

Southwestern D6 Family Ministry Journal
Doctrine Statement

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, inerrant, only authoritative Word of God (Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21).
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1-2; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 40:28; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; John 1:1-3; 10:29-30; 14:9-11; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 3:17; 13:14; Ephesians 4:4-6; Colossians 1:15-17; 2:9; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 Peter 1:1-2; Hebrews 9:14).
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory (Matthew 1:18-23; John 1:1-18; 8:58; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:3).
4. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (John 14:16-17; 16:7-14; Romans 8:9-11; Ephesians 1:13-14; Titus 3:4-7; Hebrews 9:14).
5. We believe God created all people in His own image. Scripture teaches that God created them male and female. Gender is a gift and is part of God's good creation (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4-6).
6. We believe the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, sinned against God (Genesis 3:1-24). Scripture teaches, "Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned" (Romans 5:12). We believe God loves us, even in our sin, and has demonstrated his love for us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ. As Scripture teaches, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).
7. We believe salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, who died on the cross, was buried for three days, and rose again (Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5). Salvation brings redemption to the whole person and guarantees eternal life (Ephesians 1:3-14; 2 Corinthians 5:17). Salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification (Rom. 8:30). Salvation is only found through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord: "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).
8. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (Matthew 25:46; John 3:16; 11:25-26; Romans 6:23; 14:10; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Hebrews 9:27-28).
9. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:20-23; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 2:11-22; 4:3-6; Philippians 2:2).
10. We believe God created marriage and family (Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4-6). Family consists of those related by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is between one man and one woman who come together as one flesh in a lifelong, covenant commitment. The husband and wife are of equal worth and are both made in the image of God. Wives are to submit to their own husbands and husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:22, 25). We believe children are a blessing from the Lord (Psalm 127:3), and parents are commanded to teach the Word of God to their children (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:4).