

Our Core Beliefs at Kishwaukee Community EPC

The faith of the community defines the community!

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you
the reason for the hope that is within you.*

1 Peter 3:15

The Core Beliefs of Kishwaukee Community EPC are:

- **There is one true God who loves us and who created everything.**

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Deuteronomy 6:4

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.*

Genesis 1:1 and 31

- **God created us for fellowship with Him, but our sin separates us from God.**

You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

*The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession ...
the Lord set his love on you and chose you*

Deuteronomy 7:6-7

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, Lord, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.*

Psalm 51:3-4

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ... The wages of sin is death

Romans 3:23 and 5:23

- **Jesus, God's Son, lived a sinless life, died, to pay the debt of our sin, and rose victorious over the power of death.**

For our sake God made Jesus to be sin even though Jesus knew no sin.

Romans 5:21

*Jesus committed no sin, neither was deceit found in him.
Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross, by His wounds we have been healed.*

1 Peter 2:22 and 24

*Jesus is not here, but has risen.
Remember how he told you that the Son of Man must be crucified
and on the third day He will rise.*

Luke 24:5-7

- **Those who believe in Jesus and repent of their sin are forgiven by God through the blood of Jesus and will live with God forever.**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

In Jesus we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins.

Ephesians 1:7

*Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."*

John 14:6

- **The Holy Spirit, God's presence, guides and comforts us in this life.**

It is the Spirit who gives life ...

The Helper, the Holy Spirit will teach you all things.

The Spirit, will guide you into all the truth.

John 6:63, 14:26, and 16:13

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,

Acts 1:8

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5

The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

Romans 8:26

- **The Bible is the infallible and authoritative Word of God which teaches us about God and how He wants us to live.**

The Word of the Lord is right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Psalm 19:8

- **God wants us to love Him and to love others as He loves us.**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and

with all your soul and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

The Primary Purposes of Our Ministry at Kishwaukee Community EPC

*If you do not know what you want to accomplish,
you will accomplish nothing!*

*There is a time for every matter and a season
for every activity under heaven
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

At Kishwaukee Community EPC we seek to encourage everyone to live a Christ-centered life through:

- **WORSHIPPING God in Spirit and Truth.**

*“I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
Ps 122:1*

*Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers
will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth,
for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.
God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”
John 4:23-24*

- **STUDYING and TEACHING the Word of God.**

*“You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.
Teach with integrity and dignity. Teach sound doctrine.”
Titus 2:1, 7-8*

- **LOVING and SERVING others as Jesus loves us.**

*Then the righteous will ask him,
“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you something to drink,
a stranger and invite you in,
or needing clothes and clothe you,
sick or in prison and go to visit you?””
Jesus replied,
“Whatever you did for one of the least of these,
you did for me.”
Matthew 25:37-40*

- **INVITING others to come and follow Jesus.**

*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19*

- **GLORIFYING God through our fellowship.**

*I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong;
that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.
Romans 1:11-12*

*Speaking the truth in love,
we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.
From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament,
grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
Ephesians 4:15-16*