

STATEMENT OF FAITH
of the
CRAIGMORE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We believe :-

- 1 In the Bible as the Divinely inspired inerrant Word of God, the revelation of His mind and will to man, our infallible, all-sufficient guide for salvation and for the Christian life – 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21.
- 2 In One God, the Creator of all eternally existing in three Persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 3 In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, that He is true God and true man begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and that He has a perfect and sinless humanity – John 1:1; Philippians 2:6; Matthew 1:23-25; I John 3:5.
- 4 In the total depravity of the nature of man through his fall in the Garden of Eden, and the absolute inability of man to save himself from eternal punishment by his own works – Genesis 3; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8-9.
- 5 In the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved – I Thessalonians 4:17; and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost – Revelation 20:11-15.
- 6 In the finished work of Christ on the Cross of Calvary, through which sacrifice Christ has effected complete and eternal redemption, God setting His seal of approval on the work of Christ by raising Him from among the dead, enthroned Him at His own right hand in Heaven and that He is the Head of the Church, the Lord of the individual, the High Priest over the House of God and Advocate in the family of God.
- 7 In the immediate and eternal salvation of every person who truly believes on Christ and by faith rests on His finished work as the only righteous ground on which a Holy God can forgive his sins.
- 8 That all who by faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour are born again of the Holy Spirit, indwelt by the Holy Spirit and by the Holy Spirit baptized into the Body of Christ, the Church, of which He is the risen and ascended head – I Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18.
- 9 That the early church met together and *continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread, and in prayers* – Acts 2:42 – God's pattern for the church today.
- 10 In the personal, imminent and premillennial coming of the Lord to the air to Rapture (catch up) the Church – I Thessalonians 4:13-17; and the revelation of Christ in glory at His Second Advent to the Earth to establish His Kingdom on Earth and to reign in righteousness – II Thessalonians 1:6-10; Philippians 2:9-11.
- 12 That the response of all believers is to be baptised by immersion in water as a mark of obedience to the command of Christ that all disciples should be baptised – Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42
- 13 In the priesthood of all believers and encourage all to fulfil their roles according to the teaching laid down in the Bible. In view of modern pressures, we note specifically the teaching regarding the role of men and women in the public worship of the Church – 1 Timothy 2: 8-14; 1 Corinthians 14: 33-35
- 14 That God has given spiritual gifts to the believers for the benefits of the Church and seek to develop these in the lives of each believer. However we are not a charismatic Church, in the modern, narrow sense of that word, and so do not teach or encourage believers to speak in "tongues" or "prophetic utterances".