



Discovering CCC 101: **SEMINAR OUTLINE**

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CCC 101: SESSION ONE

OUR SALVATION

.. In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3:26-28)

INTRODUCTION

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:9-10)

Class Format:

- Teaching – 35 minutes
- Discussion, Q and A – 10 minutes

Who Is God?

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

References: Gen. 1:1, 26, 27; Ex 3:14, Ps. 90:2; Matt. 28:19; John 8:57, 58; I Pet. 1:2; 2Cor. 13:14

1. He is the _____ and _____ of all things.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. (Col. 1:15-19)

2. He is _____.

Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting. (Ps. 93:2)

How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion endures from generation to generation. (Dan. 4:3)

3. He is _____.

The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens! (Ps. 113:4)

4. He is _____.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy! (Ps. 99:9)

5. He is _____.

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:8)

How has God revealed Himself to us?

1. His _____.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. (Rom. 1:18-20)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 19:1)

2. His _____.

For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily. (Col. 2:9)

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 4:4-6)

3. His _____.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

How Can I Know God? Why am I Here?

1. God created me to _____ Him.

Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (Gen. 1:26-27)

...Everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made. (Is. 43:7)

2. God created me to _____ Him and to be _____ by Him.

...Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. (Eph. 1:4-6)

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matt. 22:36-37)

3. God created me to _____ Him.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. (Matt. 13:44-46)

4. When I _____ and _____ God, He transforms me.

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. (Romans 8:28-30)

What’s the Problem?

1. Humanity is naturally _____.

Sin – To be in error, to miss the mark

- Sin is my _____ – I am a sinner by nature
- Sin is my _____ – I choose to sin

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isa. 53:6)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. (Eph. 2:1-3)

2. Sin _____ us from God.

...But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. (Isa. 59:2)

...For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23)

3. The consequences of sin is _____, first spiritually and then physically.

God Provided the Solution!

We cannot do ANYTHING in and of ourselves to _____ us to God. Many people try to earn their way into a right standing with God through doing good deeds, going to church, etc.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:4-10)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 6:23)

Salvation is the work of God in the human heart. In an act of faith, we receive forgiveness for our sin. We are delivered from the penalty and power of sin by the Holy Spirit and experience adoption as a son of God.

What Does it Mean to be a Christian/Disciple?

1. God took the initiative: He _____ and _____ eternal life.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

2. Our response is to _____ and _____.

...If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom. 10:9)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph. 2:8-9)

Our relationship to God is not based upon anything we _____, but on the basis on what Jesus has already _____ for us!

But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Rom. 10:13)



CCC 101: SESSION TWO

IDENTIFYING WITH CHRIST Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave, nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3:26-28)

What is Water Baptism?

Water Baptism is a *means of grace* for disciples in which they are momentarily immersed completely under water. It is a gift from God to help the new believer in his/her walk with Him.

Why Should I be Baptized?

Because Christ _____ it.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matt.28:19-20)

...and many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. (Acts 18:8)

Baptism is a public declaration of our faith in Christ Jesus.

What is the Meaning of Baptism?

1. It testifies to Christ's _____ and resurrection.

... that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures... (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead. (Col. 2:12)

2. It testifies to my _____ as a follower of Christ.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Cor. 5:17)

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

Baptism doesn't make you a believer; it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring - it's the outward symbol of the inward commitment you make in your heart. It is a CELEBRATION of your new life in Christ!

3. It represents my own _____ to my _____ and to the _____ over my life.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. (Rom. 6:3-7)

This does not mean that you will never be tempted again. Baptism is a symbol of Christ's work in you that has set you free from the PENALTY and POWER of sin, so you can now resist and overcome temptation by the power of Holy Spirit.

Why do we Baptize by Immersion?

Every baptism in the _____ was by immersion.

Philip and the eunuch went down to the water and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away. (Acts 8:38-39)

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. (Mark 1:9)

The Greek word *baptize* means "to _____ or dip under water."

Who Should be Baptized?

Every person who has _____ in Christ.

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.... (Acts 2:41)

But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. (Acts 8:12-13)

At Christian Community Church, we wait until we are confident that our children understand the Gospel and give evidence of trusting Jesus Christ for their salvation.

Some churches practice a “baptism of confirmation” or “infant baptism” for children. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on the behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. This custom began about 300 years after the Bible was completed. This practice is in no way a Biblical substitute for true water baptism. Baptism as shown in the Bible was only for those old enough to understand and believe in what they were partaking of.

As a symbol of incorporation into the Universal Church, water baptism is a prerequisite for joining the membership of Christian Community Church, even though they might have been “confirmed” through baptism as an infant.

When Should I be Baptized?

As soon as you have believed!

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. (Acts 8:35-38)

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you should be baptized. If you wait until you are “perfect,” you’ll never feel “good enough.”

In the New Testament, it is a foreign concept to have an un-baptized believer. Why wait to receive this wonderful gift that Jesus Christ has given you?

What is the Lord’s Supper?

1. It is a _____ (I Cor. 11:23-32)

vs. 24 ... and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

2. It is a _____ of His covenant with us.

vs.25 In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

3. It is a _____ .

4. It is a _____ .

vs. 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

When and How Often Should We Observe the Lord's Supper?

Jesus never said when or how often believers should observe the Lord's Supper. He instituted it on a Thursday night as part of the Jewish Passover.

In the early Church the Lord's Supper became a regular part of every gathering (Acts 20:7). At Christian Community Church, we observe it every other month to celebrate Christ's death, burial, and resurrection and what he accomplished for us.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is a celebration of His sacrifice on my behalf, as well as a celebration of my new life in Him.

MEETING THE FAMILY

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God... (Eph. 2:19)

What is the Church?

Church: An assembly of called out people.

The church is a community of believers, united by their relationship with Christ. It is a gathering, or assembly, of those "called out" by Christ.

We are called out of the world to be a separated people unto God. And then He calls us to go back into the world and reach it with Christ's love.

Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you. (2 Cor. 6:17)

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. (John 17:15)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matt. 5:16)

All people become a part of the _____ church when they accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. But God also calls you to become a part of a _____ church.

Key Truths about the Local Church:

1. The church is _____.
2. God expects you to be _____ of a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is _____.

In the New Testament, it was a foreign concept to have a believer who was not committed to a local church.

Why Should I Become a Member Of a Local Church?

1. Because Christ _____ it.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25)

2. To _____ one another.

... but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near... (Heb. 10:25b)

- But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (Heb. 3:13)

3. To keep each other _____.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. (1 Cor. 5:1-5)

4. To grow to _____ in Christ.

... and [God] gave [some to be] the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... (Eph. 4:11-13)

What Did The Early Church Look Like?

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

- It was a _____ church – they were devoted.
- It was centered on the _____ - devoted to teaching.
- It was centered around _____ - devoted to fellowship, communion, and prayer
- It was a _____ community – selflessly meeting needs of others
- It displayed _____ - they were of one mind
- It displayed _____ - they were filled with joy
- They were focused on _____ – praising God
- It was _____ - Lord added to their number.

How Does Christ Describe His Church?

1. Christ most frequently compares the church to a _____ .

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Cor. 12:12)

...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Rom. 12:5)

2. As a body is one, so Christ expects His Body to be in _____ and be one.

For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. (Eph. 2:14)

...eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call-- one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph. 4:3)

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. (1 Cor. 10:17)

3. As a body works _____ and supports each other, so Christians are called to use their _____ and abilities to _____ the body.

... from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Eph 4:16)

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. (1 Cor. 12:14-27)

You need the church and the church needs you!



CCC 101: SESSION THREE

MEETING OUR FAMILY

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment... (1 Cor. 1:10)

History of CCC

The oldest fellowship in the Homer area, CCC began in 1936 as several local women started a Sunday School for children and a Bible study for adults. As Homer grew, they began holding Sunday meetings in the schoolhouse up on Crossman Ridge and near Bishops Beach.

In 1940, Carl Taylor came to Homer as a missionary to give leadership to this fledgling ministry. He walked or skied between the two locations holding Sunday services at the beach in the mornings and on Crossman Ridge in the afternoons. On Easter Sunday in 1943, the community of believers chose the name Christian Community Church. The foundation for the original building was laid in 1946, and is now the youth building.

In 1978, a Christian School was added to the vision of CCC, and in 1981, the current building was built to accommodate the school and the new sanctuary. The school met a need in the community for over twenty-five years until the rise of home schooling led to a steady decline in enrollment until it closed in 2005.

From its beginnings, CCC has placed an emphasis on teaching the Word of God and missions. Alaska Bible Institute (ABI) grew out of CCC and missionaries have been supported in a number of Alaskan villages as well as many countries throughout the world. Currently over ten percent of our annual budget goes to support missions and it is our goal to increase that to twenty percent.

Mission is still central to CCC as we strive to be a community of God's people that organizes its life around God's mission.

An Independent Church

CCC is self-governing and determines its own policies and procedures. We do associate with a number of Christian organizations and churches seeking accountability and guidance from some of these organizations in our decisions and spiritual growth. We are a part of Life Links family of churches.

What Makes CCC a Family?

- _____ - The relationship we share in Christ
- _____ - The purpose we share together
- _____ - How we fulfill our purpose
- _____ - When and where we fulfill our purpose

Statement Of Faith What We Believe

- **In essential beliefs - we have _____**

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph. 4:4-6)

- **In non-essential beliefs - we have _____**

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions... Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls . . . So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. (Rom. 14:1, 4, 12, 22)

- **In all our beliefs - we show _____**

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.” (1 Cor. 13:2)

The Essentials We Believe

I. Of the Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible, as originally written, was verbally inspired and the product of Spirit controlled men, and therefore is truth without error. We believe that it has been accurately preserved and is the true center of Christian union and the only infallible rule for all human conduct, creeds and opinions. (II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21)

II. Of the True God

We believe that there is only one living and true God, infinite in every excellence; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three personal distinctions - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - yet one in substance and equal in every divine perfection. (Exodus 20:2-3; I Corinthians 8:6; 1 John 5:7). We believe in the absolute Deity of the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ; that He was divine as no other man can be, being God of God, existing from all eternity; co-equal with the Father and the Spirit; that he never ceased to be God for one instant and that His humiliation did not consist in laying aside His Deity; that as man He was miraculously begotten of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. (John L 1-2; I John 5:20; Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:26-38)

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person, equal with the Father and Son and of the same substance and nature; that He convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment, bears witness to the truth, is the Agent of the New Birth and that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses to, sanctifies and helps the believer, indwelling every true Child of God. (II Corinthians 13:14; John 14:16-17; Romans 8:14-27)

III. Of the Devil, or Satan

We believe in the distinct personality of Satan, that he is the unholy god of this age, author of all powers of darkness and sin, and is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire. (Matthew 4:1-3; II Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 20:10)

IV. Of Creation

We believe that God created the heavens and the earth, including all life, "each after its own kind," by direct act, and not by the process of evolution. (Genesis 1, 2; Colossians 1:16-17; John 1:3)

V. Of the Fall of Man

We believe that man, in the person of the first Adam, was created in innocence but by voluntary transgression fell into sin, thus plunging the whole race into condemnation and death, so that now all mankind is born in sin and shaped in iniquity and become willful sinners with the first expression of personal choice, and so are without excuse before God. (Genesis 3; Romans 5:10-19)

VI. Of the Redemption From Sin

We believe that the only escape from the condemnation of sin is through the redemption wrought by Jesus Christ, when He voluntarily took upon Him a human body and nature, yet without sin, and by His suffering, death, and resurrection made full satisfaction to the justice of God for the sin of man; that the blessings of this salvation are given on the grounds of grace to all who believe and confess, and that it is the immediate duty of all to accept these offers of mercy. (John 1:1-3, 14; 3:1-7; Hebrews 10:4-14; Acts 16:30-33)

VII. Of Salvation by Grace

We believe that faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation from sin and this salvation is wholly by grace. (Acts 16:3 1; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5-7; Romans 10:9-13)

We believe that all who take Christ as their Savior are born from above. (John 3:3-6)

VIII. Of the Church

We believe that the Church universal is a New Testament institution; unknown to the Old Testament prophets; established by Jesus Christ, who is its sole Head; revealed through the Holy Apostles; empowered and perpetuated by the Holy Spirit; His "body" for service and His "bride" for glory. (Matthew 16:18; Acts 1:8; 2:1-13; 2:41-47; 15:14; Romans 16:26; I Corinthians 12:12-28; Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:21; 5:23-33)

We believe that the Church universal is manifest through the local Church which is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in it by His Word; that it has the absolute right of self-government directed by the Holy Spirit and it is answerable only to Christ, and

that in all matters of membership, policy, government, discipline and benevolence the will of the local church is final. (Matthew 18:15-17; I Corinthians 1:2; 6:4-5; 7:17; 11:16; I Timothy 3:1-15)

IX. Of the Ordinances

We believe that there are two church ordinances: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

1. By Baptism is meant "Believer's Baptism", and is a prerequisite to church membership.
2. The Lord's Supper is the commemoration of our Lord's death until He comes and of our continual fellowship with Him. (I Corinthians 11:23-32)

X. Of the Righteous and Wicked

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that only such as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and sanctified by the Spirit of God,

are truly righteous in God's esteem; while all such who continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; and that this distinction holds among men both during life and after death, in the everlasting joy of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost. (Malachi 3:18; Romans 6:17-23; Matthew 25:34-41; Luke 6:25; John 8:21)

XI. Of the Return of Christ

We believe in the bodily, personal, pre millennial return of Jesus Christ; that He will come to catch away His Church, coming in the air, and that He will come with His church at the close of the tribulation to judge the living nations and to set up His kingdom on earth. (I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 19:11-21)

XII. Of the Resurrection

We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of the dead; that believers who sleep in Jesus will be raised at the coming of Christ for His Church and caught up with transformed living saints to meet the Lord in the air, and that the wicked dead will be raised at the close of the thousand year reign and stand in their bodies at the Great White Throne Judgment to receive their final doom. (John 5:21-30; I Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 7:9-17; 20:11-15)

Christian Community Church Mission and Vision

MISSION defines our purpose:

As a worshipping community, we seek to *transform* lives by winning people to Jesus Christ, training them to be followers of Christ and sending for local and global impact.

In short, we seek to make Disciples who make Disciples.

A disciple is someone who:

Matthew 4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

1. _____ Jesus Christ.
2. Are being _____ by the Jesus Christ.
3. Are _____ to the mission of Jesus Christ.

VISION defines our strategy:

Win - We desire to be a community of God's people that defines itself, and organizes its life around, it's purpose of being an agent of God's mission to the world.

1. By seeking positive ways to be a _____ in Homer.
 - Organizations - _____, _____

- Community activities - _____, _____, _____
2. By building relational _____ with all sorts of people locally.
 - Establish friendship with _____ person or family this year.
 - See _____ as opportunities to develop _____.
 - Include _____ in your life.
 3. By _____ the Gospel to those who do not yet know Christ.
 - Look for _____ to _____ the Gospel
 - Develop _____ opportunities to share.

Train – We desire to transform followers of Christ through three environments:

1. Through *large* settings as we gather as a worshipping community through meaningful worship, expositional preaching that shapes both the mind and the heart, and other creative means of communication.
2. Through *mid-sized* settings for teaching and training.
 - _____ School
 - Life _____ Process
 - _____
3. Through small settings, Life Groups, where _____, _____, and _____ is occurring.

Send – We desire to send out transformed followers of Christ who give their lives away to the mission of the gospel locally and globally.

1. Work with organizations within our community to serve our community.
 - _____ partnerships between CCC and local organizations.
 - _____ partnerships with local organizations.
2. We desire to partner with like-minded ministries in the mission of God locally and globally.
 - Partnerships between CCC and _____ organizations to serve locally and globally
 - Focus on _____ geographical areas.

3. We desire to provide short and long-term local and global mission experiences.

- Provide yearly _____ mission opportunities.
- Send out _____ missionaries.

The 3C's of CCC

At CCC, everything we do revolves around the 3C's: **Celebrate, Connect, and Contribute**. We believe these are three key experiences that give you the optimal journey toward a dynamic and transforming relationship with Jesus. As you move from the crowd to the core explore what these core commitments mean and check out how you can participate in them along with other CCC Christ followers.

- **Celebrate** - We gather together weekly to celebrate what God is doing in our lives and in the church.
- **Connect** - We experience Biblical community as we connect with others through weekly Life Groups.
- **Contribute** - We impact our world as we contribute weekly to God's work using our time, talents and treasures.

1. **Celebrate: The _____ of God and what He is _____ in our Lives and our Church.**

Celebrate reflects our commitment to gather together and celebrate what God is doing in our lives and in the church. We have our Sunday morning celebration Services as we gather for a worship experience around a topic for the week, part of a series on a larger theme or topic. We believe in expositional preaching and attempt to use a mix of music, teaching, and other creative ways to communicate that truth or topic. We also have an excellent Sunday school for children and adults where there is more in depth teaching and especially for the children, systematic treatment of the Christian faith from a _____ perspective.

2. **Connect: _____ into what God is _____ at CCC.**

We *Connect* together weekly in Life Groups, small Christian communities in which we can grow spiritually, develop meaningful relationships, and experience genuine Christian community.

Life Groups offer you the opportunity to:

- Grow deeper in your relationship with God
- Connect with others at CCC
- Expand your vision of what God can in and through your life

3. **Contribute: Discover and use your unique _____, _____, and _____.**

Contribute reflects our commitment to helping you discover and use your God-given talents – and experience the joy of contributing to God's work. There is nothing better and more exciting than letting God use you exactly where He has gifted you to serve! At CCC, we take the time to help you discover how

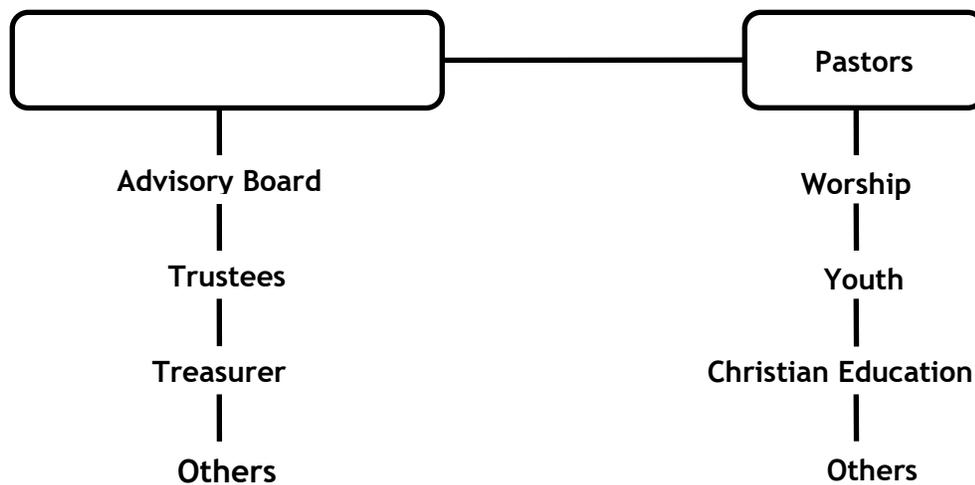
you are wired to serve, give you the training you need and many creative opportunities to serve. This is a huge part of our commitment to your spiritual growth as a follower of Christ. To help you discover more deeply who you are and how you fit in at CCC, we offer a series of courses and resources through our life development process. We are always open to innovative ways to minister to the community and beyond.

Our Structure

Eph. 4:11-12 *God gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of ministry, so that the Body of Christ may be built up.*

The People are the _____ and the Pastors are the _____.

The Pastors and Elders are the shepherds of God’s Flock. Their responsibility is to oversee and maintain the health of the Flock (1 Peter 5: 1-4). Therefore, they provide vision, counsel, direction, equipping, and training.



What is Expected of Me as a Member?

At CCC, we never ask our members to do no more than the Bible clearly teaches. We only expect our members to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in the Membership Covenant.

The CCC Membership Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and

doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to raise our children in the instruction of the Lord; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and to be exemplary in our conduct; to avoid the deeds of the flesh as mentioned in Galatians 5:19-21; to attend to our physical bodies recognizing that they are the temple of the Holy Spirit; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior. We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay. We moreover engage that, when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

1. I will _____ the _____ of my Church

- By acting in love toward other members

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus. (Rom. 15:5)

- By refusing to gossip and resolving conflicts quickly

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. (Eph. 4:29)

- By following the leaders

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Heb. 13:17)

2. I will _____ the _____ of my Church

- By praying for its growth, leadership

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers. (1 Thess. 1:2)

- By inviting the unchurched to attend

- And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.' (Luke 14:23)

- By giving regularly

- On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. (1 Cor. 16:2)

3. I will _____ the _____ of my Church

- By discovering my gifts and talents

- As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Pet. 4:10)

<https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/analysis/index.php>

- By being equipped by my pastors to serve.

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:11-12)

- By developing a servant's heart.

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others . . . but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. (Phil. 2:3-4, 7)

4. I will _____ the _____ of my Church

- By faithfully attending Sunday Services.
- By participating in a Life Group.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25)

- By living a growing and godly life.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. (Phil. 1:27)

- By warmly welcoming those who visit

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Rom. 15:7)

5. I will _____ the _____ of my Church

- By attending Sunday services weekly.
- By being involved in a Life Group.

- By participating in a Discipleship Group.

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV) (Matthew 28:18-20)



Partnership and Ministry Application

Christian Community Church

1. Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for your salvation?
 Yes No

When?

Where?

2. Have you been baptized after you committed your life to Christ? Yes No

When?

Where?

I want to be baptized at CCC

3. If you are transferring from another church, have you left with leadership's blessing?
 Yes No N/A

If no, please explain: _____

4. Have you completed Discovering CCC 101? Yes _____ / _____ / _____
Date

5. Do you desire to abide by the Christian Community Church Membership Covenant?
 Yes, I do!

6. An informal meeting with the Elders provides an opportunity for potential new members to interact with our leadership.

Please sign your name

Date

Please print your name

Welcome to our family!