

**Bent Tree  
STATEMENT OF FAITH**

We believe that the Scriptures are inspired by God, inerrant and authoritative, without error in the original writing, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.

We believe in one God, creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of the virgin Mary; we believe that Christ shed His blood on the Cross, dying for our sins as a substitutionary sacrifice, and that He arose bodily from the grave and ascended into heaven; we believe that man finds salvation only through faith in Jesus Christ as his personal savior.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, equal with God the Father and God the Son; He indwells every believer from the moment of salvation and empowers the Christian for a life that is honoring to God.

We believe that all true believers, from the day of Pentecost until the Rapture, are members of the universal church regardless of organizational affiliation.

**BY-LAWS BENT TREE *Mediation and Arbitration***

***Article 8.08***

***Disputes Between Member and Church - Mediation and Arbitration.*** If a dispute or conflict arises between a member of the Church and the Corporation or its Related Parties (as hereinafter defined), it shall be resolved by submitting the dispute to mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Institute for Christian Conciliation, and judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. However, if a dispute or claim involves an alleged injury or damage to which the Corporation's insurance applies, and if the Corporation's insurer refuses to submit to mediation or arbitration as described in this section, either the Corporation or the member alleging the injury or damage may declare that this section is no longer binding with regard to that part of the dispute or claim to which the Corporation's insurance applies. BY JOINING THIS CHURCH, ALL MEMBERS AGREE THAT THESE METHODS SHALL PROVIDE THE SOLE REMEDY FOR ANY DISPUTE ARISING AGAINST THE CORPORATION OR ITS RELATED PARTIES, AND THEY WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO FILE ANY LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE CORPORATION OR ITS RELATED PARTIES IN A CIVIL COURT OR AGENCY, EXCEPT TO ENFORCE AN ARBITRATION DECISION. This section covers any and all disputes or claims arising from or related to Church membership, doctrine, policy, practice, counseling, discipline, decisions, actions, or failures to act, including claims based on civil statute or for personal injury. For purposes of this paragraph the term "Related Parties" means the Corporation's Elders, officers, employees and volunteers to the extent that such persons were acting on behalf of the Corporation.

<b>SIGNATURES</b>	
I declare by my signature below that, to the best of my knowledge, I agree with the Statement of Faith above. Please sign below.	
Printed Name:	Signature:
Date:	Mission Journey: