

# PURSUIT

## THEOLOGY

### WHO WE ARE

We are a community of hope-filled believers who deeply experience the love and the presence of God and partner with Jesus to express joy and power of His kingdom in every area of life, at home and abroad.

#### WE PURSUE GOD

Jesus is at the center of who we are and what we believe. God has invited us to follow Him on a great adventure and we have committed to relentlessly seek after Him. The presence of God is the most valued, motivating and sustaining influence in our community and we have committed to keep His presence at the forefront of every service, meeting, project and encounter. Our culture is characterized by worship, prayer, the presence of God, family, revival, miracles and healings, generosity, missions, and honor.

#### WE PURSUE COMMUNITY

Authentic relationships stand the test of time. We believe the character of God is best demonstrated in the way we love and serve each other. We are intentional about creating a climate in which people feel connected to each other. The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. Facilitating and encouraging one-another to genuinely invest in the long-term success of those around them is at the heart of the Gospel message.

#### WE PURSUE PEOPLE

Just coming to church isn't enough. We believe the Gospel is meant to be demonstrated both internally and externally. The Gospel has the ability to transcend race, color, age and ethnicity. With that in mind, we believe in living an "outward focused" life bringing the Gospel of good news to all people and in all places at all times.

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### VISION

The Pursuit exists to glorify Jesus and in doing so bring people into an encounter with the presence of God.

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### BELIEFS

That the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God  
John 16:13; II Timothy 3:15-17; II Peter 1:21; I Thessalonians 2:13

That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22; John 14:16

In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ  
John 1:1, 14; 20:28-29; Philippians 2:6-11; Isaiah 9:6; Colossians 2:9

His virgin birth Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34-35; Isaiah 7:14

His sinless life II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26-27; I John 3:5; I Peter 2:22

His miracles Matthew 24:23; Luke 6:17-19; John 3:2

His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood Colossians 1:14, 20; Romans 5:8-9; Ephesians 1:7

His bodily resurrection I Corinthians 15:3-4; Luke 24:4-7, 36-48; Revelation 1:17-18

His ascension to the right hand of the Father Acts 2:33; 5:30-31; I Peter 3:22

His personal return in power and glory Acts 1:11; Philippians 2:9-11; I Thessalonians 1:10; 4:13-18; John 14:1-3

that justification by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful man Romans 3:24-25; John 3:3-7; I John 5:11-13; Ephesians 2:1-16; Revelation 5:9; Acts 4:12; I Cor. 6:11

That the prime agency for the work of God's kingdom is the Christian local church functioning under the sovereignty of our Lord Jesus Christ. The church has been entrusted with the ordinances of believer's baptism and the Lord's supper. Acts 2:41-47; 16:4-5; Matthew 16:18; 28:18-20; Ephesians 1:22-23; I Corinthians 12; 11:23-26

In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit which includes: the baptism in the Holy Spirit as an experience distinct from regeneration, with the initial physical evidence of speaking in tongues; His indwelling, by which the Christian is enabled to live a godly life; His supernatural gifting and empowering of the Church for its work, life and worship.

Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4; 10:44-46; I Corinthians 12 and 14

In the return of Jesus Christ to consummate His Kingdom,  
1 Corinthians 15:24; 2 Timothy 4:1 Hebrews 1:8; 2 Peter 1:11.

In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:28-29; Mark 14:62; 2 Thessalonians 1:2-10; Revelation 1:5-7; 20:4-5, 11-14

In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 17:11, 21-23; Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 4:11-16

Furthermore, we believe that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman, and that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively with that marital union.

Genesis 2:18, 21-25; Matthew 19:4-6; I Timothy 3:2, 12; Ephesians 5:28, 31-33

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## Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of The Pursuit, and to provide a biblical role model to the constituency and ministry partners of The Pursuit, it is imperative that all persons who serve in any capacity, including volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.)

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.) We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the core values and beliefs of The Pursuit.

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## **Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct**

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of The Pursuit’s faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is The Pursuit’s final interpretive authority on the Bible’s meaning and application.

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Psalm 139.)

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## **Affiliation**

The Pursuit is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Assemblies, a non-denominational network of churches and ministers that connect for ministry, mission, and leadership opportunities.