

# Our Beliefs

We thought it would be helpful to provide you with an overview of our beliefs (see below) as you continue to get to know us better.

## Basic Theology

We believe the Bible is God-inspired. *(2 Timothy 3:16,17)*

We believe God is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

## Becoming a Christian

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that by voluntary disobedience, he fell from perfection. *(Romans 5:12)*

We believe that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, signing the pardon of all who believe on Him. *(John 3:16; Romans 5:8)*

We believe that we have no righteousness and must come to God pleading the righteousness of Christ. *(Ephesians 2:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)*

We believe that upon sincere repentance, and a whole-hearted acceptance of Christ, we are justified before God. *(1 John 1:9; Romans 10:9-10)*

We believe that the change which takes place in the heart and life at conversion is a very real one. *(2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20)*

## Doctrine

We believe that divine healing is the power of Christ to heal the physically sick in answer to the prayer of faith. *(James 5:14-16; Matthew 8:17)*

We believe that the Holy Spirit has gifts to bestow upon the Christian; and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life. *(1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Galatians 5:22)*

We prefer prophecy within the church congregation, and recognize that speaking in tongues is still active today in prayer and praise. *(1 Corinthians 14; Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20)*

We believe that the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is to endue the believer with power to love and be Jesus' witness; and that His incoming is after the same manner as in Bible days. *(Acts 2:4; Acts 1:8)*

We believe that baptism by immersion is an outward sign of an inward work. *(Matthew 28:19)*

We believe in the commemoration of the Lord's Supper by the symbolic use of the bread and juice of the vine. *(1 Corinthians 11:24, 25)*

## The Church

We believe that the method ordained of God for the support and spread of His cause is by giving of tithes and free-will offerings to His church. *(Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Malachi 3:6-12; 1 Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 6:38)*

We believe that soul winning is the most important responsibility of the Church. *(James 5:20; Galatians 5:6)*

We believe it is our sacred duty to identify ourselves with the visible Body of Christ. *(Acts 16:5; Hebrews 10:25)*

## Daily Living

We believe that it is the will of God that we be sanctified daily, growing constantly in the faith. *(Hebrews 6:1)*

We believe that rulers should be upheld at all times except in things opposed to the will of God. *(Romans 13:1-5)*

We believe that the experience and daily walk of the believer should never lead him into extremes of fanaticism. *(Philippians 4:5)*

We believe that it is the will of God that we walk in the Spirit daily. *(Ephesians 4:30-32)*

We believe in the sanctity of life for the unborn. *(Deuteronomy 30:19; Isaiah 44:24; Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:15; Galatians 1:15; Luke 1:41-44)*

We believe the Bible supports women in ministerial leadership including pastors. *(Acts 2:17-18, Galatians 3:28; Acts 21:8-9; Romans 16:1-3; Philippians 4:3; Colossians 4:15; 1 Timothy 3:11)*

We believe marriage is only between a man and a woman *(Genesis 2:24-25; Exodus 20:14, 17, 22:19; Leviticus 18:22-23, 20:13, 15-16; Matthew 19:4-6, 9; Romans 1:18-31; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 15-20; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Jude 7)*

## The Future

We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent. *(1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17)*

We believe that all shall stand some day before the judgment seat of God, and there receive eternal life or death. *(2 Corinthians 5:10)*

We believe that heaven is the glorious eternal home of born-again believers. *(John 14:1-3; Revelation 7:15-17)*

We believe that hell is the place of eternal torment for all who reject Christ as the Savior. *(Revelation 20:10,15)*