

Gibsonburg Community Church

Statement of Beliefs

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.)

Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Gibsonburg Community.

God

- We believe in the Sovereignty of God.
Job 42:2, Psalm 103:19, Proverbs 16:33 and 19:21, Romans 9:15-23
- We believe we were created to worship God.
Psalm 66:4-6, Matthew 4:10, John 4:23-24, Hebrews 13:15, 1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 14:7
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who has all power, wisdom, and goodness, and who created all things.
Genesis 1 and 2, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30, Ephesians 4:4-6

Jesus Christ

- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of God the Father, and His return in power and glory.
Matthew 1:23, John 1:1-4, 1:29, Acts 1:9-11, Acts 2:22-24, Romans 8:34, 1 Corinthians 15:3-5, Hebrews 1:1-4
- We believe salvation is only accomplished by faith in the sinless life, substitutionary atoning death, and literal physical resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Matthew 7:13-14, John 14:6, Acts 4:12, 1 Peter 2:21-24
- Christ's death, shed blood and resurrection are the only acceptable, perfect and complete offerings for the forgiveness of sins.
Romans 6:10, Hebrews 9:25-28 and 10:8-14, 1 Peter 3:18, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 9:11-14

Holy Spirit

- We believe true Christians, born again of God's Spirit, will be kept by God throughout their life, as evidenced by personal transformation that includes an ever-growing love of God the Father through God the Son by God the Spirit.
John 3:16, John 6:37-40, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:1-5, Titus 3:5, 1 Peter 1:3, 1 John 5:1-4, 18

- We believe in the present ministry, equipping, and manifestations of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life.

John 3:5-8, Acts 1:8 and 4:31, Romans 8:9-10, 1 Corinthians 2:14-16, Galatians 5:16-25, Ephesians 6:12

Biblical Truths

- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the saved unto the resurrection of life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57, Revelation 20:11-15

- We believe in the inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures as handed down by the Apostles and the Prophets.

1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Timothy 3:15-17

- We believe Adam and Eve sinned against God and everyone since is a sinner by nature.

Romans 5:12-14, 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

- We believe the gospel should be passionately and urgently proclaimed to all people so that all who believe may be saved through the preaching of God's Word by the power of God's Spirit.

Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 10:14-15

- We believe that, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:36-40

- We are justified, not by good works, but by faith alone in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Romans 3:19-31, Galatians 2:16, 2:21, Ephesians 2:8-9
- Following justification, we are sanctified by the Word and the Spirit over the course of our lifetime as we strive to become more Christ like
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14, Romans 6:22, 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- The church of Christ is a congregation of faithful Christians in which the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered according to Christ's teachings.
Ephesians 1:22-23, 1 Corinthians 12:12, 24-27, Ephesians 4:11-16
- Christ ordained two sacraments in the Gospels, baptism and the Lord's Supper:
 - Baptism is a sign of Christian profession, regeneration, and new birth.
Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38-42, Romans 6:3-5

- The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a sign of Christian love and a memorial of Christ's death.

Matthew 26:26-29, Luke 22:14-20,
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

- We believe that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to the ministry of evangelism.

Matthew 9:35-38, and Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Romans 10:9-15, Galatians 6:9-10, 1 Peter 3:14-17

- We believe that human life is sacred from conception to its natural end, and that we must have concern for the physical and spiritual needs of our fellowmen.

Psalm 139:13-16, Isaiah 49:1, Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 1:44

- We believe God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18, 7:2-5, 7 Heb 13:4.) We believe God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

- We believe any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography and attempting to change one's biological sex or otherwise acting upon any disagreement with one's biological sex) is sinful and offensive to God.

(Matthew 15:18- 20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Romans 1:22-32)*

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Statement of Final Authority on Matters of Faith and Conduct

- This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe.