

## **WE BELIEVE!**

**1 Peter 3:14-15** — *But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect*

- **Allows visitors to get to know us**
- **Summarize some important understandings of what the Bible says**
- ***In no way a written law (creed) since these things don't save us***
- **Galatians 4:6** – *Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?*

**We believe God is all knowing, all powerful, always present, and the reason for all we do.**

- **Omniscience** — **Psalm 139:2-6**
- **Omnipresent** — **Psalm 139:7-12**
- **Omnipotent** — **Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 32:27** – *“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?”*
- **Reason** - **Colossians 3:17** - *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**We believe Jesus is God's one and only son and through faith in Him and obedience of Him comes eternal life.**

- **Son of God** - **Matthew 16:16-17** - *Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*
- **Eternal Life** - **John 3:16-18** - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

**We believe the Bible is God's inspired word and that, through the study and application of it, we have everything we need for daily living and Godliness**

- **Inspired** - **2 Timothy 3:16-17** — *All Scripture is breathed out by God...*
- **Daily Living** - **2 Peter 1:3-4** — *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness...*
- **John 10:10** – *The thief come only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

**We believe that baptism, by immersion, is a participation in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and is essential for salvation**

- **Participation** - **Romans 6:3-4** — *Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death*
- **Essential** - **Mark 16:16** — *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved...*

- **John 3:5** — *Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"*
- **1 Peter 3:21-22** — *Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you...*

**We believe the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a gift received at the time of our baptism**

- **Gift at Baptism - Acts 2:38** — *And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"*
- **Full of the Spirit – Galatians 5:16-26** — *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, against such things there is no law.*

**We believe acceptable worship is a celebration following the pattern of the New Testament (prayer, singing, communion, preaching / teaching, giving) and begins with a transformed life**

- **Transformed - Romans 12:2** — *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind*
- **Singing, praying, preaching/teaching, giving, communion**
- **Colossians 3:16, 1 Timothy 2:8, 1 Corinthians 14:26, 1 Corinthians 16:2, Acts 20:7**

**We believe that without faith it is impossible to please God**

- **Hebrews 11:6** — *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*
- **Romans 14:23** — *But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin*

**We believe that all families will be successful if the primary focus of each family member is a personal commitment to follow Jesus and apply God's word**

- **Wives, Husbands, Children - Colossians 3:18-20** — *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*
- **Ephesians 5:22-33** - *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her*

**We believe in unity based on one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God**

- **Unity - Ephesians 4:4-6** — *There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all*

**We believe that the blessings of Jesus are not for us alone and it is our duty to share the Gospel with others**

- **Matthew 28:18-20** — *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*