



Discover Christway

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## Who we are

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**Vision:** For all to have the abundant and eternal life in Jesus Christ.

**Our Mission:** “Knowing Jesus and Making Him Known

**Christway** – Jesus is The Way, The Truth and The Life

### Core Values

- It is all about Jesus.
- Nothing is accomplished without prayer.
- We will focus on the outsider while maturing the insider.
- We love people
- Jesus loves the little children and so do we.
- Saved people become serving people.
- Full devotion to Jesus is normal.
- Growth and authentic community happens best in small groups and in serving.
- We will do all for Christ in an excellent way.

## The Church

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**The church** is to be an environment where healthy spiritual relationships flourish and authentic Christianity is lived out. It’s a community where real people in real relationships meet real needs in real ways.

### I. The Church is a ***family***

- 2 Corinthians 6:18 *“I will be a father to you and you will be my sons and daughters...”*
- Ephesians 3:14-15 *“For this reason I kneel before the Father from Whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.”*
- 1 Timothy 5:1-2 *“Do not rebuke an older man harshly but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters with absolute purity.”*

### II. The Church is the ***Body of Christ***

- 1 Corinthians 12:1ff speaks to the Body of Christ
- 1 Corinthians 12:27 *“Now you are part of the Body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it.”*

### III. The *Bride of Christ*

- 2 Corinthians 11:2 “...I promised you to one husband, Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to Him.” (Ephesians 5:22-33)

### IV. Those whom Jesus is coming back to take home.

- John 14:1-6 “...I will come back and take you to be with Me...”

## What we believe

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1. **We believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, The only begotten Son of God.** We believe that the virgin-born Son of God died for our sins, was buried, rose from the dead and is coming again. We believe that Jesus is both fully God and fully man. (Philippians 2:5-7; John 14:9; John 8:58; John 1:1; Colossians 2:9)
2. **We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God,** the written record of His supernatural revelation of Himself to man; absolute in authority; complete in its revelations; final in its content and is without error in its teaching. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-12)
3. **We believe in the sanctity of life and that life begins at conception.** (Psalm 139:13-16)
4. **We believe in the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman.** Any other sexual relationship is outside God’s plan for His people. (Genesis 2:24; Jeremiah 29:6; Isaiah 62:5; 1 Corinthians 6:9)
5. **We believe Jesus died on the cross for our sins.** (Isaiah 53:3-6; 1 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:8)
6. **We believe in the literal, bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead.** (Matthew 28:1-7; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)
7. **We believe in the literal return of Jesus as He promised.** (John 14:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 2 Peter 3:3-4; 10, 13)
8. **We believe that the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life** are promised to those who trust and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)
9. **We believe that those who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior should also repent of their sins; confess their faith; be baptized into Christ and live a faithful life.** (Acts 2:38; 41 Acts 8:12-13; Acts 16:30-33)
10. **We believe that those who have received Christ also receive the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual life (Romans 8:9-11); fruit of Christian character (Galatians 5:22-23) and endows the believer with gifts for ministry (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)
11. **We believe that a spiritual gift is a special ability,** given by the Holy Spirit to believers, to be used to minister to others and thereby build up the Body of Christ. (1 Peter 4:10; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

12. **We believe that the pattern of the New Testament is to observe the Lord's Supper each week.** (Luke 22:14-20; Acts 20:7)
13. **We believe each believer should give a generous, intentional, regular, proportional gift to honor the Lord and to be used for His work.** (Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
14. **We do not maintain that we are the only Christians but strive to be Christians only.** (John 10:14-16) (One flock and One Shepherd)
15. **We believe that the will of God is discerned through the Word of God, prayer and wise counsel,** and a careful consideration of circumstances. (Proverbs 16:3; Proverbs 19:21; James 1:5; James 4:13-15; Romans 12:1-2)
16. **We believe the Church should seek unity with all believers of Jesus Christ in matters of universal Christian Faith.** (Ephesians 4:2-6)
17. **We believe the mission of the church is to reach the spiritually lost for Christ, to teach them the ways of our Lord and mobilize the believers to accomplish God's purpose in the world.** (Matthew 28:18-20)

## My Relationship with Jesus Christ

### I. His great love for me

- **John 3:16** "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."
- **Matthew 28:18-20** "...all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- **Romans 5:8** "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- **Ephesians 2:8-10** "It is **by grace** you have been saved, **through Faith** and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that to one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

### II. My Response to His Love

- Hebrews 11:6 "And without **faith** it is impossible to please God."
- Romans 10: 9 " ...if you **confess** with your mouth, "**Jesus is Lord**" and **believe** in your hearts that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

- Acts 2:38 “...**repent** and be **baptized** every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- Romans 6:5 “If we have been **united with Him** like this in His death, we will certainly also be **united with Him** in His resurrection.”
- Acts 2:41 “*Those who **accepted** His message **were baptized** and about three thousand were **added** to their number that day.*”
- Acts 2:47 “...and **the Lord added** to their number daily those who were being saved.”

### III. My relationship with God’s family

- 1 John 4:7-12 “...love one another...”
- 1 Corinthians 12:12 “*The Body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the Body, though they are many, are one Body, so also is Christ.*”
- Philippians 2:3 “*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest, but each of you to the interest of the others.*”

### IV. It is a family for encouragement and accountability

- Hebrews 10:24-25 “*Spur one another on towards love and good deeds...let us not give up meeting...let us encourage one another...*”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11 “*encourage one another*”

## Practical Reasons for Church Membership

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### I. We need healthy relationships

- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 “*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down his friend can pick him up. But pity the man who falls down and has no one to help him up.*”
- I will develop relationships with others by being in a smaller setting.
- I will allow myself to be under the shepherding ministry of Christway.

### II. We need a place and a family where we can use our gifts and talents

- 1 Peter 4:10 “*As each of you has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*”

### **III. We need a place for accountability and growth**

- Acts 2:42 *“The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.”*

### **IV. We need to belong to something bigger than ourselves**

- Romans 12:4-5 *“Just as each of us has one body and many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all others.”*

## **As a member of the Body of Christ:**

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#### **1. I will protect the unity of the church by:**

- Praying for unity
- Acting in love toward other members
- Honoring the leadership of the church
- Encouraging others

#### **2. I will share in the ministry of the church by:**

- Praying for her growth
- Inviting others to attend
- Warmly greeting all who come here

#### **3. I will serve in the ministry of the church by:**

- Developing a servant’s heart
- Discovering and developing my gifts and talents
- Using my talents and gifts for His Glory

#### **4. I will support the testimony of the church by:**

- Attending faithfully
- Giving faithfully
- Living the Godly life

## Life Changing Relationship

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1. Have I personally accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior?
2. Has that decision led me to commit to Him my love and loyalty?
3. Has that decision led me to repent of my sins, and to make my profession known?
4. Have I been obedient to the command of Jesus to be united with Him in baptism?

## Fellowship at Christway

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1. By accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior; by public acknowledgement of my profession; and by being united with Jesus in baptism
2. As one that has accepted Jesus and has been united with Him in baptism (immersion), we simply ask that you publicly re-affirm your confession of faith.

It is our desire for each one to Know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

It is our hope that you will desire to become a member of Christway Christian Church.