

Character, Statement of Faith and Ordinances

The Vine Christian Fellowship shall be a nondenominational church. It shall seek to emphasize the spiritual unity of all true believers. It shall be the policy of this church to give preeminence to the preaching of the Gospel, to the continuous teaching and study of the entire Word of God.

In order to identify the church as conservative in theology, and evangelical in spirit, we set forth this general Statement of Faith:

- (a) We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible and authoritative Word of God and inerrant in the original writing.
- (b) We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- (c) We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death 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.
- (d) We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- (e) We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the unsaved: those that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and those that are unsaved unto the resurrection of the damned.
- (f) We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The church will observe regularly the two New Testament ordinances of water baptism and the Lord's Supper. These ordinances are observed in obedience to our Lord, Jesus Christ, as acts of love and devotion, and are not considered necessary for our salvation.

Sovereignty and Fellowship of the Local Church

Believing in the independence of the local church with full freedom of deliberation, decision and deportment under God without restriction, supervision or domination from any outside individual, organization, or institution: This church is to be completely autonomous and self-governing and will not affiliate with any organization that would seek to exercise control over the local church.

This church desires the fellowship of all evangelical church and Christian groups and will cooperate with them to promote the cause of Jesus Christ.