



ASHLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH BELIEFS

These things do not change at Ashland Christian Church. This is what we believe, and it is who we are at the core as a church. Ashland Christian Church has but one head, Jesus Christ. Elders, who are selected by the congregation, serve as the spiritual oversight. Ministerial staff is responsible for training, equipping, instructing and leading the congregation in spiritual growth and preparation for service.

What we believe about God

- We believe in one God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit
(Matthew 5:16, 45; 6:1, 4, 8, 9; John 1:1; 14:9; Genesis 1:2; John 4:24; 14:16-20; 2 Peter 1:21)
- We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of all things visible and invisible
(Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 11:3)

What we believe about Jesus Christ

- We believe in Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, our one and only Savior
(John 1:14; 1 John 4:9 / John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:18)
- Who was born Jesus of Nazareth, both fully human and fully divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
(Matthew 1:18; 21:11; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:14; 19:19; Romans 5:15-17; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1)
- Who died and was buried, and Who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day
(Luke 23:44 – 24:8; John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)
- Who ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father
(Luke 22:69; Acts 1:1-9; Colossians 3:1)
- Who will return to earth to judge both the living and the dead
(Matthew 24:36-42; John 14:1-3, Acts 1:10-11; 10:39-42; 1 Peter 4:5)

What we believe about the Holy Spirit

- We believe He is an active and operative part of the triune God (John 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 8:26-27)
- We believe He indwells every Christian, gifting them in a variety of different gifts for the building up of the body of Christ?¹ (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14)

What we believe about the Bible

- We believe in the Bible—God’s Holy Word, Scripture. We believe God inspired the autographs (original writings) of the Scripture and those autographs were consequently without error (Mark 12:36; John 14:26; 16:12-15; Acts 1:16; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
- We accept the Bible as the final authority for all matters of faith and practice (Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12)

What we believe about salvation

- We believe the Bible teaches that man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23)
- We believe the Bible teaches that salvation—the forgiveness of sins—is only by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7)
- We believe the Bible teaches that one receives God’s grace by:
 - Putting faith in Christ, (Romans 5:1-2)
 - Repenting of sin, (Luke 24:45-47; Acts 3:19; 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9)
 - Confessing Christ as Lord, (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:11) and
 - Being immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21)

What we believe about the Church

- We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, founded on the Day of Pentecost and consisting of all Christians everywhere (Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 2:14-47)

¹ Note: We as a church do not practice what are commonly known as the “charismatic gifts” (i.e. healing, tongues, prophecy, etc.) For a more complete discussion please contact the Preaching Minister.

What we believe about leaders of the Church

- We believe the Bible teaches that the Elders are to exercise authority over the local congregation (Acts 20:28; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)

We believe in Church Membership

- Membership is a demonstration of your commitment to Jesus and this local church and its ministries.