

## ARTICLE \_\_\_\_ - STATEMENTS OF FAITH AND PRACTICE

### **Section A: Statement of Faith - General**

We accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God and as the ultimate authority in matters of faith, doctrine and Christian living. This Church accepts “The Baptist Faith and Message” as most recently adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention as an affirmation of our basic Christian beliefs and as a general statement of our faith.

### **Section B: Marriage and Human Sexuality**

**1. Marriage** - Marriage is a biblical institution established by God as clearly described in the scriptures. This Church recognizes that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. Accordingly, this Church, its pastors, staff and members will not participate in same sex unions or same sex marriages, nor shall its property or resources be used for such purposes.

**2. Human Sexuality** - The Bible teaches that legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, this Church opposes all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography.

### **Section C: Ordinances**

This Church acknowledges the two biblical ordinances of baptism by immersion, and the Lord's Supper.

### **Section D: Bylaws and Scripture**

These bylaws and any amendments made hereto shall be the governing documents of this Church but they should always be interpreted and applied in conformity with the Bible.

### **Section E: Affirmation**

Every pastor, staff member, and church member by virtue of their membership affirms their agreement with this Article \_\_\_\_ and agrees to conduct themselves in a manner with which it is consistent.