

Camp Sankanac (BCM Intl.) Doctrinal Statement

As a Bible-Centered Ministry, we are committed to the following Doctrinal Statement:

•**We believe** in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible is inerrant, infallible, sufficient and entirely trustworthy as originally given. The Bible is the very Word of God and is the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct (Ps. 19:7-11; Matt. 5:17, 18; Jn. 17:17; 1 Cor. 2:13; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Heb. 4:12; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).

•**We believe** in the one true and living God, eternally existing in three persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — eternal in being, identical in nature and equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections. God is unchangeable in His holiness, justice, wisdom and love. God is the almighty Creator and Sustainer of all things. He is Savior and Judge Who governs all things according to His sovereign will and for His own glory. (Gen. 1 & 2; 26; 11:7; Is. 40:12-28; Matt. 3:16, 17; 28:19, 20; Jn. 1:1-3; 10:30; Acts 5:3, 4; Col. 1:15-17; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:8).

•**We believe** that the Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, became fully man without ceasing to be God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary and lived a sinless life of obedience to the Father's will. In His incarnation Jesus revealed God and redeemed sinners. The Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God as our High Priest, Intercessor and Advocate (Matt. 1:18; 3:16, 17; Luke 24:51; John. 17:5; Acts 1:11; Rom. 8:34; Gal. 4:4, 5; Phil. 2:5-11; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 4:14; 9:24-26; 1 Jn. 2:1, 2).

•**We believe** in the universal sinfulness, total depravity and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation (Isa. 53:6; 59:2; Rom. 3:10-23; 5:12-19; Eph. 2:1-5, 12).

•**We believe** that redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin is possible only through the vicarious, sacrificial death and bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Representative and Substitute. Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life (Jn. 1:12, 13; Rom. 5:6-21; 6:23; Eph. 2:8,9; Tit. 3:47).

•**We believe** in the necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of the Lord Jesus effective to the individual sinner bringing conviction of sin, regeneration and granting the sinner repentance towards God and saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit indwells the believer bringing assurance of salvation, a desire for holiness of life through separation from sin, commitment to serve his Lord and Savior and, through the process of sanctification, transforms the believer into increasing likeness to Christ (Jn. 3:5-8; 16:7-15; Acts 2:4; 4:31; 13:9, 52; 1 Cor. 2:9-16; 12:13; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 1:13, 14; 5:18-20).

•**We believe** in the imminent personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ, His millennial rule on earth, the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, God's judgment of the living and the dead, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the wicked (Zech. 14:1-11; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:13-5:10; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-6).

•**We believe** that Satan is an angelic being, the author of sin, and the cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and mankind; and that he will be eternally punished in the lake of fire (Gen. 3:1-13; Isa. 14:12-16; Ezek. 28:13-17; 2 Cor. 11:14; 1 Pet. 5:8, 9; Rev. 12:10, 20:10).

•**We believe** that God hears and answers the prayer of faith, in accordance with His own will, for the sick and afflicted, but do not believe divine healing of the body is in the atonement (Isa. 53:4-6, 10, 11; Matt. 8:16, 17; 2 Cor. 12:7-10; Jas. 5:14-16; 1 Pet. 2:24).

•**We believe** in the one universal Church of Christ, which is His bride. The Church is the body of Christ and made up of all those who are born again. In its universal aspect the Church encompasses time and space but in its local expression is established for worship, mutual edification, and witness. While organizations like our own have been raised of God to fulfill the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, the local church is the center of God's program for world evangelization (Acts 13:1-3; 14:23, 27; 1 Cor. 1:2; 12:13; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 1:22, 23; 5:25-32; 1 Tim. 3:15).

Our Core Values

- GOD-CENTERED** – We acknowledge that ministry flows out of an intimate relationship with God. Therefore, we commit ourselves to maintain a vital, growing personal relationship with God and to encourage other believers to deepen their own relationship with Him. (Col. 1:18; 2 Cor. 3:5; 1 Pet. 4:11)
- HOLY SPIRIT-CONTROLLED** – We recognize that the Holy Spirit gives gifts and empowers us to accomplish His supernatural work. No amount of knowledge, skills, experience and/or tools can replace His working in our lives and ministries. (Acts 1:8; Zech.4:6; 1 Cor.6:19-20; Eph. 5:18-21)
- BIBLE-BASED** – We recognize that the Bible is God’s standard for life and ministry and is the primary instrument for changing lives. Its principles are applicable to all areas of life. Therefore, we commit to handle the Word of God accurately and to model it consistently. (2 Pet. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 2 Tim. 4:6-7)
- PRAYER-BASED** – We recognize that without the Lord we can do nothing. We demonstrate our dependence on Him through prayer at every point of our lives and ministries. (John 15:5; Jer. 33:3; Rom. 8:26; Phil. 4:6-7)
- SERVANT-LEADERSHIP** – We affirm that Biblically-based ministry involves the giving of ourselves to help others live a life that glorifies our Lord. Because this kind of ministry is motivated by love, we evidence an attitude of respect for those to whom we minister as well as those with whom we serve, and are willing to sacrifice to meet their needs, without promoting an unhealthy dependence on us. We recognize that our ultimate purpose is to equip and empower others to depend on Christ to accomplish His purposes in their lives. (2 Cor. 4:5; Gal. 5:13; John 13: 13-17)
- INTEGRITY** – We commit to adhere, in word and action, to a Biblically-based ethical code that results in moral soundness above reproach, transparency to the point of vulnerability, and consistency to the place of trustworthiness. (Rom. 15:1-3; Ps. 139:23; Gen. 16:13)
- EXCELLENCE** – We commit to attain the highest level of competency that God has purposed for us and to a mindset that does not settle for mediocrity. We want to be and do our best, in His strength, for the glory of God and for the good of those to whom we minister. (Ecc. 9:10a; Rom. 12:11; Col. 3:17)
- TEACHABILITY** – We commit to exhibit a teachable spirit because we consider ourselves fellow learners who are open to learn from and with those around us. (Phil. 2:1-4; Ps. 25:4-9; Ps. 27:11)
- CULTURALLY-APPROPRIATE** – We commit to exercise cultural sensitivity by respecting and understanding the cultures in which we minister while adhering to Biblical standards. We will identify cultural issues that affect our ministries and work within the cultural context. We will involve national workers and leadership as much as possible. (1 Cor. 9:19-22; 1 Cor. 10:22-33)
- MINISTRY MULTIPLICATION** – We recognize that ministry involvement is not an end in itself but is a part of the process of ministry development. We affirm the principle of exponential training stated in 2 Timothy 2:2; therefore, we train, mentor and educate others who are qualified in order that they may prepare others for the work of ministry. (2 Tim. 2:2; Eph. 4:11-13; Mat. 28:18-20; 1 Cor. 4:17)
- FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE** – We commit to handle financial matters in an ethical manner that conforms to legal requirements and regulations. Our financial and business dealings will be open for scrutiny and above reproach. An independent, qualified auditor will audit financial records annually. (1 Cor. 10:31; Heb. 4:13; Prov. 15:11)
- COOPERATION** – We believe that the local church is the organization that God has established to be the base for evangelism of the lost and edification of the saints. Therefore, we commit to develop working relationships with local churches, including those not affiliated with BCM, working toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission. We also promote teamwork with like-minded organizations in order to fulfill our Mission Statement. (2 Cor. 6:1; 1 Cor. 3:5-9; 1 Thess. 3:2; Phil. 4:3)
- COMPASSION** – We believe God calls believers to emulate Jesus’ compassion in every aspect of our lives and ministry. We will, with God’s enablement, look beyond limitations, behavior, attitudes, culture and stereotypes to the heart of each individual and minister without reservation. We will also incorporate people who have special needs and hurts into BCM programs and ministries. If there is uncertainty how best to minister, we will seek advice and/or training. (Ps. 34:17; Ps. 111:4b; Ps. 147:3; Prov. 31:8-9; Isaiah 35:3-4a; Matt. 25:35-40; Luke 14:21b)