

God

We believe God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three forms: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three have unique functions, but form one God.

Jesus Christ

We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father in Heaven, and in His personal return in power and glory for His church.

Holy Spirit

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit. All who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior receive the gift of the Holy Spirit which enables them to live a godly life. The role of the Holy Spirit is to provide guidance, convict, confirm, and comfort the human heart.

The Bible

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible, authoritative Word of God. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living.

Salvation

We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man, one must repent of their sins and accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Only through this relationship, can one receive God's forgiveness of sin and come unto the Father.

Eternity

We believe in man's eternal existence in spiritual life beyond physical death. Thus, eternal union with God, of the saved, will be in Heaven and eternal separation from God, of the lost, will be in Hell.

Scriptural Practices

We believe it is important to uphold the scriptural practices of the early church. Therefore, we are devoted to prayer, hold to the practice of water baptism by immersion, and taking of communion on a regular basis. We believe that these practices serve as a demonstration of our living faith in Christ.

What we believe

- ◆ God is bigger and better and closer that we can imagine.
- ◆ Jesus is God showing himself to us.
- ◆ Through His Holy Spirit, God lives in and through us now.
- ◆ The Bible is God's perfect guidebook for living.
- ◆ Grace is the only way to have a relationship with God.
- ◆ Faith is the only way to grow in our relationship with God.
- ◆ God has allowed evil to provide us with a choice. God can bring good even out of evil events and God promises victory over evil to those who choose him.
- ◆ Heaven and hell are real places. Death is a beginning, not an end.
- ◆ The church is to love and serve people like Jesus loved and served people.
- ◆ Jesus is coming again.

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Learning to Love, Laugh,
and Play together; so we
will pray together!

Our Mission

We believe that the church exists to build a community, which helps people become mature worshipers of God, loving Him with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and sharing His love with others.

(Mark 12:30-31, Duet. 6:4)

Our Core Values

- ◆ All people matter to God, and we will do whatever it takes to reach the lost without compromising the message.
- ◆ Bible-centered teaching is our foundation.
- ◆ Prayer matters to God, so it matters to us.
- ◆ Our Sunday gathering meets to worship God, and to celebrate in unity as His children.
- ◆ Small groups are best for life-changing spiritual growth.
- ◆ God desires us to strengthen and uphold all families.
- ◆ We are called to teach our youth to live a Godly life.
- ◆ Christ's followers will joyfully use their gifts & resources to serve the Lord.

Our Desire

...is to serve God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength....

To Love God With All of Our Heart

We believe a high emphasis should be placed on community relationships. The Church community should promote laughing, loving, and playing together in large group, and small group experiences. It's easy to talk about love; it's harder to really live it out with real people. Our relationships to each other prove that God's love is at work within our hearts. For many of us today, as we fall in love with God, we relearn the true meaning of love. Often, people's broken images of fathers, mothers, families, authority figures, marriages, and other meaningful relationships, block healthy expressions of love, and understanding of who God is. Healing and health come to us as we begin to rethink those broken images on God's design and plan which means loving all people as Jesus loves them (I John 4:7-8, I John 4:20-21).

To Love God With All of Our Soul

We believe that when all is stripped away, we are left with our basic character of who we are; this is our soul. We believe the church should place high emphasis on art forms, which inspire the soul to worship the Lord. The church community recognizes God has given talents to individuals in the arts, as expressions of worship for the inspiration of the group. Photography, music, video, drama, dancing, painting, sculpture, creative writing and any other form of the fine arts should be used to inspire our souls, to contemplate God, and express our love to Him. Since we see the arts as acts of worship, we believe in training and practice in these areas (Ephesians 5:19-20, Exodus 31:1-6).

To Love God With All of Our Mind

We believe the church should place high emphasis on personal knowledge of God's word, and the skills to apply its truths. We believe that we should do our best to learn and practice the truths taught in the Bible. The Holy Spirit inspired the Bible as God's instructional Word to us. The Bible tells us about God and spiritual matters, providing the foundation for our world view. It guides us in human relationships, telling us how to treat one another, how to make decisions, and how to pattern our lives. It should be the final authority in all matters of faith and practice (II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:20-21).

To Love God With All of Our Strength

We believe the church should place a high emphasis on proclaiming Jesus, as we serve and help others. The church community acknowledges everyone has a gift, talent, or ability to contribute that will show God's love to the world. Everyone who joins the community has a unique ability that makes the ministry more effective. The Church is here to assist people in discovering these gifts and knowing where and how to use them. While all committed people are expected to financially support the ministry, some people serve inside the church while others serve outside the church. For everyone, church service should include telling others about Jesus whether they are right next-door or around the globe. Jesus expects all of us to be equipped to make a difference in the world for the sake of the kingdom of God (Ephesians 4:11-13, I John 3:17-18).
