## STATEMENT OF FAITH

## **Blue Springs Enrichment**

- We Believe in God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and that they are distinct personalities with distinct roles, but one God. And that One God is the Creator of the universe. (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).
- We Believe the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God in its entirety and that it does not contradict itself. It is our guide. (2 Timothy 3:15; 2 Peter 1:21).
- We Believe Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Savior, the Son of God (John 10:33), who was born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), lived a sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26), died on a cross (1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9), and was raised from the grave (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4). He will return as our victorious Lord (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11).
- We Believe our salvation comes only through Jesus Christ and cannot be earned. It is a gift of God. (John 3:16-19, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:9-10; Titus 3:5).
- We Believe the church, as the body of Christ, is the extension of Jesus Christ's character, attitude, behavior, and mission in our world today. (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:15-16).
- We Believe faith in Jesus requires repentance, confession of that faith before witnesses, and obedience to His Word. Baptism demonstrates our faith and obedience while it depicts our union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. (Acts 2:38).
- We Believe man was created in the image of God and that He gives gifts to both men and women through the Holy Spirit for the benefit of the church's ministry. (Genesis 2:26-27; Ephesians 4:7-16; Colossians 1:18-20).
- We Believe everyone who accepts Christ has the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit who acts as a Comforter, Guide, and Advocate. (Romans 8:12-14).
- We Believe that humility in prayer is the foundation for all we do and that celebrating communion together is beneficial for all Christians (1Thessalonians 5:17-18; Acts 2:46-47).
- We Believe marriage has been established by God. BSE defines "marriage" as the exclusive covenantal union of one man and one woman in which such union is a lifetime commitment. A civil government's sanction of a union will be recognized as a legitimate marriage by the church only to the extent that it is consistent with the definition of "marriage" found in these Articles. (Genesis 2: 21-24; Mark 10:6-9
- We Believe that God created male and female as substantiated by biology and the Bible, gender is determined at birth to be male or female by DNA; observable physical characteristics. (Genesis 5:2; Genesis 1:27; Mark 10:6)
- We Believe God designed men and women to unite as one in marriage with the capability of creating new life. (Genesis 1:28; Matthew 19:5-6)