

Rockingham Church of Christ

Mission and Statement of Faith

The following summarises our objectives and core beliefs (as described under Section 7 of our Constitution):

Objectives

Our primary objectives as a church are:

- 1 To glorify and serve God.
- 2 To reach out to the community and the World with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, i.e. be witnessing disciples.
- 3 The building up of the faith of the believers through preaching, teaching and auxiliaries.
- 4 The equipping of the believers for ministry.
- 5 Providing ministries to the needs of the community with the aim of reaching them with the Gospel.

Statement of Faith

In summary, we believe in:

- 1 The one God who exists in Three Persons (Trinity).
- 2 The Person of Jesus Christ:
 - As true God and true Man
 - His unique birth by virgin conception
- 3 The Work of Jesus Christ:
 - His sinless life
 - His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins
 - His bodily resurrection
 - His ascension into Heaven
 - His personal, visible return in power and glory.
- 4 The Holy Spirit:
 - Is a Divine Person of the Godhead
 - He brought into being the Church
 - He fills and controls the believer
 - He produces purity in the life of the believer.
- 5 The Bible:
 - Is Divinely inspired and is the sacred record of God's revelation to man
 - Is the sole authority for the doctrine and practices of our faith
 - Is the final revelation of God's mind and will to mankind
 - Is without error in the original manuscripts.

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- 6 The creation of human beings:
 - Human beings are the special creation of God and all have dignity
 - Human beings have been corrupted by the Fall
 - Human beings require regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
- 7 Resurrection and the judgment of God:
 - All the dead will be raised at the coming of Jesus Christ;
 - Believers into Eternal Glory, and unbelievers into everlasting consciousness away from the presence of the Lord.
- 8 Eternal Security of the Believer:
 - Salvation is not by works but by the grace of God
 - The Christian is to persevere in the faith
 - The believer now has eternal life.
- 9 The Universal Church:
 - We recognize the spiritual unity of the Body of Christ, the Church.
- 10 Witness:
 - The believer's faith is to be evident by their works
 - There is to be evidence of the fruit of the Spirit
 - Believers are to witness to their faith
 - They are to seek to help fulfill the Great Commission to the world.

Our Practice

We Practice:

- 1 Worship in community of the Lord Almighty at Sunday services.
- 2 Water baptism by immersion, as a profession of faith in Christ.
- 3 The Lord's Supper which we observe on a weekly basis, as a memorial of Jesus' sacrifice.
- 4 Prayer as the basis of all that we do.
- 5 Serving Jesus Christ through the Church to the community at large..