

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We, the people of Mount Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church, herein define our purpose and affirm our faith in God and in each other:

WE AFFIRM that the Mount Pisgah A.M.E.C. will be a spiritual body whose foundation is God whose people are concerned with those issues, both spiritual and social, that affect our lives. We seek to be the body of Christ whose ministry is marked by teaching as well as by preaching, seeking at all times to develop the disciples we seek to be.

WE AFFIRM our faith in the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in adherence to the timeless truths of the Word of God. What we believe we teach; what we teach we preach, for God had ordained that it is through the "foolishness of preaching" (1 Cor. 1:21) that men shall be saved.

WE AFFIRM our commitment to the empowerment of our people through the study of God's Word, as well as, those issues which affect our well being and wholesome development; while we affirm the broad nature of the Christian cause we affirm, as well, the essence of our cultural diversity and seek to strengthen our children to appreciate their rich ethnic, cultural and religious heritage through a curriculum of study and learning.

WE AFFIRM our commitment to the development of our children and youth in body, mind, and spirit. Our commitment is to disciple, as well as, to discipline our children to be intellectually alert, socially aware and spiritually mature. We recognize the value of the Christian home and willingly support those whose homes and lifestyles need both the caring and compassion of the Christian community. Our ministry and our fellowship must be inclusive of all and exclusive of none, if the (ALL) are willing to follow the teaching of God's Word in values and lifestyles. *We teach and preach male and female couples in marriage and family.* (Gen. 1:27 "So God created man in his our image, in the image of God created he him, **MALE** and **FEMALE** created he them.")

WE AFFIRM our commitment to a ministry of Christian stewardship which demands the sacrifice of all that we have. Christian stewardship begins with a tithe of ten percent (10%) of our income, our time and our talent. As we mature in grace, we mature in our giving. We affirm our intention to be responsible stewards of that which God has entrusted to us and to use our resources to physically and spiritually feed those who are hungry, clothe those who are naked, and to be that "beloved community" which is always willing to respond to the cause of missions, both home and foreign.

WE AFFIRM that every opportunity for worship and praise will be an experience of adoration and joy which will be reflected in our reading of scripture, our preaching of the Word, the ordinances of the Church and our gestures of praise, , in our hymns, our anthems, our gospels, our spirituals, and the meter hymns of our ancestors.

WE AFFIRM that the struggle to keep faith with our collective affirmation demands unity of purpose, harmony of heart, and the working hands of all who come within our fellowship. Each member must minister; each member must serve. We are many, and yet, we are one as God is One.

May the Christ our Savior, and our Lord, strengthen us to the challenge and charge of the ministry laid before us, that we may be counted among the faithful.