

Howell's Mill Christian Assembly: Our Statement of Faith

The Essentials of our Faith taken from God's Holy Word

Any group wishing to use the facilities of HMCA for the purpose of a spiritual retreat must sign this statement of faith. This states you believe the following essentials as laid out in the New Testament and you promise you will not promote any false doctrine that goes against these biblical truths found in God's Word. **HMCA reserves the right to approve or deny** any guest rental group, curriculum, speaker, movie, music, audio/visual presentation, printed material, vendor, or award used at HMCA.

- 1. We believe in the Trinity; One God in three persons – Father, Son, Holy Spirit**
Genesis 1:2; Matt. 5:16, 45; 6:1; James 1:17; John 1:1, 4:24; 2 Peter 1:21
- 2. We believe that the heavens and the earth were created by God as described in detail in the book of Genesis.** *Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-28; Romans 1:20; Hebrews 11:3.*
- 3. We believe the Bible is the infallible, inspired Word of God and our only rule of faith and practice.** *Mark 12:36; John 14:26; Acts 1:16; I Cor. 2:12-13; 2 Tim 3:14-16*
- 4. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, both fully human and fully divine, was conceived of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary.** *Matt. 1:18, 21:11; John 1:14; Rom 5:15-17*
- 5. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, our one and only Savior.**
John 1:14, 3:16, 14:6; I John 4:9; 2 Peter 3:18;
- 6. We believe the Bible teaches that man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequently lost & without hope apart from Jesus Christ.** *Acts 4:12; Rom 3:23*
- 7. We believe in the atoning death of Christ on the cross for the sins of all people of the world. We also believe in the literal bodily resurrection of Christ from the dead.**
Luke 23:44, John 20: 24-29; I Cor. 15:3-8;
- 8. Believers in Christ are commanded to repent of their sins, confess their faith, and be buried with Christ in the watery grave of baptism in order to receive the promise of forgiveness and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We believe all these steps are essential to salvation, and none of these individually is an assurance of salvation, but part of the continuing journey to live faithful in Christ and be active in His church.**
John 3:16; Rom 5:1-2; Acts 3:19; 2 Peter 3:9; Matt 10:32; Acts 2:38, I Peter 3:21
- 9. We believe the Bible teaches salvation & the forgiveness of sins are not earned, but by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ.** *Matt 26:28, Rom 5:9, Eph 2:8-9; I Pet. 1:18-19*
- 10. We believe in the literal return of Christ on earth to judge all mankind, both the living and the dead, as has been promised.** *Matt 24:36-42; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:10-11; I Pet 4:5*
- 11. We believe the church is the body of Christ, and its most important work is to share the gospel with the whole world before Jesus comes again. Hence the name we bear from the book of Acts "Church of Christ/Christian Church".** *Matt 28:18-20, Mk 16:15-16*

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Date: _____