

Horizons Community Church

Our Mission

"To creatively connect people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by developing environments where participants are encouraged and equipped to pursue Intimacy with God, Community with Insiders and Influence with Outsiders."

Our Statement of Faith

In essential beliefs, we have unity.

"There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all..."

Eph. 4:4-6.

In non-essential beliefs, we have liberty.

"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters..."

Rom. 14:1, Rom. 15:5, Col. 3:12 -14, Gal. 5:13-15

In all our beliefs, we show love.

"If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains-but have no love, I amount to nothing at all."

I Cor. 13:2

If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always Protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

I Cor. 13:4-7

1. ABOUT GOD

God is the living Creator and Ruler of the universe who created us for an ongoing personal relationship with Him. He eternally exists in three Persons as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All are co-equal and are one God, having precisely the same nature, attributes and perfections, and worthy of precisely the same homage, confidence and obedience.

Gen. 1:1, 26, 27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matt. 28:19; Mark12:29; John 1:1-4, 14, 18; II Cor. 13:14; I Peter 1:2.

2. ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

He is the Son of God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to the virgin Mary. He is true God and true man. By offering his sinless life as a sacrifice, he brought salvation to all people. He arose from the dead to conquer the power of sin and death. He now lives in Heaven and will return again as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Master of all creation. Jesus is the creator and fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams.

Isa. 9:6; Isa. 7:14, Matt. 1:18, 25; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Acts 1:9-11; Rom. 1:3-4; I Cor. 15:3-4; Heb. 4:14,15; I Tim. 6:14,15; Titus 2:13; Phil. 2:6-11; Rev. 1:4-8.

3. ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives within each believer from the moment of his or her salvation, thereby assuring their redemption from the penalty of sin and baptizing them into the one body of Christ. He gives each believer a spiritual gift or gifts. He provides each believer with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right.

John 16:7-13; 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; Acts 5:3-4; Rom. 8:22-27; I Cor. 2:9-13; 3:16; 6:19-20; 12:4-13; II Cor. 1:21-22; 3:17-18; Gal. 3:14; 5:22-26; Eph. 1:13; 2:22;4:30; 5:18.

4. ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, is God's Word to us. It is fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is a living document made relevant to us through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth and the final authority for Christian belief and living.

Psalms 119:105; Prov. 30:5; Mk. 12:36; Lk. 25-27, 44; Acts 1:16; 17:2-3; 18:28; 26:22-23; 28:23; II Tim. 1:13; 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21.

5. ABOUT PEOPLE

People were originally created in the image of God. That image was altered by choices made by the original man and woman. Yet, people are still the supreme object of God's creation and love, and are intended to celebrate and enjoy God's goodness. However, all people, by their inherent nature and by their choice, are disobedient toward God in attitude and action, which is sin. As a result, people are separated from God spiritually and physically and have been rendered unable to please Him.

Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 14:1-3; 8:3-6; 51:5; Isaiah 53:6a; 59:1-2; Rom. 1:18, 32; 3:10-19; 5:12, 19, 23; 10:9.

6. ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is God's gift, through the work of Jesus, offered to restore His relationship with His people. It is totally a work of God's grace, and cannot be earned. To receive this gift, and to be made eternally right with God, we must realize our need for God and turn to Him and, by faith, believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and, by faith, trust in and accept the death and resurrection of Jesus as the perfect and only payment for our sins.

John 1:12-13, 3:3-16; 5:24; 10:28-29; Acts 3:19; 17:30; 16:31; Rom. 3:21-28;5:1; 6:23; Gal. 3:26; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 2:11; 3:3-8; I Tim. 1:15; 6:12; I Pet. 1:23; II Pet. 1:4-11; Heb. 5:7-9; Rev. 1:5.

7. ABOUT ETERNITY

People were created to exist forever and will either exist eternally in Heaven with God through salvation, or will be eternally separated from God in Hell because of sin!

John 3:16; 5:28-29; Matt. 10:28; 18:8-9, 25, 41, 46; Mark 9:43-49; Luke 16:19-26; 23:42; Rom. 6:23; 8:17-18; II Cor. 5:8; II Thes. 1:6-9; Phil. 1:23; Rev. 20:15.

8. ABOUT THE CHURCH

The one true Church is composed of all people who have experienced God's salvation through Jesus Christ, united in Him we are one body. Jesus instructs His church to be committed to love and unity towards one another. The Bible instructs believers to gather together regularly to devote themselves to community, education, service, outreach and worship. A local church consists of a group of believers who meets regularly in obedience to this Biblical instruction.

Matt. 2:42-47; 8:18-20; 16:16-18; 18:15-17; 28:8-20; John 4:23-24; Acts 2:46-47; 14:27; Rom. 12:5; Eph. 1:20-23; 2:14-15; 4:1-10; 5:23-32; 11-16; I Cor. 1:2; 7:17; 11:16; 12:28; 12:12-27; I Tim. 3:1-15; Col. 3:14-15; Phil. 2:1-5, 12-15.

9. ABOUT BAPTISM AND COMMUNION

During His time on earth, Jesus Christ instituted two symbolic experiences to be observed in the local church until He returns: baptism and communion. Water baptism is a symbolic and public expression of salvation. Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is celebrated as a symbolic reminder of Jesus' death on the cross.

Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 8:36-39; 10:47-48; 18:8; Rom. 6:3-5; I Cor. 11:23-32; Col. 2:12