

**Doctrinal Statement of New Life Community Church  
Appendix 1 to Constitution and By-Laws**

**The Bible**

**WE believe** the Bible, both Old and New Testaments to be inspired of God and inerrant in the original manuscripts and that the copies that we have today are reliable for translation and obedience. We believe the Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit to holy Men of God and it is through its application that we have life and have it more abundantly. II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21, John 10:10

**The Trinity**

**WE believe** God dwells in three forms, Father, (the master designer of the universe as sovereign LORD) Son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit . All three are God, Coequal but with different roles but in complete harmony. Genesis 1:26, Matthew 3:16,17.

**Jesus Christ**

**WE believe** Jesus Christ is the third person of the trinity. 100% God, 100% Man. He is God. He was Present before time began, at creation and made appearances in the Old Testament. When the fullness of time came; He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and gave the greatest teaching the world has ever known, raised the dead, healed the sick, calmed the storm, and fed thousands just as the Gospels depict. He died on a cross as a payment for our sin and rose bodily from the grave, ascended to the Father and is seated at His right hand making intercession for all saints. He will come again in the rapture of the church to take all His saints to Heaven and at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming he will set foot on the Mount of Olives to rule from Jerusalem on His father David's throne for 1000 years. He then will reign in heaven after judgment as King of Kings and Lord of Lords forever, Amen. John 1:1 ff, Galatians 4:4, Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, 53, II Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:23, 5:23, 10:13,14, Hebrews 8:1, Revelation 19.

**Evangelism**

**WE believe** it is the obligation of all believers to be involved in the sharing of their faith regularly to a lost and dying world. We also are to be involved in the propagation of the gospel internationally through missions. This evangelism takes both the form of Presence evangelism (lifestyle) and presentation evangelism (witnessing). Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8

**Salvation**

**WE believe** Salvation is a work of God, by grace through faith and not of works. It is the personal acknowledgement of the finished work of Christ on the Cross. A person gets saved by acknowledgement of sin in their lives, recognizing that Christ's death on the cross was their payment for that sin and accepting by faith God's

forgiveness through Christ and His finished work. Ephesians 2:8, Romans 3:23, 10:8 - 13. It is described as being "born again" in John 3.

### **Eternal Security**

**WE believe** that salvation is a sovereign act of God and as such believers are kept eternally secure until the day of redemption. Once a person truly knows Christ as their Lord and Savior they can never lose their salvation. This security is the beachhead for Christian growth and progressive sanctification. John 5:24, 10:28, Romans 8:39, Ephesians 1:5,11.

### **Baptism**

**WE believe** that all truly saved new believers should be baptized by immersion as soon as practical as an act of obedience and an answer of a good conscience toward God. We do not believe in Baptismal regeneration but do believe that Baptism is the first item of obedience to the new believer and reluctance to follow this command brings suspect genuine obedience and faith in Christ and future commands. Romans 6:3-5, I Peter 3:21.

### **The Holy Spirit**

**WE believe** the Holy Spirit is the second person of the Godhead 100% God, 100% Spirit. His main role is drawing attention to Christ, empowering, infilling, guiding and assisting believers with answers and struggles in their Christian lives. We do not in any practice that takes away from the Lordship of Christ. John 14:16, 26, 16:13. I Corinthians 12, 13: 8.

### **The Church**

**WE believe** The Church is the called out assembly of believers in Jesus Christ who band together for the purpose of local and world evangelism and the obedience of the ordinances of Baptism by immersion and the Lord's supper. Christ is the Church's head and works through local assemblies in His sovereignty through the established leadership of the church. Believers should be a member of a local church for the purposes of worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, evangelism and discipline. Matthew 16:18, Colossians 1:18, I Timothy 3. Ephesians 4:11,12.