

# TRAILBLAZERS FC

*Promoting Christian Character Through Competitive Soccer*

## Statement of Faith

### SECTION 1: THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, to be the completely inspired Word of God. We hold the Bible to be inerrant, infallible, eternal, God-breathed, and the complete and final authority for faith and practice. (*Matthew 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*)

### SECTION 2: GOD

We believe in one Triune God, who is Creator of all (*Deuteronomy 6:4; Colossians 1:16*), eternally existing in three distinct Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit (*2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 28:19-20*), yet one in being, essence, power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections (*John 10:30*).

### SECTION 3: JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is fully God, the expressed image of the Father, who, without ceasing to be God, became a man in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man (*John 1:14; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3*).

We believe that God the Son became a man in the person of Jesus Christ; that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary (*Matthew 1:22-23*); that He is truly God and truly man; that He lived a perfect, sinless life; and that all His teachings are true. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for all mankind (*1 John 2:2*) as the perfect sacrifice for our sins (*Isaiah 53:5-6; Hebrews 7:26-27*). We hold that His death is sufficient for all who believe (*John 1:12; Acts 16:31*); that our justification is grounded in His blood (*Romans 5:9*); and this is attested by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (*Matthew 28:6; 1 Peter 1:3*).

### SECTION 4: THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the deity and personality of the Holy Spirit (*John 16:13*). We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, of God's righteousness and of coming judgment (*John 16:8-11*). He regenerates the sinner upon belief in Christ, baptizing the believer into one body of which Christ is the head. The Holy Spirit indwells, guides, instructs, fills, comforts and empowers the

believer for godly living (*Mark 13:11; John 14:26; John 16:13; Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 3:16*). We believe that the Holy Spirit is totally sovereign in the distribution of spiritual gifts (*John 16:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 8:9-17; Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11*).

#### **SECTION 5: SALVATION**

We believe that salvation is a gift of God's grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross (*Ephesians 2:8-9*); that Christ shed His blood to accomplish justification through faith, propitiation to God, redemption from sin, and reconciliation of man with God. Christ died for us (*Romans 5:8-9*) and bore our sins on His own body (*1 Peter 2:24*).

We believe that all those who have truly placed their faith in Christ are eternally secure in their salvation, secured and sealed in Christ forever (*John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 8:1, 38-39; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:5*).

#### **SECTION 6: HEAVEN, HELL, AND THE RETURN OF CHRIST**

We believe in the blessed hope; the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ. His return has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*). We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost. The saved will be raised to eternal, conscious bliss with God (*Matthew 25:34; John 14:2-3; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Revelation 2:7*). The lost are raised to eternal torment in hell in conscious separation from God (*Matthew 8:11-12; Matthew 10:28; Matthew 13:49-50; Mark 9:47-48; Luke 12:5; Revelation 21:8*).

#### **SECTION 7: MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY**

We believe that marriage is the holy union of a man and a woman for the purposes of representing the relationship between Christ and his church, for bringing children into the world, and for complementing one another. We believe that God creates each person as either male or female. One's biological sex is a gift from God and is immutable. The two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. (*Genesis 1:27-28, 2:18-24, 5:2, 9:7, Mark 10:6-9, Romans 1:26-27, Ephesians 5:22-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 11:11-12*)

By signing below you are affirming that your faith is in alignment with the core beliefs of Trailblazer FC:

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Printed Name

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Signature and date