

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

Simply put, Fairway Christian Church believes what the Bible says. Below is a list of several key doctrines, declaring what the Bible says:

About 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.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

“The earth is the LORD 's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.” (Psalm 24:1-2)

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.” (Romans 11:33-36)

Additional Scriptures to Study: Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Psalm 90:1-2

About Jesus

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is fully human and fully divine—the incarnation of God Himself. He was born of a virgin, lived a perfectly sinless life, was crucified for the sins of the world, and arose bodily from the grave, victorious over sin and death. He ascended to His Father in Heaven and will one day return to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.” (Hebrews 1:1-3)

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:5-11)

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4;)

Additional Scriptures to Study: John 1:1-4; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Matthew 1:20-23; Romans 1:3-4

About the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is fully God in Spirit form, active from the beginning of the world. He convicts, comforts, teaches, and empowers believers to live godly lives. He equips all believers with gifts to be used to build up the church. As followers of Christ, we strive to be controlled by the Holy Spirit, who lives in us.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” (John 14:16-17)

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.” (Romans 8:11)

Additional Scriptures to Study: John 14:26; Romans 8; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

About the Bible

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, the written record of His supernatural revelation of Himself to man, absolute in its authority, complete in its revelation, and without any error in its original documents. We maintain that the Bible alone is sufficient for our rule of faith and practice.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:20-21)

Additional Scriptures to Study: Psalm 119

About Sin

People are made in the image of God—the supreme object of His creation. Every person has potential for good, but through man's choice all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God, called “sin.” This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems. On our own, we are incapable of solving the problem of sin.

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:26-27)

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

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.” (Isaiah 59:2)

Additional Scriptures to Study: 1 John 3:4; Psalm 8:3-6

About Salvation

Salvation, also called “being born again,” is God’s free gift to us, made possible by Christ’s atoning death on the cross. Salvation is given freely by God’s grace and received by faith in His Son Jesus Christ. Those who put their trust in Christ should repent of their sins, confess Jesus as Lord and Savior, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins.

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” (Acts 2:38)

Additional Scriptures: Romans 6:1-4; 10:9-10; Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 5:8-9; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

About the Church

The church is the body of believers in Christ whose purpose it is to glorify God by reaching the lost and training disciples to minister on behalf of Christ. The church is to be a community of believers bound together in love, through which people are drawn to the Lord Jesus Christ.

“‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.’” (Matthew 16:15-18)

Additional Scriptures: Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:42-47; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 1:15-18

About Eternity

Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. People have been created to live eternally with God. However, if we ignore God’s offer of salvation, we are choosing to spend eternity in Hell, separated from God by our sins. The Christian will spend eternity in Heaven with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17)

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

Additional Scriptures to Study: Revelation 20:15; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; 1 John 5:11-13