

**STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS**  
**ARTICLES OF FAITH**

ABUNDANT LIFE WORSHIP CENTER OF WHIPPANY, INC. embraces the following statements concerning the truth. The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This Statement of Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e., that we all speak the same thing, and that there be no division among us I Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42). No claim is made that it contains all Biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to these fundamental doctrines.

- That the Holy Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired Word of God. They are the sufficient, authoritative, infallible rule of faith and conduct and guide to salvation. (Isaiah 40:8; Acts 20:32; I Thessalonians 2:13; II Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12; I Peter 1:23-25; II Peter 1:20-21).
- That Scripture teaches that there is one and only one True and Living God, Who is self-existent, and the eternal. That He has chosen to reveal Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in the same essence, though distinct in personality, relationship and association (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-13, 48:12-13,16; Matthew 28:19; Mark 12:29; Luke 3:22; I John 5:7).
- God created man in His own image as a triune being, according to Genesis 1:26-27, consisting of spirit, a soul, which is made up of the mind, will and emotions, and a body (I Thessalonians 5:23).
- Primitive Man and His Fall: Our first parents, in their original state, were upright. The only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by Satan to disobey God's commands. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not that righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God but are inclined to evil. Hence none by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own can become the children of God (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-24; Eccl. 7:29; Psalms 51:5; John 6:44, 8:44; I John 3:7-9; Romans 5:12-21; I Corinthians 2:14).
- Jesus Christ the Son of God and the Son of Man, was born miraculously of the Virgin Mary (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35).
- The Holy Spirit: Sanctification is the process by which through the Holy Spirit, according to the will of God, we become partakers of His holiness; that it is begun at regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit (I Thessalonians 4:5; I John 2:29; Romans 8:5; Philippians 2:12-13).
- The Salvation of Man: The grace of God, which brings salvation, has appeared to all men, through the preaching of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ; man is saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, and, being justified by grace through faith. (Romans 8:16-17, 10:8-17; Luke 24:47; Titus 2:11, 3:4-7; Ephesians 2:8-10).
- Final Result of Salvation: The spirit and soul of the believer who dies in Christ immediately goes to be with the Lord (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Luke 23:42-43; II Corinthians 5:1:22-24). The body of believers will put on immortality (I Corinthians 15:50-54; Philippians 3:20-21).
- Marriage: The Church will recognize only marriage as defined by God as between one man and one woman.

- Baptism in Water: The ordinance of baptism by immersion for the believer is a burial with Christ, to be observed, whenever physically possible as commanded in the Scriptures by all who have repented and truly believed in their heart on Christ as Savior and Lord. The method of baptism will be by immersion. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:11-12).
- Baptism in the Holy Ghost: The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and by the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power in public testimony and service in love. (Acts 1:8, 2:4, 42-43, 10:44-47, 11:14-17, 15:7-9, 19:2, 6; Isaiah 28:11; Mark 16:17; I Corinthians 4:1-5, 5-16).
- Sanctification is a daily, progressive act of separation from that which is evil, and of a dedication unto God (Romans 12:1-2; I Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12).
- The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine gifts and ministries for the fulfillment of her great commission and purpose. (Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:19-22; I Corinthians 12:12-28; Hebrews 12:23).
- The Church is to be taught and led by the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the purpose of every believer seeing and exercising his priestly and kingly ministry. (Ephesians 4:11-13)
- Divine healing is an integral part of the Gospel. Deliverance from sickness and disease has been provided for in the atonement and is the privilege of all believers to receive. (Psalms 103:1-6; Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; James 5:14-16; I Peter 2:24)
- The resurrection of those who have died in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church. (I Thessalonians 4:16-17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 15:50-54)
- The second coming of Lord Jesus Christ from heaven includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:1-9; Matthew 24:27-31; Revelation 1:7, 19:11-16, 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of the national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21-22; Zephaniah 3:19-20; Romans 11:26-27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalm 72:3-8; Micah 4:3-4).
- There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead are judged according to their works. And if anyone's name is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet; will be sentenced to everlasting punishment in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 6:1-2; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 19:20, 20:11-15, 21:8).
- The New Heaven and the New Earth: "We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein righteousness dwelleth." (II Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:22)