

River of Life Christian Co-op Belief Statement

Our Mission and Purpose

To support and encourage one another in our personal walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, specifically as parents in our calling to home educate our children and equip them to serve the Lord by incorporating prayer, worship and devotions in our meetings, and to provide opportunities, with a biblical worldview, for our children.

Faith Statement

We believe:

1. The Holy Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the verbal inspired words of God, written by Spirit-controlled men. The Holy Bible is the final authority for faith and life, is inerrant in the original writings, and is the infallible word of God. **2 Samuel 23:2, 2 Timothy 3:16, Revelation 21:5, Exodus 4:15**
2. In one God who is eternal and exists in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the Creator and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth. He is wholly loving and just and worthy of all honor and glory. **1 John 5:6-11, Deuteronomy 6:4, Genesis 1:26, Hebrews 1:3**
3. In Jesus Christ, the Son of God, born of the virgin, Mary. We believe that He is fully God and fully man. We believe that He is the perfect sacrifice who shed His blood as a remission for our sins. By God's grace, His death and resurrection are the only atonement for our sins. **Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:35, John 1:1, 1 Timothy 2:5, Matthew 1:18, Hebrews 7:25**
4. We are saved by faith alone, not by works. The evidence of faith is repentance of sin and actively following Jesus Christ as Lord. **Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 26:20, Titus 3:5-6**
5. In the Holy Spirit who convicts of sin, comforts, encourages and sanctifies the believer. **John 3:5, John 16:13, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 6:19, Ephesians 1:13**
6. Due to Adam and Eve's sin, all people are born sinful and are separated from God. **Genesis 1:27, Psalm 51:5, Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 3:23, 1 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 5:12, Rev. 20:15**
7. Our hope is in the personal and bodily return of Christ for His Church. **John 14:3, Acts 1:9-11, Acts, 24:15, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4&20-22, 1 Thessalonians 4:17, John 5:24-29**

We further believe:

1. That teaching our children is our God given right and responsibility.

2. That God's design for the family is one man married to one woman and any children He commits to their care.
3. That our individual children's needs are best met on a one-to-one relationship with their parents in the home.
4. That strong family relationships result from this situation.
5. In teaching the inerrant Word of God (The Bible) to our children and relating it to their daily lives.
6. In emphasizing growth of godly character in our children.
7. That all of this better equips our children to become loyal and responsible members of a family (the basis for society), as well as strong, positive influences in the family of God, the community and the world.

Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:6-7; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 4:6, Genesis 1:27-28, Matthew 19:6, Ephesians 6:1-4, 1 Timothy 1:5