

# Shelby County Community Outreach

## *Statement of Faith*

- **We believe that God is a loving, Supreme Being who wants to be involved in the everyday events of His creation through our having a personal relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ.**

1 John 4:9 "In this was manifested the love of God toward us...that we might live through him."  
Romans 5:1 "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."  
John 10:10 "...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."
- **We adhere to the Bible as the inspired, written Word of God and thus to be recognized as the final authority concerning salvation, morality, and all things relating to who God is.**

2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine..."  
2 Peter 1:20-21 "...but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."  
Matthew 4:4 "...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."  
Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful...and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"
- **The spiritual needs of all individuals are common. We have all been born with a sinful nature and can never by our own goodness appease a Holy God.**

Romans 3:10 "As is it written, There is none righteous, no, not one:..."  
Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"  
Titus 3:5-6 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done..."  
Ephesians 2:8-9 "...it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."
- **It is through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and faith in His blood, that reconciliation can take place.**

1 Peter 1:18-19 "...ye were not redeemed with corruptible things...but with the precious blood of Christ..."  
Acts 20:28 "...to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."  
Ephesians 1:7 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins..."  
Revelation 5:9 "...for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood..."
- **Without heartfelt repentance and acceptance of this fact, man is destined to be eternally separated from the God who has given His all for us.**

Luke 13:3 "...but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."  
Matthew 7:13 "...for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction..."  
John 3:16 "...that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."  
Galatians 5:19-21 "...that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God"
- **By being "born again" we have new life in Christ Jesus and are adopted into God's family- The Body of Christ.**

John 3:3 "...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."  
1 Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God..."  
Galatians 3:26 "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."  
Galatians 4:5 "...that we might receive the adoption of sons."
- **We will pursue the sharing of this Gospel with everyone God brings into our lives, so that they will have an opportunity to experience this life changing relationship for themselves. For without this spiritual re-birth, there can be no successful long-term changes that take place.**

Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."  
Ephesians 4:24 "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."  
2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."