

# ERINDALE

## BIBLE CHAPEL

### MISSION STATEMENT

**The Bible** – We believe that the Bible, consisting of both the Old and New Testaments, is the revealed Word of God to man (1 Thessalonians 2:13). It was given by inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16), and men of old wrote as they were guided by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). It is the sole authority on all matters of doctrine and conduct.

**God** – We believe there is one God (Deuteronomy 6:4) eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). The three persons of the Godhead are distinct and co-equal (Ephesians 4:6; John 1:1; Hebrews 9:14).

**Jesus Christ** – We believe in God the Son's eternal existence and that He entered human history as a man – Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 3:16). He was born of the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:35) having been supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20). While here upon the earth Jesus was, in one person, both truly God and truly man (John 10:33). While on earth He lived a perfect and sinless life, then died on the cross offering Himself without sin or fault to God as a sacrifice for our sins (1 Peter 2:22-24). He rose bodily from the dead (Luke 24:39) and ascended to His Father's right hand in Heaven (Ephesians 1:20), there to appear as our great high priest (Hebrews 2:14-18; 9:24).

**Holy Spirit** – We believe that God the Holy Spirit is the Comforter sent to abide with His people (John 14:16-18). He indwells those who accept the atoning work of Christ for salvation (Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Timothy 1:14) and seals them unto the day of redemption (Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30). The Holy Spirit instructs, challenges and encourages the believer to bring honour to God (John 14:26; 15:26-27).

**Salvation** – We believe that mankind was created innocent by God but by Adam's deliberate sin mankind incurs both physical death and spiritual death, which is separation from God. All of mankind are thus sinners. Salvation is entirely of God's grace, through repentance of sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. The believer is forgiven, regenerated, given eternal life and unfailingly kept by the power of God to salvation on the sole basis of faith in Christ as personal saviour (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:24-25; John 10:27-30; 1 Peter 1:5; John 5:24).

**The Future** – We believe in the personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ for His church (1 Thessalonians 4:16) and accordingly, we purpose to live in the constant expectation of this return.

**Communion & Baptism** – We believe that Scripture gives two ordinances to be kept by all believers, Baptism and the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 8:36-38).

**Our Calling** – We believe that all Christians are called to acknowledge their faith, and to seek to bring others into the faith. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).

**Our Lives** – We believe that all followers of Jesus Christ are called to reflect the character of God in their lives. (Ephesians 5; Romans 12:1-2).