

# FAITH CHURCH

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Dear Faith,

At Faith Church, we have a Statement of Faith that explains our understanding of key biblical doctrines like the Trinity, the person of Jesus, the Bible, salvation, the church and Christ's future return. We modeled our current Statement of Faith after a statement adopted by our denomination, the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA), in 1950. All of us who are members of Faith Church have affirmed this Statement of Faith in the process of becoming members.

In 2019, the EFCA adopted a new Statement of Faith. The elders and leadership of Faith Church value our membership in the EFCA and want to remain aligned with the association. As the EFCA website says, "The EFCA is an association of 1600 congregations united around a Statement of Faith." Therefore, the elders at Faith are recommending to the congregation that Faith Church replace the 1950 Statement of Faith with the EFCA 2019 Statement of Faith.

We've provided a side-by-side comparison of the two statements [on our website](#) for you to read through. Additionally, our website has several resources to help you understand the changes in greater depth and offer a biblical perspective.

If the congregation desires to make this change, there are a few steps to negotiate in order to accomplish this. On April 14, we will be holding a Town Hall explanatory meeting followed by two formal Congregation Meetings on April 21 and 28 to consider the motion to adopt the 2019 statement. The elders will be guiding the church through this process, and we will share more in our services beginning this Sunday.

Here is how you can be part of the process:

Read through the proposed changes and resources on our website.

Attend the meetings on April 14, 21 and 28.

Pray for clear wisdom from Jesus and for a spirit of grace and unity in our church.

We trust that Jesus will be at work in and through our congregation to come to a unified decision, and we look forward to seeing what he does through this season in our church.

The Elders at Faith Church