

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

Northside is a non-denominational church that is affiliated with the Restoration Movement. This movement began in the early 1800s from a desire to abandon denominational divisions and instead unite around core scriptural doctrines.

The unity among churches and members is achieved by seeking guidance from the scriptures alone rather than from creeds, culture, and opinions.

## THE CHURCH IS DRIVEN BY FOUR SIMPLE MOTTOS:

No book but the **Bible**; no creed but Christ; no name but the Divine.

Where the **Scriptures speak**, we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent.

In essentials, unity; in opinions, liberty; and in all things, **love**.

We're not the only Christians, but we're **Christians only**.

## THE TRINITY

- We believe in one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2; Matthew 5:16, 45; 6:1, 4, 8, 9; John 1:1; 4-24; 14:9, 16-20, James 1:17; 2 Peter 1:12).

## JESUS CHRIST

- We believe in Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, our one and only Savior (John 1:14, 3:16; 2 Peter 3:18; 1 John 4:9).
- He was born fully human and fully divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and lived a sinless life. (Matthew 1:18; 21:11; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:14; 19:19; Romans 5:15-17; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1).
- He suffered and was crucified for our sins (Luke 23:1-46).
- He died and was buried, but rose again on the third day (Luke 23:44-24:8; John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8).
- He ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father (Luke 22:69; Acts 1:1-9; Colossians 3:1).
- He will return to earth to judge both the living and the dead (Matthew 24:36-42; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:10-11; 10:39-42; 1 Peter (4:5)).

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

- We believe in the Holy Spirit
- He is a personal and active part of the triune God (John 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 8:26-27).
- He indwells every Christian (I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19, II Timothy 1:14).

## THE BIBLE

- We believe that God inspired the original writings of the Scriptures, and therefore the Bible is completely trustworthy in all its parts (John 14:26; 16: 12-15; Acts 1:16; I Corinthians 2:12-13; II Timothy 3:14-16; II Peter 1:20-21).
- We accept the Bible as the final authority for all matters of faith and practice (Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12).

## SALVATION

- We believe that salvation—the forgiveness of sins—cannot be earned but is given to us by God's grace only through the blood of Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:1-11; 6:23; Ephesians 2: 8-10; Hebrews 10:19-22; I Peter 1:18-19; I John 1:7).
- We believe that we must respond to God in faith (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- We respond by:
  - Believing and confessing the truth about Jesus (Matthew 10:32; 16:15-16; Romans 10:9).
  - Turning away (repenting) from sin (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30).
  - Trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord (Romans 10:11-13; Philippians 2:11).
  - Being baptized (immersed) into Christ (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-4).
  - Following Christ in trust and obedience (Romans 6:11-23; 12:1-2).

## MAN

- We believe that people, though created by God in His image, willfully sin against God and are consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23).

## VALUES

The following values guide our decisions and interactions as followers of Jesus in fellowship at Northside Christian Church.

### WE ARE JESUS CENTERED

- Everything we do is centered on Christ and what he has done on the cross which propels us in all we do.

### WE ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT

- Without the work of the Holy Spirit, the church wouldn't exist. The Spirit calls us, brings conviction, seals us, provides comfort, offers guidance, aids us, distributes spiritual gifts, sanctifies, and intercedes on behalf of believers. Through the Spirit, we gain the power to fulfill God's purposes. We aspire to be sensitive to His leading and guidance.

### WE ARE A PRAYING CHURCH

- We believe in the power of prayer and the privilege to communicate directly with the God of creation who desires to be in relationship with us.

### WE ARE ONE FOCUSED

- Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost, so we reflect his heart by connecting and engaging with those who aren't connected to Jesus or a local church; individuals who are close to us but far from God.

### WE ARE CONTRIBUTORS, NOT CONSUMERS

- Northside is a battleship, not a cruise ship. I have a responsibility to serve in the church and practice generosity with my finances. We're in a battle against the enemy who seeks to kill, steal, and destroy, and each person has a responsibility to contribute to the mission of the church.

## WE BELIEVE LIVING IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIAL

- We're not meant to do life alone. Being connected to a Northside group is expected for growth, accountability, and support.

## WE DON'T MAINTAIN, WE MULTIPLY

- We aren't content with the status quo since God desires all to enter into a personal relationship with him. Because of this, we have a heart to see our local church grow as people reach their ONEs and they believe and confess Christ as Lord, repent of their sin, trust in Jesus and are baptized, and follow Christ in trust and obedience.

## WE HONOR ONE ANOTHER TO GLORIFY GOD

- Scripture says the world will know we are Christians by how we love one another. We seek unity within the body by modeling Matthew 18. We honor one another by talking to people, not about people. We're willing to do the difficult work to seek unity.

## WE BELIEVE IN A PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

- While the church has an organizational responsibility to the Great Commission, we believe every follower of Jesus has a personal responsibility to the Great Commission in their own life. This is reflected in how we are intentional in engaging with ONEs and walking alongside them as they explore Jesus and make a decision to follow him and be baptized, instead of relying on the church to be solely responsible.

## WE BELIEVE IN LOVING OUR COMMUNITY

- Jesus said to love your neighbor, and we think he meant it. By being the hands and feet of Jesus as individual followers of Him and as a unified church, we want to have a radical impact in our community; so much so that there would be a hole if we closed our doors.