

Doctrinal Statement

[Note: All references listed in the following paragraphs are from the Holy Bible.]

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, made up of the 66 books in the Old and New Testaments, is the verbally inspired Word of God without error in the original manuscripts and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has the Holy Spirit of God for its Author, truth as its matter and salvation for its end; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us and, therefore, is and shall remain unto the end of the world, the supreme standard by which all human conduct and creeds shall be tried. *Proverbs 30:5-6; Isaiah 8:20; II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:21; Revelation 22:18-19.*
2. We believe God is known to men as three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections. *Genesis 1:1,26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16-17; John 6:27; John 14:16-17; Acts 5:3-4; Hebrews 1:8.*
 - a. We believe in the personal existence of the One True God, the Supreme Being. He is the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whom He willingly and lovingly sent to restore man's broken relationship with God. *Exodus 15:11; I Samuel 2:2; Psalm 90:1-2; Jeremiah 10:10; Matthew 3:17; John 3:16; John 5:26; John 8:19; I Thessalonians 1:9.*
 - b. We believe in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Son of God, very God of God; that in order to redeem fallen man from sin He took on the form of man by the process of the Virgin Birth; that He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin; that He lived in perfect harmony with God and His laws; that He voluntarily suffered death and in so doing was the vicarious sacrifice for the sin of the race; that He physically and literally rose from the dead, ascended up on high and is now enthroned at the right hand of God as the Mediator between God and the sinner, and as the High Priest and Advocate of the saint; that He will imminently and personally return for His Church; and subsequently, for the establishment of His millennial kingdom on earth. *Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18; John 1:14; John 10:11; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:8; I Corinthians 15:1-8; I Thessalonians 4:16-17; I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 1:6; 7:26; I John 2:1.*
 - c. We believe in the Person of the Holy Spirit, that He is equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in Creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains Satan until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness and judgment; that He bears witness to the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the Agent of the New Birth; that He baptizes, seals, endures, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and helps the believer. He also presents the believer before the Father as an intercessor for him. Pentecost is a historical event and is not to be repeated; therefore we do not accept the teaching that speaking in tongues is associated with either the initial receiving of the Holy Spirit or as the evidence of His fullness. *Genesis 6:3; John 3:4; John 15:26; John 16:7-14; Acts 5:3-4; Romans 8:2,4; Romans 8:26-27; I Corinthians 12:12-13; II Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 3:16; Ephesians 4:30; II Thessalonians 2:7.*
3. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and that man is totally depraved, and, of himself, absolutely unable to remedy his lost condition. *Genesis 1:26-27; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Isaiah 59:2; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12-19; Ephesians 2:2-5, 12.*
4. We believe that Satan is a person, and the author of sin, and the cause of the fall of man; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man, and that he shall be eternally punished in the lake of fire. *Genesis 3:1-13; Job 1:8; Ezekiel 28:15; I Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:10; Revelation 20:10.*

5. We believe that it is impossible for man to save himself; that in order to be saved he must realize his need of the Savior, repent and receive Christ as his Savior, and, in so doing, be born again; that the New Birth results in a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous; that in the New Birth the one dead in trespasses and sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life by grace, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above comprehension, not by culture, character or the will of man, but completely and only by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, faith and newness of life. *John 1:12; John 3:5,7,16; II Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 1:13; Ephesians 2:8-9.*
6. We believe that the church universal is a living organism, the Body of Christ, those who have been redeemed out of every kindred, tongue, people and nation, who comprise the Bride of Christ. *Acts 2:42-47; I Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4; Revelation 5:9-10.*
7. We believe that the local church is a body of professed Believers in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, Savior and Lord who have covenanted together for worship, mutual edification and to work for the spreading of the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. *Acts 2:41-42; Romans 12:4-5; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 3:4-6; Ephesians 5:25-27.*
8. We believe the Scriptures teach that all who through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ can know they will spend eternity in full enjoyment of God's presence, and that those who through impenitence and unbelief refuse to accept God's offer of mercy will spend eternity in everlasting punishment with no second chance. *Matthew 25:46; John 3:16,18,36; John 10:28; Romans 3:24; Romans 5:1; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I John 5:11-12; Revelation 20:11-15.*
9. We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accordance with His own will, for the sick and afflicted, but we do not accept the teaching that the divine healing of the body is in the atonement, for this present age, in the sense that salvation and forgiveness are in the atonement. *Isaiah 53:4-5; Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 6:10; Luke 22:42; II Corinthians 12:7-10; Ephesians 5:17; James 1:5-7; I John 5:14-15; Matthew 8:17; I Peter 2:24.*
10. We believe that all Believers should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon our Savior and Lord; and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded by God. We believe when we fail in this we can receive God's grace and mercy by confession and repentance. *Lamentations 3:22-23; Romans 6; II Corinthians 6:14-18; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 4:1,22-24; Ephesians 5:8-11; I Thessalonians 2:12; I John 1:9; I John 2:15-17.*
11. We believe that the "Great Commission" of our Lord Jesus Christ to give the Gospel to every creature throughout the world is still incumbent on every Believer. *Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:13-15.*
12. We believe that all people are created in God's image, male and female, determined biologically at birth and not by one's self-perception as influenced by man's fallen human nature in ways contrary to God's design. We believe that marriage is designed by God to be a lifelong covenant commitment between one man and one woman. We believe that homosexual marriage and/or any lifestyle that embraces homosexuality is against God's design and is therefore sinful. We believe that a believer is not to unite in marriage with an unbeliever. We believe God considers any sexual relationship outside the marriage covenant to be sin. *Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4; Matthew 5:31-32; Mark 10:6; Romans 1:24-28; I Corinthians 6:9; II Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 4:17-18; Hebrews 13:4; I Timothy 1:10.*
13. We believe that God is the Giver of all life and thus only He has the right and plan to end a life. We believe each person created by God has purpose in His perfect plan. *Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-16; John 5:21; I Timothy 6:13.*

Values Statement

- **GOD-CENTERED**

We acknowledge that ministry flows out of an intimate relationship with God. Therefore, we commit ourselves to maintain a vital, growing personal relationship with God and to encourage other Believers to deepen their own relationship with Him. *II Corinthians 3:5; Colossians 1:18; I Peter 4:11.*

- **HOLY SPIRIT-CONTROLLED**

We recognize that the Holy Spirit gives gifts and empowers us to accomplish His supernatural work. No amount of knowledge, skills, experience and/or tools can replace His working in our lives and ministries. *Zechariah 4:6; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 5:18-21.*

- **BIBLE-BASED**

We recognize that the Bible is God's standard for life and ministry and is the primary instrument for changing lives. Its principles are applicable to all areas of life. Therefore, we commit to handle the Word of God accurately and to model it consistently. *II Timothy 3:15-17; II Timothy 4:6-7; I Peter 1:21.*

- **PRAYER-BASED**

We recognize that without the Lord we can do nothing. We demonstrate our dependence on Him through prayer at every point of our lives and ministries. *Jeremiah 33:3; John 15:5; Romans 8:26; Philippians 4:6-7.*

- **SERVANT-LEADERSHIP**

We affirm that Biblically-based ministry involves the giving of ourselves to help others live a life that glorifies our Lord. Because this kind of ministry is motivated by love, we evidence an attitude of respect for those to whom we minister as well as those with whom we serve, and are willing to sacrifice to meet their needs, without promoting an unhealthy dependence on us. We recognize that our ultimate purpose is to equip and empower others to depend on Christ to accomplish His purposes in their lives. *John 13:13-17; II Corinthians 4:5; Galatians 5:13.*

- **INTEGRITY**

We commit to adhere, in word and action, to a Biblically-based ethical code that results in moral soundness above reproach, transparency to the point of vulnerability, and consistency to the place of trustworthiness. *Genesis 16:13; Psalm 139:23; Romans 15:1-3.*

- **EXCELLENCE**

We commit to attain the highest level of competency that God has purposed for us and to a mindset that does not settle for mediocrity. We want to be and do our best, in His strength, for the glory of God and for the good of those to whom we minister. *Ecclesiastes 9:10a; Romans 12:11; Colossians 3:17.*

- **TEACHABILITY**

We commit to exhibit a teachable spirit because we consider ourselves fellow learners who are open to learn from and with those around us. *Psalm 25:4-9; Psalm 27:11; Philippians 2:1-4.*

- **CULTURALLY-APPROPRIATE**

We commit to exercise cultural sensitivity by respecting and understanding the cultures in which we minister while adhering to Biblical standards. We will identify cultural issues that affect our ministries and work within the cultural context. We will involve national workers and leadership. *I Corinthians 9:19-22; I Corinthians 10:22-33.*

- **MINISTRY MULTIPLICATION**

We recognize that ministry involvement is not an end in itself but is a part of the process of ministry development. We affirm the principle of exponential training as stated in II Timothy 2:2. Therefore, we train, mentor and educate others who are qualified in order that they may prepare others for the work of ministry. *Matthew 28:18-20; I Corinthians 4:17; Ephesians 4:11-13; II Timothy 2:2.*

- **FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE**

We commit to handle financial matters in an ethical manner that conforms to legal requirements and regulations. Our financial and business dealings will be open for scrutiny and above reproach. Financial records will be audited annually by an independent, qualified auditor. *Proverbs 15:11; I Corinthians 10:31; Hebrews 4:13.*

- **COOPERATION**

We believe that the local church is the organization that God has established to be the base for evangelism of the lost and edification of the saints. Therefore, we commit to develop working relationships with local churches, including those not affiliated with H*VMI, working toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission. We also promote teamwork with like-minded organizations in order to fulfill our Mission Statement. *I Corinthians 3:5-9; II Corinthians 6:1; Philippians 4:3; I Thessalonians 3:2.*