

# Family Church Port Charlotte Statement of Faith

Our Statement of Faith is based on the Baptist Faith & Message (2000)

## **GOD**

We believe in one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — equal in power and glory, who know, love, and glorify one another. God is the Creator of all things and sovereignly rules over the universe for His glory and our good.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

We believe the Bible, composed of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy.

### **JESUS CHRIST**

We believe Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who became fully human through the virgin birth. He lived a sinless life, died as a substitute for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and reigns at the right hand of the Father as Lord, Savior, and coming King.

### THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, regenerates hearts, indwells all believers, and empowers them for godly living and service. The Spirit gives gifts to the Church for ministry and unity and continually transforms believers into the likeness of Christ.

## **HUMANITY AND SIN**

We believe that every person is created in God's image with inherent dignity and worth. Through Adam's sin, humanity fell and became separated from God, resulting in spiritual death. Only through God's grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ can we be restored to a right relationship with Him.

## **SALVATION**

We believe salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. It is a free gift of God, not earned by works, but received by trusting in Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life. Repentance and faith are inseparable results of grace.

### THE CHURCH

We believe the Church is the body of Christ, made up of all believers everywhere, and expressed locally through gatherings of baptized believers who worship, grow, and serve together in love. The Church exists to glorify God, make disciples, and advance the gospel in our community and to the nations.

### **ORDINANCES**

We believe Jesus established two ordinances for His Church — Baptism and The Lord's Supper. Baptism symbolizes new life in Christ and identification with His death and resurrection. The Lord's Supper is a remembrance of Christ's sacrifice and a celebration of His promised return.

# **MARRIAGE, FAMILY & HUMAN LIFE**

We believe that God designed marriage as a covenant relationship between one man and one woman, intended to last for a lifetime. We affirm that the family is God's gift for nurture, love, and discipleship. We also believe that every human life—from conception to natural death—is sacred and worthy of protection, dignity, and respect as each person is made in the image of God.

#### **MISSION**

We believe God calls every believer to share the good news of Jesus and live on mission — locally and globally — through evangelism, discipleship, and acts of love and compassion.

#### THE RETURN OF CHRIST

We believe Jesus Christ will return personally, visibly, and gloriously to judge the living and the dead, to renew all things, and to reign forever. Those who belong to Christ will live eternally with Him in the new heaven and new earth.