

SILOAM MISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Statement of Faith

“In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity” St. Augustine

1. We believe in one God who is both perfect and loving and expressed in personal ways as Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit.

- **Creator: Author and Sustainer of all of creation.**
- **Redeemer: Jesus Christ who became human - born of a virgin, conceived by the Spirit, sinless in life and, in love suffered and died for our sins, and was resurrected on the third day.**
- **Spirit: comforter and counsellor, sent from heaven to guide us to God, to convict us when we sin and equip us to live in accordance with God’s purpose for our life.**

Scripture Support: Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Isaiah 40:18-31; John 14 :6-27; I Corinthians 6:8; II Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 2:13-18; Galatians 4:4-7; Philippians 2:5-11

2. We believe the Bible is divinely inspired and communicates God’s saving message and is our reliable authority in all matters related to faith and Christian living

Scripture Support: Psalm 19:7-11; Luke 2:24:44-47; I Corinthians 15:3-4; II Timothy 3:15-16; I Peter 1:10-12; II Peter 1:20-21.

3. We believe that all people are created in the image and likeness of God and are therefore creations of worth, value and dignity and full of the promise and potential that is unique to each person. We believe that systemic to all humankind is an orientation towards failure to live out the law of love, resulting in acts of sin against God, brokenness, and injustice.

Scripture Support: Jeremiah 17:9; Psalm 51:1-5; Matthew 22:36-40; Mark 7:20-23; John 8:34-36; Romans 1:18-25; 3:23; 5:12-14; 6:15-23; 8:8-17; Galatians 5:16-25; I John 1:8-2:4

4. We believe that the love, grace, and forgiveness of God is a free gift, made possible by the provision Jesus Christ made through His death and resurrection. By turning from our own selfishness and trusting in Jesus Christ we are reconciled with God and are free to experience a new life of promise and potential for which we were created.

Scripture Support: Isaiah 30:15; 55:7; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 3:1-14; 18:9-14; 1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; Romans 2:4; Colossians 1:21-22; I Thessalonians 1:9; II Peter 3: 9

5. We believe that God cares about how we live out our life and faith in Jesus Christ and provides for us a pathway to continued transformation as we walk in obedience to the teaching of Scripture and the moral principles contained therein. We believe faithfulness will allow us to grow and change so that we more perfectly reflect Jesus Christ in all things.

Scripture Support: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 30:25-26; John 1:9-13; 7:37-39; 14:15-23; Acts 2:1-4; 15:8-9; Romans 6:11-13; 8:1-4, 8-14; 12:1-2; Galatians 2:20; 5:16-25; Ephesians 3:14-21; Philippians 3:10-15; Colossians 3:1-17; I Thessalonians 5:23-24; Hebrews 12:1-2; I John 1:7,9.

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- 6. We believe that all who live for Jesus have an eternal future which will include the fulfillment of God's creative purpose in all things. We believe that each person who has the power of choice will be accountable for their choices in this life.**

Scripture Support: Genesis 18:25; II Samuel 2:10; Matthew 25:31-46; John 3:16-17; 14:1-7; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 2:1-16; 14:7-12; I Corinthians 15:57-58; II Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; II Thessalonians 1:5-10; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 9:26-28; II Peter 3:3-15; Revelation 20:11-15; 22:1-15

- 7. We believe that God has a special concern for the poor and dispossessed. We believe we are called to be His servants in ministering to those who have been marginalized.**

Scripture Support: Isaiah 58:10; Luke 10:30-27; 12:12-14; I John 3:17; Proverbs 21: 13; Matthew 25: 31-46; Leviticus 25:35-36; Proverbs 14:31; 29:7; James 2: 16

- 8. We believe we are called to the pursuit of justice and peace among all of God's children and to serve as agents of reconciliation, and to break down the walls that divide one person from another (e.g., racism, hatred in all its forms, unforgiveness etc.).**

Scripture Support: Micah 6:8; Galatians 3:28; John 7:24; Romans 2:11; 10:12; Acts 10:34-35; James 2:9, Colossians 1:19-20

- 9. We believe the Body of Christ (the world-wide community of believers) spans across denominations and creeds to include all who have Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.**

Scripture Support: Galatians 3:28; John 17:20-23; Matthew 28:19-20; John 17:20-21; Psalms 133:1; I Corinthians 1: 10; 1 Peter 3:8; Colossians 3:14; Ephesians 4:1-6