

NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Covenant of Faith

We believe:

- In one holy, loving, all-powerful, and gracious God who exists in three Persons: Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1-2; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 11:3; John 1:14; John 4:24; John 14:16-20; John 3:16)
- The Bible is the inspired Word of God, fully authoritative for all matters of faith and practice. (2Tim 3:16, 2Peter 1:19-21)
- Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, fully God and fully human, is both Lord and Savior. (Matt 1:23; Matt 21:11; John 19:19; Colossians 2:9)
- That Jesus Christ suffered and died on the cross for human sin, that He was raised bodily on the third day, and that He ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of God. (Luke 23: 1-46; Luke 23: 44- 24:8; John 20: 1-29; Acts 1: 1-9)
- Jesus Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead and to reign over all things. (Matt 24:36-42; John 14:1-3; Acts 1: 10-11; 1 Peter 4:5)
- In the Holy Spirit, who brings sinners to repentance and lives in them to conform them to the image of Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; John 14:26; Romans 8:11-14)
- That Christians should gather in regular fellowship and live lives of faith. (Matt 18:20; Philippians 1:27)
- In the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 17:22-23)
- Salvation comes not by works, but only by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. (John 5:24, John 14:6; Romans 5:8-11; Ephesians 2: 8-9)
- In the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. (John 5: 28-29, 1Cor 15:52-57)
- Baptism with water is a sacrament ordained by Christ through example, of baptism with the Spirit, cleansing from sin, and commitment to Christ. (Matt 3:11-17, John 3:3-5, Acts 2:38)
- The Lord's Supper is a sacrament ordained by Christ through deed, of Christ's broken body and shed blood, and is to be shared in remembrance and anticipation. (Matt 26:26-29, Luke 22:15-20)
- Christianity is for all people. God loves us and we are to love one another without judgment. (1John 4:7-16; John 3:16)

(Biblical references are from the New American Standard.)