



THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE

1. ABOUT GOD

We believe in one God who has expressed himself in personal ways. We know God's personality as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2. ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

We believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, who is co-equal with the Father. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and buried. He arose from the dead three days later to demonstrate His power. He ascended into Heaven and will return again to earth to reign.

3. ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the Holy Spirit who is co-equal with the Father and with the Son of God. The Holy Spirit is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. The Holy Spirit is our 24/7/365 life guide who gifts us, guides us and empowers us to be and to do Jesus as we walk the path of life.

4. ABOUT THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible is God's Word to us, communicating God's saving message and inerrantly revealing the will of God concerning all things necessary to our salvation and Christian living.

5. ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS

We believe that people are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like God in character. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin" (i.e., we struggle with a "downward pull" in life).

6. ABOUT SALVATION

We believe that salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works, but only by entrusting our entire beings to Jesus Christ as Lord of our life. By turning from our own selfishness and entrusting ourselves to Jesus Christ, we experience a new life, being freed from the old patterns of self-destructive acts called sin.

7. ABOUT HOLINESS

We believe that God calls us to live a life of holiness alongside God. Holiness in the life of the Christian is most clearly understood as Christ-likeness. We believe that God gives us the power—through God's Holy Spirit—to say no to sin and yes to God in all things and "sanctifies" us on a daily basis so that we can be and do Jesus in every way and every day.

8. ABOUT ETERNITY

We believe that there is a Heaven and Hell. We believe that those who follow God will live in right relationship with God and all other God-followers in Heaven forever and that those who reject God will

live in broken relationship with God and with all non- God-followers in Hell forever. We experience a taste “Hell” on earth when we are living in broken relationship, and we experience a taste of “Heaven” on earth when we are living in right relationship.

9. ABOUT BAPTISM

We believe that Christian baptism, commanded by our Lord, is a sacrament signifying acceptance of the benefits of Jesus Christ, is to be administered to believers and is declarative of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior.

10. ABOUT LORD’S SUPPER

We believe that the Lord’s Supper instituted by Jesus Christ is a sacrament and is declarative of Christ’s sacrificial death and resurrection. The Lord’s Supper is for those who are prepared for reverent appreciation of its significance and who have faith in Christ.

11. DIVINE HEALING

We believe in the Biblical doctrine of divine healing and urge our people to seek to offer prayer of faith for the healing of the sick. We also believe God heals through the means of medical science.

Our full Statement of Faith with Scripture is located in Appendix One of this book. (The Nazarene Manual can be viewed at nazarene.org/files/docs/Manual2013-17.pdf.)

HISTORY OF CHURCH ON THE HILL



From humble beginnings often come great and glorious things. Look at what a baby in a manger accomplished. So it is with this church. March 26, 1911 was the first day the First Church of the Nazarene in McMinnville, Oregon assembled in what was called “Mission Hall” on Third Street. With four charter members, all four being women, and their pastor being Mrs. Eva Vernon, they pressed forward in their mission to share the Gospel with McMinnville.

By 1915, they moved into their first permanent location at First and Davis Streets. In 1951, they took a step of faith and began construction on another place of worship. Located at 9th and Ford Streets, this new church building was able to accommodate the growing congregation and was dedicated on May 18, 1952. This new facility saw several pastors come and go, and was under the leadership of Pastor John D. Hicks as they prepared for the next leap of faith.

In 1981, ground was broken at what is now 700 N. Hill Road -- our present location. It went through many phases of construction. Pastor Hicks stepped down from the role of pastor and was followed Pastor Wes Smith in 1987, who served the Church on the Hill for twelve years. In 1999, Pastor Jerry Moen succeeded him and served as the Lead Pastor for 17 years. In these years, we saw the remodel of the lower level classroom spaces, a new state-of-the-art Children’s Wing, and the addition of Scotty’s Playhouse (an indoor play structure).

Aided by a strong supporting staff, each of the pastors who have served Church on the Hill, have continued to press forward in the mission to further God’s kingdom in McMinnville and Yamhill County. Today, Church on the Hill is led by Pastor Dave Anderson. Joining us in July 2017, Pastor Dave is excited to partner with the people of Church on the Hill and to lead this thriving church in expanding God’s kingdom in in our city and county.

We hope that you will join us in this endeavor!