

## **These are the Core Values in which we Christians meeting together in the VCOC believe:**

1. **God the Father** We believe there is one and only one God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 6:1, 4, 8, 9; James 1:17; John 1:1; John 14:9; Genesis 1:2; John 4:24; John 14:16-25; 2 Peter 1:21). We believe that God the Father Almighty is the Creator of all things visible and invisible (Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 11:3).
2. **God the Son** We believe that Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of the Living God, who died for our sins and rose from the dead on the third day according to scripture (1 Corinthians 15: 1-8; John 3:16). We believe in Jesus Christ, my one and only Savior, God's one and only Son (John 1:14; 1 John 4:9; John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:18); Who was born Jesus of Nazareth, both fully human and fully divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary (Matthew 21:11; John 19:19; John 1:14; Romans 5:15-17; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1; Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:26-28); He is also creator of all things (Colossians 1:15-16). He suffered and was crucified under Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1-46; John 19:19); Who died and was buried, and Who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day (Luke 23:44 - 24:8; John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8); Who ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father (Luke 22:69; Acts 1:1-9; Colossians 3:1); And Who will return to earth to judge both the living and the dead (Matthew 24:36-42; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:10-11; Acts 10:39-42; 1 Peter 4:5).
3. **God the Holy Spirit** We believe in the Holy Spirit, Who is an active and operative part of the triune God (John 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 8:26-27); And Who indwells every Christian (1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14).
4. **The Bible** We believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired word of God – a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105). We believe the Bible is God's Holy Word, Scripture. We believe God inspired the Scriptures and they consequently are without error (Mark 12:36; John 14:26; John 16:12-15; Acts 1:16; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21). We accept the Bible as the final authority for all matters of faith and practice (Isaiah 30:8; Matthew 5:18; Matthew 24:35; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12).
5. **Salvation** We believe that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, but every person has worth as a creation of God (Romans 3:23). We believe that those accepting Christ should repent of their sin, confess their faith, and be baptized (immersed) into Him, and in doing this will receive forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. We believe that the Bible teaches that God created human beings and they willfully sinned against God and are consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23). We believe that the Bible teaches that the forgiveness of sins and salvation are achieved only by

grace through the blood of Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7). We believe that the Bible teaches that we receive God's grace by putting faith in Christ, repenting of sin, confessing Christ, and being immersed into Christ, but that none of these is sufficient in and of itself for the assurance of salvation (Romans 5:1-2; Luke 24:45-47; Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:11; 1 John 4:15; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21).

6. **The Church** We believe that the Church is the body of Christ on earth and exists to evangelize the lost and edify the saved, empowered by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:1-16). We believe in the Church, which is the body of Jesus Christ, founded on the Day of Pentecost and consisting of all Christians everywhere (Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 2:14-47).
7. **The Second Coming of Christ** We believe that Jesus Christ will one day return to earth to judge those who reject Him and reward those who know Him as Savior and faithfully serve Him (Matthew 25; Acts 10:42; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Tim. 4:8). He will reign forever as King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).