

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD WHO IS FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.

He is the Savior of all men and women who put their faith in Him alone for eternal life. We believe that those who receive new life in Christ are called to be holy in character and conduct, and can only live this way by being filled with the Holy Spirit. We believe in the Bible and seek to establish our faith and actions on its teachings. We believe God wills for people everywhere to know Him and the purpose of the church is to tell the world about Christ, develop His followers, and multiply globally.

**GOD** - We believe in the indescribable God of the Bible: Father, Son and Spirit. Within this completely unified, interdependent-plurality, there are three persons of one essential nature. God's infinite essence is best described as Holy Love. All of His other eternal and majestic attributes are governed by LOVE.

**JESUS CHRIST** - We believe by faith and confirm by fact that Jesus Christ is undeniably the Son of God and the only way to the Father: born of a virgin, lived without sin, suffered in our place on the cross, died and rose again, now sits at the Father's right hand, and will return to judge all humanity. He paid the price for our sin, gave his life to ransom us, and is the Savior of the World. All who put their faith in Him alone for salvation and follow His teachings have eternal life.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT** - We believe that God sent his Spirit at Pentecost to show humanity its sin and teach us the deep truths of the Bible, God's word. He is ever present, assuring, preserving, guiding, gifting, and enabling followers of Jesus to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love their neighbor. The fruits of the Spirit are the evidence of His work in a person's life.

**THE BIBLE** - The basis for all we believe is the Bible. The Bible originated with God. All Scripture is inspired by Him, and is still speaking to us today. The Bible is completely accurate, totally reliable, and absolutely true. God calls us to immerse ourselves in His authoritative narrative and faithfully live our part of His story today.

**SALVATION** - We believe the salvation Christ provides is God's plan to redeem our fallen world, including every part of us. Salvation is wholly a work of God's free grace which draws us to Jesus Christ and is received by repentance and faith. Through Christ we pass from death to life, from darkness to light, and become God's children. It is the Spirit of God that draws us and gives us this salvation. Repentance is the key opening the door of faith leading to salvation. It is God who draws us and saves us from our sin.

**HOLINESS** - Those who receive new life in Christ are called to grow and mature. God calls every follower of Jesus to be Christlike in character and conduct. We must fully surrender to God's work in us and His will for our lives. The Bible clearly teaches believers to work out our Salvation, and God's will is for us to be "sanctified." Christ forgives ALL our sin and PURIFIES us from ALL unrighteousness. Holiness is a journey, not a destination, and we must allow the deep reconstructive work of the Holy Spirit to penetrate and heal our original, sinful nature - the old man - as we put on the NEW life of Christ.

**THE CHURCH** - We believe God calls us to live in authentic relationships in the context of community. A Christian belongs to the body of Christ, including activity and mutual voluntary submission to Godly authority within the context of a local congregation. The Church lives to inspire people to BE, MAKE, and MULTIPLY the kingdom of God as a follower of Jesus Christ. We must experience for ourselves and display the resurrected Christ, living in and through us, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ETERNAL DESTINY** - We believe everyone lives forever following this physical existence. The Bible teaches there is a conscious existence after death. The final destiny of each person is determined by God's grace and each person's response to His love and grace, evidenced inevitably by a moral character, resulting from personal and willful choices each person makes. Heaven is the final home of those drawn by God through salvation in Jesus Christ, but hell with its everlasting misery, and separation from God is the final home of those who are not a part of this covenant we call "salvation." This sobering reality drives us to GO and REACH our world with the Good News of Jesus Christ, develop his followers, and multiply globally.

**TAKING RESPONSIBILITY** - Church is not an institution, but a people who come together as God's family. Everyone can play a part. Let's all take responsibility for the ongoing discipling of our friends, especially those who are new to our church.

**DISCOVERING CHRISTIANITY** - Are you new to Christianity or have you recently decided to come back and reconnect with God and His Church? Join us for Welcome to Church Night, the first Sunday of every month at 6:00PM. We will tell you how to get plugged in to a small group that will lead you in becoming a mature follower of Jesus.

A REAL CHURCH, BRINGING THE REAL JESUS TO REAL PEOPLE.