



CEDARCREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Statement of Faith

(What we believe)

The Scripture

The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible is unique in that every portion and every word was inspired by the Holy Spirit. It was without error in the original manuscripts, and has been passed down to us with great accuracy. It is the supreme and final authority in faith and life in this age.

God

There is but one God, everywhere present; infinite in power and knowledge; perfect in justice, goodness, and love; Creator of the universe; eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each of whom possesses all the attributes of Deity and the characteristics of personality.

Man

God created the first man and woman in His own image and appointed them to rule and care for the earth. They lived in perfect relationship with God and each other. God instituted marriage, which is the life-long union of one man and one woman and the foundation for bearing and raising children in a family.

The Fall

The first man and woman doubted God's goodness and rebelled against Him. In judgment, God brought death into the world and creation fell from its state of perfection. Since then, all human beings are born with a corrupted nature and without spiritual life and are under the wrath of God because of their sin.

Jesus the Christ

God the Father, by His own choice, for His own glory, and out of love for sinful men and women, sent his Son, Jesus, the Christ, into the world to reconcile sinners to Himself. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He was God in the flesh, both true God and true man. Jesus lived a sinless life and voluntarily suffered and died as our substitute to pay the penalty for our sins, thus satisfying God's justice and declaring righteous all those who trust in Him alone.

The Resurrection

Three days after His crucifixion, God raised Jesus from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died. He bodily ascended into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and man, makes intercession for His own.

Salvation

Men and women are freed from the penalty for their sins not as a result, in whole or in part, of their own works, goodness, or religious observances, but by the undeserved favor of God alone which was given through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God forgives and accepts all who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ, to convict men and women of their sins, and to impart new life to all who place their faith in Christ. He permanently indwells believers from the moment of spiritual birth, guides them into truth, and empowers them to live a life pleasing to God.

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Assurance

All who are born again of the Spirit can, through the sure promises of God, be fully assured that God will complete the work He has begun in them. They are sealed with the Holy Spirit, who is God's deposit, guaranteeing their eternal inheritance. Good works are not the basis for acceptance by God, but as believers grow in doing good, they grow in their assurance that they are truly children of God and that they will be with the Lord when they die.

Jesus' Future Coming

The Lord Jesus Christ will physically return to earth to reign in glory. He will raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness. The wicked will be sent to eternal punishment. The righteous will receive immortal bodies and be welcomed into eternal fellowship with God in a world where all things will be made new.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Jesus commanded that those who believe in Him are to be baptized in water as a declaration of faith and a symbol of new birth in Christ. He also instructed His followers to remember Him by partaking in the Lord's Supper, which reminds us of His death, resurrection, and future coming.

The Church

All true believers, whether Jew or Gentile, male or female, rich or poor—people of all ages and races—make up the Church worldwide as God's family. They should gather together in local churches for worship, prayer, fellowship, and teaching, in order to become conformed to the image of Christ and to become equipped to carry out the "Great Commission" that Christ gave His followers in Matthew 28:19-20.

Our Vision

(Why church?)

To love, honor and obey the God of the Bible together.

(There's a God; that God is revealed in the Bible; we are called to love, honor and obey Him; we do that in community with each other)

Our Mission

(What does the church do?)

Mission Statement

WIN

We will share the good news that Christ has paid the penalty for our sins, and that all can accept this free gift of salvation.

*“We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.”
Colossians 1:28*

BUILD

We will strive to grow in Christian maturity.

“to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:12-13

SEND

We will speak and live out our faith in all arenas of life, looking for opportunities to love and influence the world around us.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Our Core Values

(How do we do it?)

GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

We believe that once a person accepts Christ as his or her savior, that person begins a life-long journey of growing in a deeper relationship with God. Therefore, we value and encourage:

- Understanding God. Learning God's character and how He interacts with us.
- Experiencing God. Learning to 'walk by the Spirit' in everyday life; hearing God's voice and feeling His presence.
- Personal Devotions. Talking to God through prayer, distinguishing God's voice through the Bible, quietly letting the Spirit speak.
- Character Development. Becoming more Christ-like in our thoughts and actions.
- Financial Faithfulness. Letting God shape and test our hearts through our use of money.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

One of the primary purposes of the church is be engaged in the gospel - sharing the good news of Christ, serving and loving our community, and being an example of Christ to the unbelieving world. Therefore, we value and encourage:

- Sharing Our Faith. Understanding the gospel and speaking it as we have opportunity.
- Serving and Loving the World Around Us. Showing Christ's love to the world.

THE LOCAL CHURCH

The church is made up of all believers across the world. However, much of the great work of God in the world flows through local congregations. The local church functions as a family, as a body, as a flock and as an army. Therefore, we value and encourage:

- **Local Leadership.** Pastors are raised up, as much as possible, from within the local congregation.
- **Life Groups.** Living life together and loving each other in practical ways happens when we spend time together.
- **Church Wide Ministry.** The church is organized and functions based on the spiritual gifts and talents of its members.
- **Mentoring/Discipleship.** Encouraging, teaching and challenging each other to grow as Christian men and women.
- **Live in Community.** Sharing life together as the local family of God.

STRONG FAMILIES

We believe in the great value God puts on the family. Family is the training ground for future disciples, and the building block for a healthy society. Therefore, we value and encourage:

- **Marriage Relationship.** Couples are encouraged and supported in building healthy and godly marriages.
- **Parent Child Relationship.** Parents are supported and instructed in raising children in a godly and loving manner.
- **Children's Ministry.** The church is committed to providing effective and engaging children's programs to compliment and support parent's efforts.