



COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe God created the cosmos to be good, beautiful, and full of purpose. In the midst of this world, God made a man and a woman—Adam and Eve—to be his unique representatives on the earth, bearing his name and extending his reign while living in dynamic relationship with him.

Adam and Eve, however, chose to sin when they heeded the voice of evil and betrayed God, hurling all humanity and the good world in which they lived into devastating cycles of shame, guilt, and fear—culminating in death.

But God chose not to abandon his rebellious creation. Instead, he graciously called another couple, Abraham and Sarah, to lead a faithful family and promised that through them all the nations of the earth would be blessed.

Throughout history, God has continued to work toward redemption through his people in spite of their habitual inability to live according to his ways.

We believe that in the fullness of time, God sent Jesus Christ, his eternal Word and true Son, into the world as a man to announce and embody the presence of God's restorative reign—His Kingdom breaking into brokenness.

Furthermore, he invited a new group of followers (called "disciples") to imitate his way of life and learn to love both God and neighbor.

This same Jesus was crucified like a common criminal, surrendering his sinless life as a ransom for many and drawing all evil onto himself in his death.

On the third day, however, God raised Jesus back to life as the victor over evil and the physical first fruit of God's future for his cosmos.

We believe Jesus is now at his Father's right hand, reigning from heaven as the true King. He is inviting all people everywhere to trust him for forgiveness and freedom from shame,

guilt, and fear because he is our unique source of life both now and forever. In addition, he has given his Spirit to supply direction and power so that we might live fully in the special identity and destiny he has prepared for each of us.

Today, we live as a community of God's people on mission together, seeking to love God and follow Jesus by making & multiplying disciples everywhere. By relying upon the unfailing, active grace of his Spirit and upon his entirely trustworthy Scripture, we embrace the often challenging but always hopeful adventure of sacrificial love, selfless generosity, and healing kindness to which he calls us.

We also believe life in God's Kingdom is joyful, so we love to laugh.

One day in the not-so-distant future, we believe Jesus will return and remake the world, judging and removing every last trace of evil in order to complete the new creation that he began on the first Easter.