

CROSSROADS CHURCH  
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A. PURPOSE:

This Church is a worshipping community, enabled by the Holy Spirit, dedicated to Christ's Commission to point people to Christ, to build them up in faith and life, then equip and encourage them to serve.

Matthew 28:19, 20

B. STATEMENT OF FAITH:

I. The Word of God

i. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God

ii. We accept it in its entirety as the Word of God in its original manuscripts, holy, inspired, infallible, and our source of Spiritual light and truth.

iii. It is our source of revelation of God, the knowledge of salvation, the origin of all things, and of the hereafter;

iv. It is the final Court of Appeal on all points of doctrine, life and Godliness (II Tim. 3:16-I 7: II Peter 1:21; Heb. 4:12-13)

v. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testament is the inspired Word of God and that the Bible in its entirety contains the entire doctrinal belief of Crossroads Church.

II. The Person of God:

i. We believe in one God, manifested as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal in existence;

ii. We believe God to be the Creator of all things and Author of Eternal Redemption.

iii. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the only all-sufficient Savior. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ to be God manifest in the flesh, as the very Son of God, the Creator of all things with the Father, and as the appointed Judge of all men, (Col. 1:12-19; Acts 17:31)

iv. We believe in the virgin birth of Christ, His vicarious death on behalf of lost humanity. His appointed burial, His bodily resurrection, His ascension on high, His High-Priestly ministry in the Heavens and His physical return to the earth to receive the righteous, both living and dead, and to execute judgment upon the wicked;

v. We acknowledge the Holy Spirit as: Comforter; the Divine agency of regeneration: the Revealer of Christ and His work on the cross; and the Distributor of gifts and graces upon the church.

### III. The Two Ordinances:

We believe that Christ observed, established and commanded the Church to observe two ordinances:

i. Water baptism by immersion, of confessed believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, as practiced in the New Testament Church, (Acts 2:38) This act being a visible representation of our death, burial and resurrection with Christ.

ii. The Lord's Supper, as a means of fellowship in the Spiritual body of Christ, and to partake of the Spiritual benefits bequeathed to New Covenant believers.

### IV. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit:

i. We believe in the infilling of the Holy Ghost, subsequent to the New Birth, with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues and/or prophecy and the empowerment with power to witness, and the accompanying gifts, graces and fruit of the Spirit (Acts 1:8; 10:44-46; 19:1-6; I Cor. 12:5-11; Gal. 5:24; Rom. 5:5)

### V. The Universal Church:

i. We believe that every born-again believer is a member of the Body of Christ, His Church (Col. 1:18; Eph.1:20-23; I Cor. 12:12-13; Eph. 4:11-16).

### VI. Divine Healing:

i. We believe that divine healing is part of God's provision for mankind and that through the gifts of healing, the laying on of hands, the anointing with oil, or by simple faith alone, physical healing and deliverance from pain are privileges of humanity throughout the Gospel Age (Mark 16:17-18; I Cor, 2:9-10; I Peter 2:24; James 5:13-16)

### VII. Evangelism:

i. We recognize the highest obligation of the saved is to spread the Gospel to the lost world;

ii. This may be accompanied by: preaching the Word; praying; living according to the tenets of the Bible; and the sacrificial giving of the Saints (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 3:8-10; I Cor. 9:7-23).

### VIII. The Second Coming of Christ:

i. We believe in the physical, personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ and the events pertinent to the following scriptures: (Acts 1:11; I Thess, 4:16-17; Titus 2:12-14; II Thess. 1:7-10).

#### IX. The Christ-like Life

i. We believe that ALL Christians are called into a life of separation from sinful practices and that they should take every opportunity to promote righteousness and Godliness, (James 4:4, Rom. 12:1-2; I John 2:15-17; II Cor. 6:13-18; Rom. 13:1-10).

#### X. The Laying on of Hands:

i. We believe that the laying on of hands as practiced in the New Testament is an operation of the Ministry of the Holy Spirit for: the dedication of children, ordination of ministries sending out of ministries (Acts 13:3 - Paul and Barnabas); healing of the sick; baptism in the Holy Spirit; and the reception of spiritual gifts.

ii. We believe that by the laying on of hands, prayer and prophecy by the Presbytery, spiritual gifts and ministries are imparted or confirmed in Spirit filled believers.

#### XI. Ascension Gifts of Christ

In view of our recognition of the Restoration to the Church the ministries of:

Apostles

Prophets

Pastors

Evangelists

Teachers in the universal church, we further recognize their ministries within the context of the local church, when separated and consecrated by a recognized local Church body.