



# **Student Handbook 2020-2021**



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# Administration

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**College Policy**

The administration of Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary strives to accept students who express a sincere desire to live for Jesus Christ and whose character gives evidence that is consistent with such a profession.

Students and faculty of Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary are expected to deport themselves in a manner that befits a Christian and brings honor to the Lord Jesus Christ. Attendance at Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary is a privilege and the college specifically reserves the right to dismiss students who conduct themselves in a manner incompatible with its purpose and functions.

Students from other denominations and religious affiliations are welcome to study at Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary. However, promotion of doctrinal positions and controversial subjects opposed to The Statement of Faith will be grounds for dismissal from Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary. The final decision in all matters of discipline will be decided by the President of Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary. Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary is a ministry of Northside Baptist Church and therefore its operation, policies, and procedures are subordinate to the constitution of Northside Baptist Church, Bassett, Virginia.

**Philosophy & Purpose**

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE COLLEGE & SEMINARY** is a local church ministry that is designed to prepare men and women for serving the Lord. Our philosophy is local church oriented. We believe that the hope for our culture will come from the local church, and the training is designed to help make a difference in lives.

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE COLLEGE & SEMINARY** is distinctly Baptist in its philosophy and purpose and is dedicated to promote and defend Biblical truths held by Baptists throughout the centuries.

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE COLLEGE & SEMINARY** is without denominational or governmental support or influence. Autonomy creates an atmosphere of liberty to teach Biblical truths without the necessity to gain governmental or denominational favor.

Our staff is dedicated to produce students who love the Lord and His work. The college will provide basic training for preachers, teachers, and missionaries.

### **Admissions Policy**

1. Since the express purpose of CBCS is to train men and women for Christian service, it is expected that those who seek admission manifest evidence of good character, a dedication to purpose, a willingness to learn, and a sincere desire to know the will of God. Such demands the utmost in personal discipline of the Christian life.
2. All applicants for admission will be considered without regard to race, color, nationality, ethnic origin, sex, handicap, or religion.

### **Admissions Procedure**

1. Complete the Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary application and mail to the admissions office of CBCS. Applications may be requested from the college office or downloaded at the CBCS website: [www.cornerstonebiblecollege.com](http://www.cornerstonebiblecollege.com)
2. Read the college Policy & Doctrinal Statement. Submit a signed copy of the Policy & Doctrinal Statement Acknowledgement Form. Send a \$25.00 application fee along with the application. This fee is non-refundable. Make checks payable to: *Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary*
3. A copy of each student's high school diploma or G.E.D. must be submitted with the application. A copy of Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree must be submitted by students entering the graduate program.

Please send completed forms to one of the following:

By Mail: Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary  
8911 Fairystone Park Highway  
Bassett, VA 24055

By Email: [info@cornerstonebiblecollege.com](mailto:info@cornerstonebiblecollege.com)

### **Religious Exemption**

Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary has been granted a religious exemption from the certification process of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Further information concerning this religious exemption can be found on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's website at the following link:

<http://www.schev.edu/students/PrivateReligiousInstitutions.asp>

### **Accreditation**



After a Peer Review and evaluation and in recognition of meeting the High Standards of Academic Excellence, Cornerstone Bible College and Seminary has been awarded Certified Member Status by the National Accrediting Agency of Private Theological Institutions and has received full accreditation of curriculum, faculty and administration. Cornerstone Bible College and Seminary is thereby accredited to grant religious degrees at the Associate, Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate levels.

[www.naapti.com](http://www.naapti.com)

### **Transcript and Transfer Credit Information**

1. Send the request for transcript to the high school from which you graduated (or a copy of your G.E.D.) and all colleges attended. Transcript request forms are available upon request.
2. Only credits that will be accepted from secular degrees will be English credits. Credits from any Bible Institute, College, or Seminary will be subject to approval based on Doctrine.

### **NOTICE TO STUDENTS**

1. Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary operates on a semester system. Four courses are taught each semester. Each course is worth 3 credit hours. A total of 12 credit hours may be earned each semester. Two semesters are taught during the academic school year: Fall & Spring. Students taking all classes offered both semester can earn 24 credits a year.
2. **Auditing a class:** Those seeking to sit in on the lectures are welcome to do so. The fee for auditing a class will be \$10 per class audited a night.
3. Each student will receive a *Student Report* at the end of the semester detailing his or her progress: grades, cumulative credits, etc.
4. **Attendance:** Will count toward overall grade.
5. **Tardy:** A student that is tardy for class three times will be counted absent.
6. **Classroom Behavior:** 2.) No talking during class time; 2.) Questions will not be permitted during lectures. If you have any question, please see the instructor after class.
7. **Dress Code:** Students should dress modestly to class.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Financial Information

Application Fee	\$25.00 (non-refundable)
Undergraduate Program Tuition	\$100.00 (per course)
Graduate Program Tuition	\$130.00 (per credit course)
Book Fee	(Varies Per Course Load)
Graduation Fee	\$150.00 (All)
Intensive Fee	\$60.00 (All)
Transcript Request Fee	\$10.00
Auditing Classes	See Page 8

### Method of Payment

1. Tuition and fees are due and will be charged to the student's account upon registration. All students should come prepared to pay tuition and book costs at time of enrollment.

Note: Cost of books must be paid in full at time of purchase.

On campus students may pay by cash, check or credit card. Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary accepts: VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, etc. Checks should be made payable to: *Cornerstone Bible College & Seminary.*

### Payments Plans

1. A payment plan may be established with the administration to pay tuition in installments.

### Refunds

1. Students wishing to withdraw from course(s) must do so within 6 weeks from the start of the semester. Refund on the tuition only will be given. This will be prorated up to 6 weeks. After 6 weeks no refunds will be offered from tuition.
2. **Note:** Application fees, books, postage (correspondence students), are non-refundable and not included in refund.

**Undergraduate Degrees**

Certificate of Biblical Education

Associate of Theology (Men Only)

Associate of Religious Education

Graduate of Theology (Men Only)

Graduate of Religious Education

Bachelor of Theology (Men Only)

Bachelor of Religious Education

**Graduate Degrees**

Master of Theology (Men Only)

Master of Religious Education

Doctor of Theology (Men Only)

Doctor of Religious Education

### ***PT-111 Homiletics (Men Only)***

This course teaches the student how to build a format for lessons or sermons. It also teaches using the context as the structure of the lesson.

### ***PT-112 Hermeneutics***

This course presents the correct way to interpret the Bible and all the different ways to apply the text.

### ***GE-113 Canon of the Bible***

This course provides the student with the two streams of manuscript evidence to prove which Bible is from the correct text.

### ***BI-114 Epistles of John***

This course is a verse by verse commentary of the Epistles of I John and is presented in outline form so the student can grasp the context.

### ***BI-121 Epistles of John II***

This course builds upon the 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle of John and is a verse by verse commentary using word studies to enhance the interpretation of II and III John.

### ***BI-122 Ephesians***

This course magnifies the work of the Spirit in developing the Christian in this Epistle, breaking down this book into the Wealth, the Walk, and the Warfare of the believer.

### ***GE-123 Bible Manners and Customs***

This course covers nearly a thousand customs of the Old and New Testaments giving the student an insight into correctly interpreting the Scripture in their Old and New Testament settings.

### ***BI-124 James I***

This course is a commentary on James and the writer applies New Testament principles to Jewish believers who have come out from under the Law.

### ***BI-131 The Tabernacle***

This course deals with the typology of Jesus in comparison on the Old Testament Tabernacle. All the offerings, furniture, and priests are representative of Him.

### ***BI-132 The Song of Solomon***

This course is a verse by verse commentary on the Song of Solomon. It identifies the bride groom as the Lord Jesus Christ and the bride as the church.

### ***BI-133 Old Testament Survey***

This course is exactly what the title suggests: a survey, and analysis, and a review of every book in the Old Testament. It merely skims the top of the subject with notes showing the major emphasis of every book.

### ***BI-134 The Brides/Women of the Bible***

This course deals with the saved women of the Bible. Every saved woman in the Bible is a type or representative of the Church, the Bride of Christ.



### ***TH-131 The Spirit World***

This course explains the world of demons and angels. The conflict between God and the demonic hosts of Satan will be ongoing until the end of the age. Also, the angels are a benefit to both Christian and the Church.

### ***BI-142 James II***

This course is a continuation of the study of James and the writer applies New Testament principles to Jewish believers who have come out from under the Law.

### ***BI-143 I Peter***

This course deals with the end time apostasy that the Church will have to deal with in propagating the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### ***BI-144 New Testament Survey***

This course is exactly what the title suggests: a survey, an analysis, and a review of every book in the New Testament. It merely skims the top of the subject with notes showing the major emphasis of every book.

### ***PT-211 Hermeneutics II***

This course presents the correct way to interpret the Bible and all the different ways to apply the text. It extends the previous course on Hermeneutics.

### ***TH-212 Dispensational Truth I***

This course concerns itself with explaining the different tests or dispensations that God will allow this world to go through to explain how man left to himself will end in disaster.

### ***BI-213 Spiritual Gifts***

This course clarifies the different gifts that a believer possesses after he is saved. This is altogether different from his natural born temperaments.

### ***BI-213 Colossians***

This course is a commentary explaining the preeminence of Christ in the church. He is the head of the body, the foundation of the building, and the husband of the bride.

### ***PT-221 Christian Counseling***

This course differentiates between secular counseling and Christian counseling. Christian counseling is nouthetic or confronting and admonishing the believer with the Word of God as its basis.

### ***TH-222 Dispensational Truth II***

This course extends the previous course on Dispensational Truth itself explaining the different tests or dispensations that God will allow this world to go through to explain how man left to himself with end in disaster.

### ***BI-223 Habakkuk***

This course is a commentary on Habakkuk, explaining why bad things happen to good people. Many things will not be explained but the believer must trust God explicitly.

***BI-224 Hebrews I***

This course is a commentary on Hebrews, explaining why Christ is better than the Law. All of the Old Testament truths are nothing to be compared to what the believer has in Christ. The key word is "better".

***GE-231 Speech***

This course covers the fundamentals of presenting a sermon, speech, or lesson with all the aspects of expression, presentation, manners, and voice.

***BI-232 Hebrews II***

This course is a continuation of the commentary on Hebrews, explaining why Christ is better than the Law. All of the Old Testament truths are nothing to be compared to what the believer has in Christ. The key word is "better."

***BI-223 James III***

This course is a continuation of the commentary on James, and the writer applies New Testament principles to Jewish believers who have come out from under the Law.

***BI-234 Judges***

This is a study of the 13 Judges and the period they served Israel. There is a pattern of rebellion, retribution, and a return to God throughout this book.

***GE-241 Revival***

This is an analysis of Revivals in the Bible and in Church history. It also contains the ingredient of those revivals and how we can apply them today.

***BI-242 Leviticus***

This course is an examination of the feasts and offerings and how they apply typically to the Church.

***TH-243 The Blood***

This course is a detailed study of the doctrine of the blood showing that it is more than just a payment but an unconditional covenant between God and His people

***BI-244 I Thessalonians***

This course is a commentary dealing primarily with living in light of the Second Coming of Christ as the focus.

***GE-311 English I***

This course deals with the basic parts of grammar.

***TH-312 Systematic Theology***

This course covers the different attributes of God showing that He is holy in His essence and therefore His attributes are unchanging.

***BI-313 I Timothy***

This course describes the order of the church. God is a God of order and everything He creates has an order and discipline.

***BI-314 Philippians***

This course expounds how the believer can have joy in the midst of trials and troubles.

***TH-321 Christology***

This course elucidates the works of Christ and how they apply to the believer.

***GE-322 English II***

This course extends the aspect of the different parts of grammar.

***BI-323 Proverbs***

This course chooses twelve different Proverbs and applies them to the life of the believer.

***TH-324 Bible Doctrines I***

This course delineates the important doctrines of the Bible and provides a foundation for the new believer.

***TH-331 Bible Doctrines II***

This course further defines the important doctrines of the Bible and provides a foundation for the new believer.

***GE-332 American History***

This course takes the information about the history of America and shows how God works in the affairs of men and nations.

***BI-333 Acts I***

This course is really the "Acts" of the Holy Spirit in the transitional period of the book of Acts. It reveals how the New Testament Church is supposed to operate.

***BI-334 Isaiah***

This course chooses twelve major passages in the book of Isaiah and applies them to the faith of the believer.

***GE-341 Evolution vs. Scientific Creationism***

This course is a rebuttal to evolution by showing Biblical and Scientific information to confirm the doctrine of Biblical Creationism.

***BI-342 Acts II***

This course is really the "Acts" of the Holy Spirit in the transitional period of the book of Acts. It reveals how the New Testament Church is supposed to operate.

***BI-343 Genesis***

This course chooses twelve major themes out of the book of Genesis and reveals how God worked in an unfolding revelation of Himself to these men in Genesis.

***BI-344 Revelation I***

This course is a commentary explaining the Church age, the Tribulation, the Millennium, and the Eternal State.

***PT-411 Personal Evangelism***

This course examines the importance of the Great Commission and provides steps to develop an effective soul winning plan for the believer. The lessons promote awareness of the need of soul winning and seeks to motivate Christians to be active in witnessing.

***BI-412 Revelation II***

This course continues commentary explaining the Church age, the Tribulation, the Millennium, and the Eternal state.

***BI-413 Daniel***

An exposition of the Old Testament prophecies of Daniel compared with the content of the New Testament book of Revelation.

***GE-414 English III***

Twelve lessons which give instruction on English Composition. This course is helpful for those students preparing for dissertation requirements.

***PT-421 Marriage and Divorce***

A study of the Biblical principles of marriage and divorce. The course deals specifically with the law of Moses and the teaching of Christ and Paul. Special attention is given to the marital qualifications of a bishop as portrayed in Paul's letter to Timothy.

***BI-422 Revelation III***

An exposition of the Revelation of Jesus Christ as penned by John the Beloved. This course covers chapters 15 through 22 discussing the events surrounding the Great Tribulation and the new heavens and new earth.

***BI-423 Ecclesiastes***

This course selects twelve perspectives of King Solomon concerning earthly life and the vanities of it.

***BI-424 Romans I***

An exposition of the New Testament book of Romans written by the Apostle Paul. The course covers chapters 1 through 5. Included are Paul's thoughts concerning the nation of Israel, the depravity of sinners and the doctrine of justification.

***PT-431 Cults***

An overview of nine cultic movements defining the error of their teaching. The course also gives distinctive traits of cults allowing the believer to quickly identify groups who promote doctrine contrary to sound doctrine.

***TH-432 Prayer***

This course looks into the importance of prayer, the practice of it and offers examples of great people of prayer in the Bible.

***BI-433 Galatians***

The coursework focuses on Paul's instruction to the church of Galatia regarding spiritual liberty in Christ. The lesson offers a contrast between living under the Law and experiencing freedom of conscience.

***BI-434 Romans II***

An exposition of the New Testament book of Romans written by the Apostle Paul. The course covers chapters 6 through 10. Included are Paul's thoughts concerning sanctification, the struggle of the Spirit and flesh, eternal security, Israel's election and human responsibility.

***PT-441 Pastoral Administration***

This course gives instruction on basic administration within the local church including meetings, appointment of officers, and the organization of a new church, church finances and miscellaneous duties.

***BI-442 II Timothy***

An exposition of the second New Testament epistle of Paul to Timothy concerning his position as a soldier of Jesus Christ in standing against the apostasy of the last days.

***TH-443 The Second Coming***

This course contains lessons relating to the Second Coming of Christ. The lesson includes the signs of Christ's coming, the characteristics of the last days and expectations all believers should have.

***BI-444 Romans III***

An exposition of the New Testament book of Romans written by the Apostle Paul. The course covers chapters 11 through 16. Included are Paul's thoughts concerning the nation of Israel, church unity, responsible Christian living.

***BI-511 Great Men of the Bible I***

A review of twelve great men of the Bible looking into their failures and successes. The coursework attempts to link the significance of these men to Jesus Christ, Christian living, doctrine, typology and prophecy.

***BI-512 Job***

Selected passages which offer an overview of the life, suffering and deliverance of the Old Testament patriarch, Job.

***PT-513 Pastoral Problems***

This course looks into the major causes of conflict within the local church. Advice is given on how to identify and resolve problem issues. Special attention is given on how to avoid conflicts that can potentially divide the body of Christ.

***PT-514 Lesson Development***

This course offers practical instruction to teachers on principles of effective study and development of Bible lessons. The course is designed to assist both teachers and preachers.

***BI-521 The Doctrine of the Church***

An examination of the nature and origin of the church of Jesus Christ. The teachings of Jesus Christ and the apostles are expounded to explain the purpose and work of the church concerning its leaders, ordinances, and evangelization of sinners.

***BI-522 Parables***

A study of selected parables of Jesus Christ that are recorded in the New Testament. Each parable is studied in light of its context and spiritual application is made for the believer's life in Christ.

***BI-523 I Corinthians I***

An exposition of the epistle of Paul to the Corinthian believers focusing on chapters 1 through 9. The lesson contains Paul's stern rebuke of the carnality of the church and its remedy.

***PT-524 Missions***

Practical instruction designed to introduce students to basic principles of New Testament missions including the call of the Great Commission, deputation, Mission Boards, establishing churches, and life on the mission field.

***BI-531 I Corinthians II***

An exposition of the epistle of Paul written to the Corinthian believers focusing on chapters 10 through 16. The lesson provides a verse by verse study of the important doctrines neglected by the church.

***BI-532 Psalm I***

A study of various Psalms ranging between Psalm 1 and Psalm 50 discussing the author, time and circumstances surrounding the passage. Each study offers practical application to the life of the believer.

***PT-533 The Christian Home***

Twelve lesson teaching on many important aspects of what a Christian home should be. Ranging from parental leadership, marital unity and child training the context provides vital information for parents and spouses.

***BI-534 Great Men of the Bible II***

A review of twelve great men of the Bible looking into their failures and successes. The coursework attempts to link the significance of these men to Jesus Christ, Christian living, doctrine, typology and prophecy.

***PT-541 Music Ministry***

This course discusses the purpose, theory and history of Biblical music focusing on the art of song leadership within the local church.

***BI-542 Psalms II***

A study of various Psalms ranging between Psalm 51 and Psalm 100 discussing the author, time and circumstances surrounding the passage. Each study offers practical application to the life of the believer.

***GE-543 Christian Psychology***

An analysis of the four dominant personality types and how they relate to the Christian life. The course examines the lives of Bible characters which fit each personality type and show how God develops our personality traits through the power of the Holy Spirit.

***PT-544 Biblical Leadership***

Instruction on leadership by reviewing the lives of Bible characters and examines core principles which define and develop leadership qualities in individuals.

***PT-611 Christian Character***

A discussion on the necessity and development of Christian Character. The lessons focus mainly on the Apostles Peter's discourse of things which should be added to the Christian faith.

***BI-612 Nehemiah***

A study of the traits of revival in the church by comparing the life and deeds of Nehemiah from the Old Testament as he attempted to rebuild the walls and gates of Jerusalem after the destruction of Nebuchadnezzar.

***PT-613 Discipleship***

An examination of the principles of discipleship taught and displayed by the Lord Jesus Christ in His ministry as recorded in the New Testament.

***BI-614 Psalm III***

A study of various Psalms ranging between Psalm 101 and Psalm 160 discussing the author, time and circumstances surrounding the passage. Each study offers practical application to the life of the believer.

***GE-621 Jewish History I***

A review of the Jewish nation's history from the Call of Abraham to the Return of the Jews. The lesson focuses on the various leaders in Israel's history and also reveals implications of prophecies from the Old Testament predicting specific events and personalities.

***GE-622 Biblical Finances***

An overview of Biblical Finances working with the principles taught by author Dave Ramsey. This course offers important information on the management of money in order to help the believer position himself to develop financial stability.

***BI-623 II Corinthians I***

An exposition of the New Testament book of II Corinthians chapters 1 through 7 focusing on Paul's defense of his apostleship and characteristics which define an effective ministry.

***PT-624 Speed Reading and Memory***

This course works examines basic principles to develop and enhance the reading and memory retention of the student. The course is divided into two sections. The first section outlines techniques for memory development and is followed with instruction for increasing one's rate of reading.

***BI-631 II Corinthians II***

An exposition of the New Testament book of II Corinthians chapters 8 through 13 including Paul's instructions to the church concerning missions and a defense of his apostleship.

***GE-632 Jewish History II***

A review of the Jewish nation's history from the time of Christ until the present showing implications of prophecies from the Old and New Testament predicting specific events and personalities.

***BI-633 Jude***

A verse by verse study of the New Testament book of Jude. The course defines apostasy and measures true believers must take in their attempt to contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

***BI-634 Joshua***

An exposition of the Old Testament book of Joshua which compares the conquest of Canaan with the spirit-filled life of the believer.

***GE-641 Baptist History***

A review of the history and doctrine of various believers' groups which help to understand true New Testament Bible teaching beginning with the disciples of John and concluding with 20<sup>th</sup> century Baptists.

***PT-642 Church Covenant***

An explanation of the articles found within the church covenant outlining the characteristics which should accompany the salvation and faithfulness of church members.

***BI-643 Baptist Distinctives***

A declaration of the major distinctives of Baptist doctrine which have been held throughout the centuries from the time of Christ by true believers.

***BI-644 The Temple***

An overview of the location, history and structure of the Old Testament temple, including a study of the offerings and feasts and their symbolic meanings.

***MUS-105***

This course was written by Clint and Donna Kerns. It covers basic music principles, musicianship, song leading and basic music terms.



*"...To set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us...That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed"* (Luke 1:1,4), we send forth the commonly believed confession of faith held among us, as follows:

### **Of the Scriptures**

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men supernaturally inspired; that it has truth without any admixture of error for its matter; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the age, the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to man; the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct and opinions should be tried.

(Psalm 19:7-11; 119; Proverbs 30:5,6; Isaiah 8:20; Luke 24:25-27,44-45; John 5:39-47; 12:48; 17:17; Romans 3:4; 15:4; Ephesians 6:17; II Timothy 3:16-17; I Peter 1:23; II Peter 1:19-21; Revelation 22:19)

#### **(EXPLANATORY)**

1. By "Holy Bible" we mean that collection of sixty-six books, from Genesis to Revelation, which does not only contain and convey the Word of God, but IS the very Word of God. We believe that the 1611 Authorized Version is the preserved, inerrant Word of God for English speaking people.

2. By "inspiration" we mean the books of the Bible were written by holy men of old, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally and verbally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.

### **Of the True God**

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead, there are three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

(Genesis 1:1; 17:1; Ex. 15:11; 20:2-3; Ps. 83:18; 90:2; 147:5; Matt. 28:19; Mk. 12:30; Jn. 4:24; 10:30; 15:26; Acts. 5:3-4; I Cor. 2:10-11; 8:6; 12:4-6; II Cor. 13:14; Eph. 2:18; 4:6; Phil. 2:5-6; I Tim. 1:17; I Jn. 5:7; Rev. 4:11)

### **Of the Holy Ghost**

We believe the Holy Spirit is a divine Person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world, He restrains the Evil One until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of judgment, and righteousness; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and helps the believer.

(Genesis 1:1-3; Matt. 3:11; 28:19; Mk. 1:8; Lk. 1:35; 3:16; 24:49; Jn. 1:33; 3:5-6; 14:16,17,26; 15:26-27; 16:8-11,13; Acts 5:30-32; 11:16; Rom. 8:14-16,26-27; Eph. 1:13-14; II Thess. 2:13; Heb. 9:14; I Pet. 1:2)

### **Of the Devil or Satan**

We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels; that he is now the malignant prince of the power of the air, and the unholy god of this world. We hold him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of the Triune God, the accuser of the saints, the author of all false religions, the chief power behind the present apostasy; the lord of the Antichrist; and the author of all the powers of darkness--destined, however, to be finally defeated at the hand of God's Son, and to the judgment of an eternal justice in hell, a place prepared for him and his angels.

(Is. 14:12-15; Ez. 28:14-17; Matt. 4:1-3; 25:41; Lk. 22:3-4; Jn. 14:30; II Cor. 11:13-15; Eph. 2:2; I Thess. 3:5; II Thess. 2:8-11; II Pet. 2:4; I Jn. 2:22; 3:8; 4:3; II Jn. 7; Jude 6; Rev. 12:7-10; 13:13-14; 20:1-3,10)

### **Of the Creation**

We believe the Genesis account of creation, and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; that man's creation was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary changes of species, or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; that all animal and vegetable life was made directly, and God's established law was--they should bring forth only "after their own kind."

(Genesis 1:1; 1:26,27; 2:21-23; Ex. 20:11; Neh. 9:6; Jer. 10:12; Jn. 1:1-3; Acts 4:24; 17:23-26; Rom. 1:20; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 11:3; Rev. 10:6)

**Of the Fall of Man**

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state, in consequence of which, all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but of choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

(Genesis 3:1-6,24; Ez. 18:19-20; Rom. 1:18,20,28; 3:10-19; 5:12,19; Gal. 3:22; Eph. 2:1-3)

**Of the Virgin Birth**

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost in a miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of a woman, and that He was born the Son of God and God the Son.

(Genesis 3:15; Ps. 2:7; Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Lk. 1:35; Jn. 1:14; Gal. 4:4)

**Of the Atonement for Sin**

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but as the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the just dying for the unjust. Christ the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; that, having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven and uniting His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection. He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.

(Matt. 18:11; Jn. 3:16; 10:18; Acts 15:11; Rom 3:24,25; I Cor. 15:3,20; II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 2:8; Phil. 2:7,8; Heb. 2:14, 7:25, 9:12-15; 12:2; I Pet. 2:24; 3:18; I Jn. 2:2; 4:10)

**Of Grace in the New Creation**

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, not by culture, not by character, nor by the will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of the repentance and faith in the newness of life.

(Jn. 3:3,6,7; Acts. 2:41; 16:30,31; Rom. 6:23; II Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:1; II Pet. 1:4; I Jn. 5:1)

**Of the Freeness of Salvation**

We believe in God's electing grace; that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but their own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

(Is. 55:1,6,7; Matt. 11:28; Jn. 3:15-18,36; 5:40; 6:37; Acts 2:38; Rom. 8:29,30; 10:13; I Cor. 15:10; Eph. 1:1-14; 2:4,5; Col. 3:12; I Thess. 1:4; I Tim. 1:15; Titus 1:1; I Pet. 1:2; Rev. 22:17)

**Of Justification**

We believe the great blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification. Justification includes the pardon from sin and the gift of eternal life on principles of righteousness and is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood. His righteousness is then imputed to us.

(Is. 53:11; Zech. 13:1; Acts 13:39; Rom. 1:17; 4:1-8; 5:1,9; 8:1; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38)

**Of Repentance and Faith**

We believe repentance and faith are solemn obligations, and inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the quickening Spirit of God; thereby being deeply convicted of our guilt, danger and helplessness and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy. At this same time we heartily receive the Lord Jesus Christ and openly confess Him as our only and all-sufficient Saviour.

(Ps. 51:1-4,7; Is. 55:6,7; Mk. 1:15; Lk. 12:8; 18:13; Acts 2:37,38; 20:21; Rom. 10:9-13)

### **Of the Church**

We believe the church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word. Its officers of ordination are pastors or elders and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures. We believe the true mission of the church is found in the Great Commission: first, to make individual disciples; second, to build up the church; third, to teach and instruct as He has commanded. We do not believe in the reversal of this order. We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self-government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and the one and only Superintendent is Christ through the Holy Spirit. It is scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and the furtherance of the gospel; that every church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its cooperation. All matters of membership, policy, government, discipline, benevolence, and the will of the local church is final.

(Matt. 16:18; 28:19-20; Acts 2:41,42; 6:5-7; 14:23; 15:22,23; 20:17-28; I Cor. 5:11-13; 6:1-3; 16:1; II Cor. 8:23,24; 12:4; Eph. 1:22,23; 4:11; 5:23,24; Col. 1:18; I Tim. 3:1-13; I Pet. 5:1-4)

### **Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper**

We believe Christian baptism is the immersion in water of the believer in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is by the authority of the local church to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified and risen Saviour. It is symbolic of our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. It is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of unleavened bread and the unfermented fruit of the vine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, always preceded by solemn self-examination.

(Matt. 3:6; 28:19,20; Jn. 3:23; Acts 2:41,42; 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3-5; I Cor. 11:23-34; Col. 2:12)

### **Of the Righteous and the Wicked**

We believe there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem. While all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost.

(Genesis 18:23; Prov. 11:31,14:32; Mal. 3:18; Matt. 7:13,14; 25:34,41; Lk. 9:26; 16:25; Jn. 8:21; 12:25; Acts 10:34,35; Rom. 1:17; 6:16-18,23; 7:6; I Cor. 15:22; Gal. 3:10; I Pet. 4:18; I Jn. 2:29; 3:7; 5:19)

### **Of Civil Government**

We believe civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society. Magistrates are prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of the Lord Jesus Christ; who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming Prince of the kings of the earth.

(Ex. 18:21; II Sam. 23:3; Dan. 3:17,18; Ps. 72:11; Matt. 10:28; 22:21; 23:10; Acts 4:19,20; 5:29; 23:5; Rom. 13:7; Phil. 2:10,11; Titus 3:1; I Pet. 2:13,14,17; Rev. 10:6)

### **Of the Resurrection and Return of Christ and related Events**

We believe in and accept the sacred Scriptures upon these subjects at their face and full value. Of the Resurrection we believe Christ rose bodily "the third day according to the Scriptures" and that He ascended "to the right hand of the throne of God." He alone is our "merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God"; "that this same Jesus which was taken up from you into Heaven shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into Heaven... "bodily, personally, and visibly; that the "dead in Christ shall rise first"; that the living saints "shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump"; "that the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His Father, David"; and "that Christ shall reign a thousand years in righteousness until He hath put all enemies under His feet."

(Ps. 72:8; Is. 9:6,7; 11:4,5; 32:1; Matt. 24:27; 25:13; 28:6,7; Mk. 16:6,19; Lk. 1:32;24:2-6,39,51; Jn. 14:3; 20:27; Acts 1:9,11; I Cor. 15:4,25; Phil. 3:20,21; I Thess. 4:16-18; I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 2:17; 5:9,10; 8:1,6; 12:2; Jas. 5:8; I Jn. 2:1; Rev. 3:21; 20:1-6)

### **Of Missions**

The command to give the Gospel to the world is clear and unmistakable and this commission was given to the church. Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Mark 16:15: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Luke 24:47: "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." John 20:21: "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my father hath sent me, even so send I you." Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

### **Of the Grace of Giving**

Scriptural giving is one of the fundamentals of the faith.

II Corinthians 8:7: "Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." We are commanded to bring our gifts into the storehouse [common treasury of the church] upon the first day of the week. (Mal. 3:10)

I Corinthians 16:2: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." Abraham gave a tenth part of all he had. This was four hundred years before the law and was confirmed in the New Testament when Jesus said, "These ought ye to have done" (Matt. 23:23). Leviticus 27:30 tells us that the tithe is the Lord's. Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." In the New Testament, the common treasury was the church. Acts 4:34,35,37: "...And brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet... Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet."

### **Of the Offices of Bishop & Deacon**

All believers are to be witnesses and servants of Christ. However, the offices of bishop and deacon carry the authority of the local church by virtue of ordination. We, therefore, believe the offices of a bishop and deacon are reserved for men who have met high Scriptural qualifications. We hold that the statement "husband of one wife" excludes women from these offices as well as any man who has been divorced or whose wife has been divorced.

The word "diakonos", "servant" or "deacon" is used in many variations because it is a general word meaning, "to run errands; an attendant, i.e. (genitive case) a waiter (at table or in other menial duties); **especially**, a Christian teacher and pastor (technically, a deacon or deaconess):"

The term is "specially" applied to but not limited to any Christian, including children. ( See Mark 9:35; Matt 23:11-12; John 12:25-26; Rom 14:4; Rom 16:1-2) The use of the word in each of these verses does not denote an office, but the action of the person. The difference between the verses above and the verses below is in the elected office of the church.

I Timothy 3:1, "*This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.*"

I Timothy 3:13, "*For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves, a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.*"

The early church ordained deacons and bishops and thus established offices granting authority to these men under the church. The offices of bishop and deacon as created by the election of the church must fall under the jurisdiction of Scriptural qualification demands. A woman can indeed be a "diakonos", but not hold the "position in authority". In fact, every Christian can be a "diakonos" but not all are qualified to serve in the "office".

A comparison may be made with the office of a bishop (preacher or pastor). Mark 16:15 states, "*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*" The great commission commands every Christian to "preach the Gospel". The word "preach" is "kerusso (kay-roos'-so);" and means "to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel):" Every Christian must practice the proclamation of the Good News, but the office of a preacher is reserved to those who are called and meet the criteria found in 1 Tim 3:1-7. Preaching or proclaiming is the practice, but the term "bishop" reveals the office. Always remember the office of a servant (deacon) and the office of a bishop (preacher) are exclusive.

(See I Timothy 3:1-12; Titus 1:5-9)

### **Of the Sign Gifts**

We believe that the sign gifts found in the book of Acts, specifically speaking in tongues and prophecy, were temporal and were exclusively used as signs to the Jews and ceased with the completion of the New Testament. (I Corinthians 13:8-13)

From Acts 2:4-11, we conclude that the languages spoken on the Day of Pentecost were the foreign languages understood by those nations represented on that day. We also believe the warnings and instructions of Paul in I Corinthians 14 give the rules for governing speaking with tongues and show the error of the modern tongue movement.