**BASIC DOCTRINES WE MUST DEFEND**

1, There is Truth. We must believe that Truth exists . To not accept this, everyone’s ideas become equally valid and spiritual and moral anarchy results.

2. We believe in God, Yahweh , the Creator of the universe and the author of Truth .

3. We believe that God revealed himself through inspired writers from the Old Testament with a covenant to the nation of Israel and commands for living. Through the prophets a coming Messiah would establish a New Covenant for all people. We accept the Bible as infallible truth from the writers of the New Testament inspired by the Holy Spirit.

4. Jesus was born of a virgin, Mary, conceived of the Holy Spirit and is the son of God.

5. Jesus lived a sinless life and displayed his Deity through signs and miracles and taught as no other.

He prayed for the unity of all believers.

6. Jesus, the Messiah, was crucified on the cross for our sins, to redeem us unto salvation. That salvation comes by the Grace of God and is chosen through man’s free will by believing in Jesus as the Christ, confessing Him as Lord, repenting of sins and being immersed in water for the remission of sins and the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit .

7. Jesus was buried and then arose bodily on the first day of the week and appeared to many before ascending into heaven.

8. Jesus is coming again to receive His church and judge the world, welcoming those saved to heaven and unbelievers separated to punishment as described in the Bible.

9. We believe in Jesus’ Great Commands- Love the Lord God and Love your Neighbor as you love yourself, summarizing all the law and setting the character of his followers.

10. Christians meet each Lord’s day, support the work of the church with regular offerings, encourage one another, and remember His sacrifice through the Lord’s supper. We strive to live a moral life and make choices based on the teaching of the inspired writers of the New Testament. Where there is no specific command or apostolic precedent, we respect the liberty of individual opinion.

11. The church universal is made up of all baptized believers ( Christians.) The local church is autonomous and spiritual oversight is given to Elders or Bishops who work to keep the doctrine pure and the church United. Local deacons are chosen to serve.

12. We believe in His Commission- To preach the gospel, sharing our faith, winning others to Him..Go into all the world, make disciples of every nation, baptizing them in name of Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them all that Jesus commanded.