

Statement of Faith Circleville Christian Church

The following is our Statement of Faith, which is meant to assure people that we strive to faithfully uphold the essential truths of the Bible.

God

There is ONE true, living God, who is the Creator and Ruler of the universe made up of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each is eternally existent, diverse in operation. The Father initiates the godhead's will and all things will be submitted to Him.

Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; Deuteronomy 6:4, 10-17; Isaiah 44:6, 24; 45:12; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; John 1:1-3; 5:36, 6:38, 14:28; 1 Corinthians 11:3, 15:24-28; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Colossians 1:16-17; 1 Peter 1:2; Revelation 4:11.

Jesus

Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Savior, the Son of God. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on a cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of the world, and was raised from the dead to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to heaven where he currently sits at God's right hand to intercede for His children until He returns to rule the earth as our victorious Lord.

Isaiah 9:6-7; Zechariah 14:3-9; Matthew 1:22-23, 28:5-8; Luke 1:30-35; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Acts 1: 9-11, Romans 1:3-4, 5:8, 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; Ephesians 1:20-23; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Hebrews 1:13, 4:14-15, 7:25, 9:11-14; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13; 1 John 2:1-2; Revelation 22:7, 22:20.

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. The Holy Spirit inhabits believers for fellowship, growth and service and convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. He is present in the world today and makes us aware of our need for Jesus Christ. He lives in every Christian and acts as a Comforter, Guide, and Advocate.

John 16:7-13; 14:16-18; Acts 1:8; Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 3:2, 5:25; Ephesians 1:13-18; 5:18; Acts 2:38.

The Bible

We Believe the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God in its entirety, error free in the original manuscripts, that it does not contradict itself, and is the supreme authority of faith and practice for followers of Christ. The Bible is infallible, inerrant, and absolute truth.

Genesis 15:1; Psalm 12:6; 119:11, 119:105, 119:160; Proverbs 30:5; John 10:35; 1 Corinthians 14:37; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 1:13, 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, 3:15-16; Hebrews 4:12.

Man / People

God created mankind in His own image as male and female. We believe every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Men and women, while equal in worth before God, are created with different and complementary roles.

Genesis 1:26-27, Romans 1:18-32; 3:10-23 Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6; Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 3:23; John 3:16; 1 John 2:25; 5:11-13; Romans 6:23 and 8:17; Revelation 20:15 Acts 14:23; 20:28; 1 Timothy 2:11-3:2; Titus 1:5-6; Acts 6:2-4; Ephesians 5:22-26; 5:33; Titus 2:2-5; 1 Peter 3:1-6; Colossians 3:18-21.

The Church

The church is the body of Christ on earth of which Jesus Christ is the head. It exists to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to the world, to teach his followers to obey his teachings, and to equip his followers for ministry.

Matthew 16:18, 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-47; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 12:12-27; Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:11-16; Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 10:24-25; Revelation 21:2-3.

Salvation

Each person is separated from God through sin. We believe salvation is by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ and can not be earned. It is a gift from God. Christ died and was resurrected as the only sufficient sacrifice for our sins. In order to be saved we must personally accept these truths and thereby accept the cleansing blood of Christ, which alone can atone for sins.

John 1:12; 3:16-18; 5:24; 6:47; 10:27-29; 14:2-6; Acts 16:30-31; Romans 3:9-12, 3:22-28, 5:1-12; 6:23, 8:28-39; 10:9-10; Galatians 2:16; 3:26; Ephesians 1:13-14, 2:1-10, Titus 3:4-7; 1 John 5:13.

Baptism

The New Testament teaches that when a person puts their faith in Jesus, that process is culminated by immersion in water as a public testimony which depicts our union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

Matthew 10:32, 28:19-20; Acts 2:38; 8:12; 16:33; Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:18-21;

Communion

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ and His redemptive death. It is an expression of our fellowship with Christ and one another. In communion we are reminded of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29;

Marriage

Marriage is the union of one man and one woman in a life-long covenant in which they love and support each other, reflecting the loving relationship Jesus has with His Church.

Genesis 2:18-24; Matthew 19: 4-5; Ephesians 5:21-33; Proverbs 5; Song of Solomon.