Genesis 2:18 (NIV):** The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone’ ”
3. **Nehemiah 8:10 (ES)**: “Then he said to them, ‘Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.’”
4. **Ecclesiastes 3:4 (NIV):** “a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;”
5. **Psalm 118:24 (NIV):** This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
6. **Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 (Message):** It’s better to have a partner than go it alone. Share the work, share the wealth. And if one falls down, the other helps, but if there’s no one to help, tough! Two in a bed warm each other. Alone, you shiver all night. By yourself you’re unprotected. With a friend you can face the worst. Can you round up a third? A three-stranded rope isn’t easily snapped.
7. **Proverbs 27:17 NIV:** As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

**Philanthropy**

1. **Acts 20:35 (ESV):…** ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
2. **Mark 12:31 (ESV):** The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”
3. **John 3:17 (ESV):** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
4. **Luke 6:38 (ESV):** Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”
5. **John 13:34-35 (ESV):** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
6. **James 2:15-16 (ESV):** If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?
7. **Colossians 3:14 (ESV):** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Mentorship**

1. **Acts 13:35 NIV:** Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep;
2. **Proverbs 4:5:** Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them.
3. **Titus 2:3-4**: Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,
4. **Psalm 71:18**: And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, your power to all who are to come.
5. **Hebrews 13:7**: Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.
6. **I Timothy 4:11-14 (Message):** Get the word out. Teach all these things. And don’t let anyone put you down because you’re young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity. Stay at your post reading Scripture, giving counsel, teaching. And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed—keep that dusted off and in use.