Statement of Faith

Wolseley New Life Church

# What We Believe

### The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, therefore the supreme authority in matters of faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:16).

#### The Godhead

We believe the eternal existence of one true God, Creator of heaven and earth, who has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### **Jesus Christ**

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection for our justification, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for his people, and personal visible return to earth.

# **Holy Spirit**

We believe in the Holy Spirit who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement, who indwells, sanctifies and empowers all who believe in Jesus Christ and in the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues as an experience subsequent to salvation. We believe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit according to 1 Corinthians 12 and exercised in the church according to 1 Corinthians 12 - 14 and the Holy Spirit equipping each believer for service in the community.

### The Church

We believe in the church universal and local, as the Body of Christ, the expression of Christ in the earth and that the church has been entrusted with the ordinances of Believer's Baptism, The Lord's Supper, and Biblical Marriage. We believe that the local church is autonomous, under the direction of its elders, yet interdependent upon and in fellowship with other churches. That at Christ's ascension He gave gifts to men, some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for maturing and edifying the body of Christ.

#### **Christian Conduct**

We believe in the born again experience according to John 3:3 and that a Christian should live for the glory of God and the well-being of his fellow man; that his conduct should be blameless before the world; that he should be a faithful steward of his possessions and that he should live in unity with those around him.