



MISSION

HIS KINGDOM COME, HIS WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. (MATTHEW 6:10)

WHAT WE BELIEVE

GOD THE FATHER

God the Father is the first person of the Trinity and is the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. God is sovereign in all things: creation, revelation, redemption, judgement and the establishing of His Kingdom. As sovereign, loving creator and redeemer, He is worthy of all glory and honor and praise and our lives should be directed in reverent fear towards giving glory to Him alone.

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – co-eternal in being, co-eternal in nature, co-eternal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections, and modelling perfect and ultimate community. Each person of the Godhead is equally deserving of worship and obedience.

Deuteronomy 6:4, 2 Corinthians 13:14, 1 Corinthians 10:31

GOD THE SON

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin making a way back to God the Father. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission; a work which He has begun through His Bride, The Church. He is the Head of the His Body, the Church and should be adored, loved, served and obeyed by all.

Genesis 18:1ff.; Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Isaiah 7:14, 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16, 27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6, 19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:4; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30, 38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:6-11; 16:15-16, 28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20, 28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5, 20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3, 34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8, 24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15, 24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is God. He possesses all the divine attributes. He was active in creation, the incarnation, regeneration, and written revelation. He has a unique role in this age since Pentecost. He is in the process of building the body of Christ.

He specifically convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and judgment. He brings glory to Jesus Christ and transforms believers into the image of Christ. He is the sovereign agent in regeneration and baptises believers into the body of Christ. He seals the believer unto the day of redemption. He also sanctifies the believer and empowers them for service. Finally, He is the giver of spiritual gifts to believers.

John 16:7-9; Acts 1:5, 2:4; Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Romans 8:9-11; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Ephesians 1:13, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular Kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labour that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth.

STRATEGY

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR
MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF. (MARK 12:30-31)

WHAT WE VALUE MOST

REDEEM... TO SEE PEOPLE BROUGHT INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Through the preaching and teaching of God's word and through the proclamation, in word and in action, of the Gospel of Jesus Christ we will see precious souls brought from the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Light. We will do all we can and we will dedicate ourselves to be all that God is calling us to be, so that we may be vessels and that we may be a church through whom the saving grace of God is poured out.

RESTORE... TO SEE LIVES RESTORED, HEALED AND TRANSFORMED

Discipleship. We each carry a mandate to be a disciple and to disciple. We grow when we extend the heart and hand of Jesus to another. As people grow in their knowledge of God and in

WHAT'S IN A NAME? THE RED DOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

In the book of Exodus in the Bible a story is told. A true story. A story about a man named Moses and a story about a people. A people called the Israelites. God's people. God's people who were broken and in bondage and who were crying for freedom. Freedom from Pharaoh and freedom from Egypt. So God sent Moses with a message for Pharaoh - "Let my people go". But Pharaoh didn't listen. So God sent plague after plague to help Pharaoh to listen. He still didn't listen. So God sent a final plague which was more devastating than the other nine put together. Finally Pharaoh would listen.

The angel of death was sent to kill every first born in Egypt. In order for the Israelites to be spared from this plague God told them to paint the blood of a perfect lamb on the doorposts of

As the church proclaims the good news of the Kingdom, people will come into the church and begin to experience the blessings of God's rule in their lives. The Kingdom manifests itself through the church, and thereby the future reign of God breaks into the present (it is "already here" and "not yet" here fully). Therefore those who believe in Christ will begin to experience something of what God's final Kingdom reign will be like: they will know some measure of the victory over sin, over demonic oppression, over disease. They will live in the power of the Holy Spirit, who is the dynamic power of the coming Kingdom. Eventually Jesus will return and His Kingdom reign will extend over all creation.

Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 3:2; 4:8-10, 23; 12:25-28; 13:1-52; 25:31-46; 26:29; Mark 1:14-15; 9:1; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 9:2; 10:9; 10:17; 12:31-32; 17:20-21; 23:42; John 3:3; 18:36; Acts 1:6-7; 17:22-31; Romans 5:17; 6:14; 8:19; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 11:10, 16; 12:28; 1 Peter 2:4-10; 4:13; Revelation 1:6, 9; 5:10; 11:15; 21:22.

HUMANITY

We believe that God created humanity in His own image and likeness. We take this to mean that people have a self-conscious, rational personality, and nature that is capable of distinguishing right and wrong. Male and female were the crowning work of God's creation and gender was a gift from God. We were free from sin and had a moral responsibility to God. God's intention in creating us was to glorify Him by enjoying Him forever. We chose to sin against God, lost our innocence, and brought sin into the human race thus leaving us totally incapable of choosing that which is acceptable to God apart from God's grace. Our salvation is wholly of God's grace through the redeeming work of Jesus. It is God's plan for restoring us to Himself and His original vision of humanity.

Genesis 2:7, 15-25; James 3:9; Romans 3:9-18, 5:10-12; Genesis 3; John 3:36; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 Timothy 2:13-14, Isaiah 43:7; Colossians 1:16; Revelation 4:11

SALVATION

Salvation is the redeeming work of God and His grace of the whole person. The Holy Spirit gives and brings about regeneration or the new birth. The repentant sinner responds in faith to the provision of salvation by the enabling of the Holy Spirit. The believer is justified by God, being declared righteous by faith in Christ. The righteousness given is apart from the work of man and involves the placing of a person's sin on Christ and the imputing of His righteousness to the sinner. Every believer is sanctified, or set apart, and declared holy. This position is instantaneous. Every believer is also a part of being progressively sanctified; being brought closer to the likeness of Jesus through obedience to the scriptures and the empowering of the Holy Spirit. God does not provide a way of salvation apart from Christ.

John 3:3-8; Titus 3:5; Romans 2:4, 8:30; Romans 3:20; Colossians 2:14, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, John 17:17, 19; Romans 6:1; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

FELLOWSHIP

Those who place their faith in Christ are immediately united into one spiritual body called the church and the bride of Christ of which Jesus is the head. This universal body includes all believers through history. The establishment of local autonomous congregations is taught in scripture in which members are directed to associate themselves together in a local body. These members observe the two ordinances (Baptism and Communion) given by Christ. Church leadership, gifts, order, discipline, and worship are appointed by Christ as found in the scriptures. Church officers are elders and deacons. The Bible outlines qualifications we should seek in appointing people to these leadership roles. The congregation is called to regard their leadership, the leaders are called to pastor the community as a shepherd cares for his sheep.

The purpose of the church is to glorify God by being built up in the faith through the instruction of the word, fellowship, keeping the ordinances, and by sharing and living out the Kingdom of God on the earth.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Ephesians 5:23-32, Ephesians 1:22, Acts 14:23, 27, 20:17, 28; Galatians 1:2; Philippians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:1; Titus 1:5, 1 Corinthians 11:18-20; Hebrews 10:25; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 4:11, 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9, and 1 Peter 5:1-5, Hebrews 13:7, 17, Ephesians 3:21, Ephesians 4:13-16, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Acts 2:47, Acts 2:38-42

THE BIBLE AND TEACHING

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are God's revelation to us and the final authority for faith and life - His revealed and absolute truth. We believe the Word is Godbreathed, infallible as originally given, and has ultimate authority in all matters of faith, conduct and experience. Gods Word is alive and active and has the power to transform lives.

We believe scripture is sufficient for knowing God. It is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it teaches; obeyed as God's command, in all that it requires; and trusted, as God's pledge, in all that it promises. As God's people hear, believe, and do the Word, they are equipped as disciples of Christ and witnesses to the gospel.

All instruction should be done carefully, thoroughly and in line with what the Bible actually teaches, exploring its context, explaining its meaning, expounding its doctrine in connection to the person and work of Jesus Christ, and applying its gospel to the spiritual needs of those who listen, exalting the glory of God. Because God's Word is supremely "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness", and because the Bible contains the gospel on every page, such instruction ought to be evangelistic in its proclamation of the crucified and risen Christ.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Matthew 5:18, John 16:12-13

their relationship with Jesus lives are transformed for the glory of God. Chains are broken and captives are set free. We will be a well lit city on a hill. People will know that through our doors there is a place of refuge, acceptance, love and healing.

RELEASE... TO SEE PEOPLE EQUIPPED AND RELEASED INTO THE WORK THAT GOD HAS FOR THEM TO DO

We are spiritual contributor's not spiritual consumers. The church does not exist for us. We are the church and we exist for the world. We are a body and we each have a God given mandate to fulfill so that body can thrive. For some that is within this community for others it is beyond these borders. We desire to see people equipped, resourced and sent into whatever mission field God has for them.

RELY... TO BE FULLY DEPENDENT UPON GOD

The work of this church will not be accomplished by our strength, by our clever plans or by our striving but by "my Spirit says the Lord". And yet we will gladly give all of what we have and all of who we are, completely submitted and surrendered, trusting in God's guidance, faithfulness and provision. This is His church. The Lord will build this house. We will not labour in vain.

REQUEST... TO BE PEOPLE OF PRAYER

The prayer of the person who is in right standing with God is powerful and effective. We follow Jesus and just as Jesus was a man of prayer we, His disciples, are people of prayer. In prayer we talk to God, we listen to God, we are guided by God

their homes. The Red Door. This would be a sign to the angel of death to pass over their homes. So long as their doorposts were painted with blood their home would be a place of refuge when the plague came. They would be safe and they would be saved.

Now, skip forward a few thousand years to the story of Jesus. The story of His life. The story of His death. The story of Him conquering death. The death and the resurrection of Jesus is the completion of the Exodus story. Jesus is our perfect lamb and his blood was shed so that we all can be safe and be saved from death. He is our Red Door. In him we find salvation. We find refuge. We find hope. We find the answer.

Over the course of time a Red Door has meant many things but all with the same theme. In some countries a Red Door is a sign to travellers, to those lost and wandering, that here is a place of safety and refuge. A Red Door has signified that a house is paid for, debt free and clear. Red Doors were used in the Underground Railway where they were a sign of help and refuge to slaves escaping from America to freedom in Canada. Legend has it that Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Red Doors of Wittenberg Church launching the Reformation.

STEWARDSHIP

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognise all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the cause of Christ on earth.

Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 8:18; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21; 19:21; 23:23; 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21,42; 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47; 5:1-11; 17:24-25; 20:35; Romans 6:6-22; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:15; Philippians 4:10-19; 1 Peter 1:18-19.

FAMILY

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honour and obey their parents.

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.

PROMISE

FROM NOW ON I'M ALERT DAY AND NIGHT TO
THE PRAYERS OFFERED AT THIS PLACE. BELIEVE ME,
I'VE CHOSEN AND SANCTIFIED THIS TEMPLE THAT
YOU HAVE BUILT: MY NAME IS STAMPED ON IT
FOREVER. MY EYES ARE ON IT AND MY HEART IN
IT ALWAYS. (2 CHRONICLES 7:15-16)

PRAYER

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Nothing of significance happens in the kingdom of God without prayer. In prayer we acknowledge our weakness and helplessness as we call out to the Lord for grace and power. Jesus tells us that without Him we can do nothing, but that as we remain in Him and His words remain in us we will be blessed with dramatic answers to our prayers. Just as the early church was devoted to prayer, we are called to be a community devoted to kingdom-centered prayer (as opposed to survival or self centered prayer), that our lives might be God centered and that we might see His power displayed in transforming us and the world around us. Jesus teaches that persistence in prayer and fasting is critical - we can either pray or give up. As we face enormous spiritual obstacles and powers, we know that the kingdom will only move forward as God's people cry out to Him.

2 Chronicles 7:14, John 15:5, John 15:7, Acts 2:42, Matthew 21:13, Luke 18:1

BAPTISM AND COMMUNION

Jesus commanded and committed these two ordinances to the church. Baptism by immersion in water is the testimony that a believer identifies with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. The believer is considered dead to sin and buries the old life while walking in the newness and power of the resurrection. It is a sign of fellowship and identification with the body of Christ. A believer's salvation is not dependent on baptism. Communion is a memorial of His death. It was commanded by the Lord. It should be preceded by self examination. The bread and the wine are symbols of the body and blood of Christ.

Luke 3:21-22, Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 8:36-39, Acts 2:41-42, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Corinthians 11:23-32.

and we are empowered, envisioned and transformed by God. Everything that we do will be undergirded with prayer and more prayer.

REAL... TO BE AUTHENTIC AND TRANSPARENT

The power of transparency is far greater than the power of perfection. We will bring our absolute broken best to all that we do. We will seek to bring honour and glory to God by being exactly who He made us to be. We do not seek the praise and approval of man. We serve God only. This is a performance free zone.

RELATIONSHIP... TO DO THIS LIFE TOGETHER

We embrace that we are a part of something much greater than ourselves and that we have a great part to play in God's unfolding story. There is great power in community and especially in a Jesus centered community. We share of all who we are and all of what we have – our blessings and our burdens, our laughter and our tears.

RELAX... TO HAVE FUN AND TO NOT TAKE OURSELVES TOO SERIOUSLY

Nothing is more fun that to serve God with the people you love. Nothing! To truly know Jesus is to know Joy. This is a place of deep joy, raucous laughter and great rejoicing. We are a people who live in the freedom that Christ won for us. To not have truly grateful, thankful and rejoicing hearts, even in the midst of our very imperfective lives, is offensive when faced with the price Christ paid for our salvation and freedom. We are a people who receive and share the abundant life Jesus came to give.

We have named our church The Red Door Community Church as a call. A clarion call to the believers of this community to live lives that are a doorway to the hope of Jesus. We may not be facing plagues such as those in the Exodus story but in our city there is a plague. A plague of brokenness. Behind the doors of the people of our city there is abuse, violence, addiction, quiet despair, depression, suicide, anger, fear, greed, mindless materialism, apathy, divorce, broken families, broken hearts, broken spirits, broken minds. Brokenness upon brokenness. Brokenness like a plague.

May the Red Doors of this church and may the lives of the people of this church be a marker of hope and refuge to all broken, lost, hurting, seeking, beautiful people.

Broken lives made beautiful. A city made whole. A plague of brokenness destroyed by grace. Jesus.



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