



Wellspring Community Church - Statement of Faith

Scriptures

- We believe in the scriptures of both the Old Testament and New Testament as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing.
- We believe the 66 books of the Old Testament and New Testament are God's completed and sufficient revelation for the salvation of men and the total well-being of mankind.
- We believe that the Scriptures are the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life (2
- Tim 3:14-17), that the basic teachings of the Scriptures could be understood by the common person, and that they did not need an ecclesiastic authority to interpret the Bible for them (Deut. 30:11-14; Rom 10:6-8; 1 John 2:27).

God

- We believe in the only true God (John 17:3), the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20).
- We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that these three are one God, having precisely the same nature, attributes, and perfection's, and worthy of precisely the same homage, confidence, and obedience (Mark 12:29; John 1:1-4; Matthew 29:19-20; Acts 4:3-4).
- We believe that God created all things (Revelation 4:11) and upholds all things by the Word of His power (Hebrews 1:3).
- We believe that God is perfect in all of His attributes (Psalm 18:30), and that He is a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right (Deuteronomy 32:4), and He shall judge the world (Psalm 9:8).

Grace

- We believe that we are rescued from God's wrath by His grace alone.
- We believe that the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit brings human beings to Christ by releasing them from bondage to sin and raising them from spiritual death to spiritual life, and that human methods, techniques, or strategies by themselves cannot accomplish this transformation, and that faith is not produced by our unregenerate human nature.

Jesus Christ

- We believe in the total deity of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 10:30).
- We believe He is the manifestation of God in the flesh (John 1:14).
- We believe He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary (Matthew 1:18; Galatians 4:4).
- We believe Him to be true God and true man (John 1:1, 14, 18; John 14:8, 9; 1 Timothy 3:16, Philippians 2:7), leading a sinless human life, and died on the cross a vicarious and atoning death for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- We believe in His physical bodily resurrection from the dead (John 2:19-22; Luke 24:36-39; John 20:27).
- We believe that He ascended to the right hand of the Father where he now acts as our High Priest and advocate. (Acts 2:33; 1 Timothy 2:5).
- We believe He will one day return to complete the redemption and reconcile a lost creation to Himself (John 14:1-4)
- We believe that God's saving work is accomplished by the mediating work of the Christ alone, and that His sinless life and substitutionary atonement alone are sufficient for our justification and reconciliation to the Father.

Holy Spirit

- We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ during this age (John 16:14), and that:
 - * He convicts us of sin and regenerates the sinner upon believing on Christ, baptizing the believer into one body of which Christ is the head.
- He indwells, guides, instructs, fills, comforts, and empowers the believer for godly living and service (Romans 8:9-11).
- We believe the Spirit of God equips each believer with supernatural gift(s) as described throughout Scripture.
- We further believe that the gifts are imparted by God at conversion and we will not overly emphasize the pursuit of these gifts over our pursuit of Christ, and that our goal with these gifts is to glorify Jesus Christ, serve the Church, and fulfill the Great Commission.
- We will strive to preserve the unity and bond of peace through the proper use of these gifts, always being sensitive to those around us.
- The Spiritual gifts should never bring division within the Body of Christ, and that:
- We will encourage, train, and correct in order to maintain a balanced biblical perspective regarding the gifts and choose to emphasize the



more excellent way of love and zeal for the more edifying gifts (John 16:8; 13:15; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 1:22; 4:11-12; Romans 8:9-17; 12:4-8; I Corinthians 3:16; 12:4-5, 11-13, 19; Galatians 5:25; Hebrews 4:1-4; II Corinthians 12:12).

Man

- We believe that man was created in innocence in the image of God under the law of his Maker (Genesis 1:26), but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners (Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12); not only by constraint, but by choice and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse (Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:3).
- We believe that without exception every man is totally depraved and needs a Savior (Genesis 3:1-6; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-19; Romans 1:18, 32).
- We believe every human being possesses great intrinsic worth because all are the offspring of Adam who was "created in the image of God."
- We believe that this corporate intrinsic worth remains despite the entrance of sin and the fall.
- We believe that such worth must also be recognized for all human life, the life of the elderly, the life of the infirmed, and the life of the unborn (Mark 8:36; Psalm 139:13-16).

Salvation

- We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3) as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice (1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5).
- We believe that all who by faith receive Him as their personal Savior are justified on the basis of His bloodshed on Calvary (Psalm 103:12), and they are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become eternally secure as children of God (John 10:29).
- We believe the Holy Spirit baptizes a person who believes into the body of Christ at the moment of salvation (Romans 8:37-39; II Corinthians 5:21; I Corinthians 12:13) and that "Salvation" consists of deliverance from the power of sin (1 Corinthians 1:18), from the penalty for sin (Romans 8:1), and ultimately from the presence of sin (1 Thessalonians 5:23).
- We believe that salvation is received through faith alone, apart from any human works (Rom 3:20-22; Gal 2:16), and because salvation is of God and has been accomplished by God, it is for God's glory, and



therefore we must live our entire lives before the face of God, under the authority of God and for his glory alone.

Heaven and Hell

- We believe in the “blessed hope”: the personal, pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe His return has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost.
- We believe the saved are raised to eternal, conscious bliss in heaven (Matthew 25:34; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Revelation 2:7) the lost are raised to eternal torment in hell in conscious separation from God. (Matthew 8:11; Matthew 10:28; Matthew 13:49-50; Mark 9:47-48; Luke 12:5; Revelation 21:8).

Resurrection

- We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ, His, ascension into heaven, and His present life for us as High Priest and Advocate (Acts 1:3, 9; Hebrews 7:25, 26).

Return of Christ

- We believe in “that blessed hope”, the personal, pre-millennial, and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that His return has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Baptism and Communion

- We believe water Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during this age, but are not to be regarded as means of salvation
- We believe that the Christian baptism of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is an act of obedience that publicly declares and identifies the believer’s faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer’s death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.
- We believe that the Lord’s Supper is the commemoration by believers of Christ’s death until He comes and should be preceded by a careful self-examination (Acts 4:13; Romans 6:3-6; 1 Corinthians 11:20-29).



The Church

- We believe that upon accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, all believers have therefore become part of His body, the church.
- We believe that there is one church universal, composed of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- We believe that the Scriptures command believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, teaching of the Word, observance of the ordinances (baptism and communion), fellowship, service to the body through the development and use of talents and gifts, and outreach to the world in fulfillment of the command of Christ to make disciples of all believers (Ephesians 5:23; Romans 12:1; Acts 2:42-46; I Corinthians 14:26; Matthew 28:18-20).
- We believe that wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience to this command there is the local expression of the church – under the watch-care of elders and other supportive leadership, and its members are to work together in love and unity, intent on the one ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ (Ephesians 4:16).

Missions

- We believe that the cause of Christ extends beyond any one local fellowship, and so are committed to an ongoing ministry of extending the call of Christ to make disciples around the world (Matthew 28:16-20).

Christian Living

Wellspring Community Church believes and adheres to Biblical principles and standards of Christian conduct, as follows:

- A calling to holy living.
- Believing the scriptures are the final guide in all matters of faith and practice.
- The Bible teaches that all believers are saints, set apart unto God and are thus responsible to live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord (Romans 21:1-2; I Peter 1:14-19; II Timothy 2:19; Titus 2) lest the Word of God be blasphemed (I Timothy 6:1; Titus 2:5). As Christians we should obey the Word of our Lord, seek the things which are above, walk as He walked, and accept as our responsibility the duty and privilege of bearing the Gospel to a lost world (I John 2:3; Colossians 3:1; Ephesians 5:23; Matthew 29:19-20).



- A victorious and fruitful Christian life is possible only for those who have presented themselves wholly to Christ and walk by the power of the Holy Spirit, which all believers are called to do (Romans 12:1,2; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:18; Romans 6, 7).
- "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1
- "Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." Galatians 5:16 "Be not drunk with wine . . . but be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18
- Scripture teaches that some practices which are not wrong in themselves may have harmful consequences for ourselves or others.
- Christians are, therefore, urged to be prudent in such matters (I Corinthians 8:4-13).
- The Church holds as sinful all conduct which is spiritually or physically damaging to oneself, another person, the Christian family, the testimony of the Church, or our Lord Jesus Christ.