



CORNERSTONE CHURCH NETWORK

Relational • Missional • Global

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the authority of the Bible. The Bible, composed of the Old and New Testaments, is the divinely inspired word of God, the final authority, and is trustworthy for faith and practice. It is to be interpreted responsibly under the guidance of the Holy Spirit within the community of faith with the primary purpose to point to and glorify Jesus Christ, the living Lord of the Church. Furthermore, it is the supreme standard for all human conduct and behavior. The essentials necessary for our salvation and the basics of how to conduct our lives are clearly revealed through it. *2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Deuteronomy 4:1-2*

We believe in the Triune God. Our first priority is that we love, worship and serve the triune God of the Bible, who is eternally one God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father is sovereign over all and His grace is uniquely revealed and realized through His Son, Jesus Christ. The Son is fully divine and fully human. He alone is our Savior and Lord. The Holy Spirit likewise is fully divine, and is a personal being, given as God’s gift upon conversion to each follower of Jesus Christ. *Exodus 20:2-3; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Revelation 4:11*

We believe that humanity is sinful and in need of a savior. Although created in the image of God, because of its rebellion against God, humanity is estranged by sin from its Creator and stands under God’s judgment. Because of His justifying work, Jesus Christ has rescued us from this separation through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. This work of salvation is available only through faith in Christ alone. As Lord, He calls us to surrender joyously and personally to His purpose and will through repentance, confession of sin, and acceptance of His free gift of salvation. We live out God’s calling as disciples of Jesus Christ by the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit, and proclaim the Good News of God’s reconciling grace for all humanity. *Colossians 1:13-29; Ephesians 1:19-23; 2:8-9; Romans 1, 3:22-26; Philippians 2:5-11; John 14:6,*

16:5-15; Acts 4:12; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 John 5:7; 1 Corinthians 12 & 14

We believe that the church, as the Body of Christ, includes all believers from all time and is manifested most visibly in local communities.

The church is the presence of the living Christ in the world – led, empowered and gifted by the Holy Spirit to continue His mission until His return. Christ Jesus, the Head of the Church, calls each local congregation into an interdependent, cooperative relationship with other congregations to advance the Kingdom of God on earth. Being grounded in the sole Lordship of Jesus Christ, this relationship is characterized by the qualities of mutual submission, encouragement, service, the pursuit of holiness, sanctification and accountability. *Matthew 18:15; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:41; Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 5:1-2; 12-14; Ephesians 4; 5:21, 23; Colossians 3:16*

We believe in observing two ordinances:

baptism and the Lord’s Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is by immersion of a believer in water in the name of the triune God. This act demonstrates one’s identification with the crucified, buried and risen Savior, declaring that the believer has died to sin and desires to live his or her life as a follower of Jesus Christ. We believe the Lord’s Supper was instituted by Jesus Christ to commemorate His death and announces His return. Both of these ordinances are to be practiced by believers in Jesus Christ until He returns. *Acts 8:36, 38, 39; John 3:23; Romans 6:3-5; Matthew 3:16; Colossians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28; Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:41-42, 47*

We believe in practicing the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. God’s love for us in Christ and our reciprocal love for God motivate us to reach out with love to all people. This love leads us to exercise responsible stewardship of God’s creation. Love compels us to live and make decisions with justice in accordance with God’s design and in obedience to His

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Word and will. The heart of God, as reflected in both the Old and New Testaments, is to create a redeemed people loving and serving God with all their hearts, minds and bodies – a community in which people of every race, gender, social status and culture are equal in Christ. The mandates of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission compel us to live out our calling through witness and service. We will continue to be a relational and a missional people, men and women working in partnership together to publish the Gospel to our neighbors, communities, nation and the world. This is our first calling and highest priority, to which we are fully committed. *Mark 12:18-31; Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:45-48; John 15-17; 1 John 4:21; Acts 1:8; Romans 12:1-2; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:48-49; 2 Corinthians 5:14; Galatians 3:28; James 2:14-19*

We believe in the approaching end of the world and the eternal triumphant rule of Christ. In His own time and way, God will bring all things to their appropriate end and establish a new heaven and a new earth.

Jesus Christ will return and rule. The righteous and the wicked will be judged and God will establish a new heaven and a new earth where the righteous will dwell forever with the Lord. *Ephesians 1:9-10; Revelation 21:1; Titus 2:13; Revelation 1:7; 3:11; John 14:1-3; Matthew 25:13, 41-46; Acts 1:11; Revelation 20:10; Philippians 3:20-21; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 John 5:19, 28-29*

Cornerstone Church Commitments

Churches who become a member of Cornerstone Church Network commit to the following:

- Regular preaching and teaching from the Bible
- Evangelism of those who do not know Christ
- Healthy church growth. both spiritual and numerical
- Support and involvement in local, state, national and overseas missions

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