

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH BELIEFS

1. THE BIBLE - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

A guide for Christian living and faith. Truly reveals God's purpose in the world: to free us from sin through Christ.

Disciples have always stressed:

OPENNESS to Christ and the Gospel (no dogma)

REBIRTH of the values found in the New Testament accounts of the early church.

Each person is free to explore and interpret the Scriptures according to his/her own experience.

2. THE TRINITY

GOD, CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT - John 16:5-16

GOD The Father, revealed in many ways, mainly through Jesus. No set beliefs about God; all experience the deity differently.

CHRIST The Son of God, part of God's own divinity; the Son of Man, living on earth as human; our Savior, is with us always.

HOLY SPIRIT He lives and works in the minds and hearts of believers.

3. **PUBLIC CONFESSION** of belief in Christ and repenting of sins; acceptance of Jesus as Lord of our lives.

4. **UNITY** of all Christians in love of Christ. Doctrines and human differences should not be allowed to divide believers from each other.

INCLUSIVE MINISTRY for the life and work of the church. All members are "ministers" entitled to interpret the scriptures and perform church functions.

5. THE ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL - Matthew 28:18-20

BAPTISM – an act by which a believer enters into the Church.

Baptism is

- For mature individuals who are old enough to make their own decisions.
- By immersion in water – the accepted New Testament practice.
- A public confession of faith in Jesus Christ and commitment to discipleship.
- Symbolic of Christ's death, burial and resurrection, and of faith in life to come.

THE LORD'S SUPPER (communion) – the heart of worship. Acts 2:42

CELEBRATED IN

- Remembrance of Christ and His life on earth
- Fellowship drawing the congregation closer together.
- Thanksgiving for forgiveness of sins and renewal of life.
- Dedication to Christ's way.
- Weekly celebration in both services.

YEARLY CHURCH EVENTS

These are the pre-COVID events. Some are happening in new ways and others are cancelled for now. Call the office to find out.

February/March: Week of Compassion Offering, including dessert auction fundraiser; rummage sale.

March/April: Holy week services, Maundy Thursday potluck, prayer vigil, Easter service.

May: Mother/daughter tea or brunch, Oregon Disciples Assembly.

June: Graduation, Turner convention (Oregon Christian Convention.)

July: Camps: Youth, Jr. High; High

August: Block party, School Supply collection.

October: Congregational annual meeting.

November: Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection, Thanksgiving Dinner, Hanging of the greens.

December: Advent, Adopt-a-Family program, Christmas Eve Service, New Year's Eve game night.

CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Adult Sunday School via Zoom
9:15 Am Sunday**

Contact the church to get the weekly email invitation to the Zoom meeting

Church Service

10:30 Am Sunday

In church and live stream on Facebook

Masks must be worn and physical distancing maintained during events held where people are gathering.

Handicap Accessible Bus Pick-Up And Drop Off. Call Church Office 503-623-2569.

MEETINGS, MISSIONS, ETC.

Wednesday and Friday noon: Check in and prayer time via Zoom.

Contact the church to get the weekly email invitation to the Zoom meeting

2nd Sunday/Month: FILL THE CART.

Donations for Dallas Food Bank collected in church and during the following week, call the office when you get here and someone will come out to your car to get your donation.

FAMILY VISITOR MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER: To be added to the mailing list, call or email the office.



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