

Statement of Faith

Since Ceres Christian Church was established in 1908, these beliefs have defined who we are at the core as a church.

We Believe:

In One God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- In God the Father, Almighty, Creator of all things visible and invisible.
- In Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the eternal Word, the one and only Savior.
- He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, both fully human and fully divine; Who lived a sinless life; Who suffered and was crucified as an atonement for sin; Who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day; Who ascended into Heaven; and Who will return in victory to rule forever.
- In the Holy Spirit. Who convicts of sin; Who indwells every Christian; Who helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us in prayer; and Who empowers us to a fruitful Christian life.

In the Bible - God's Word.

- God inspired the original writings of the Scripture and those original writings were consequently without error.
- That the Bible is the final authority for all matters of faith, truth, morality, and Christian living.
- The Bible teaches that God is the Creator and Sustainer of human life; that God creates each person in His image; and that life is therefore sacred, from conception to natural death. We believe that God creates each person as male or female; that these two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the "image of God" in humankind; and that each person's biological gender is an intrinsic, immutable aspect of his or her nature and identity.
- The Bible teaches that God established marriage in the beginning as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman; that He has reserved sexual intimacy as an expression of love and commitment between married couples; and that any intimate expression of sexuality outside of Biblical marriage is sin.

In the Gospel - the Good News of Salvation.

- That man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ.
- That salvation—the forgiveness of sins—is only by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- That one receives salvation by putting faith in Christ, repenting of sin, and confessing Christ, and that the Bible commands every believer in Christ to be baptized by immersion.
- That those who have received salvation through faith in Jesus Christ are sent into the world to proclaim the Gospel and to love and serve the world just as Jesus Himself did.

In the Church of Jesus Christ, founded on the Day of Pentecost, consisting of all Christians everywhere, and organized into local assemblies, called churches.

- The Bible teaches that every Christian should be an active member of a local church.
- The Elders of the church are the overseers of its affairs and the shepherds of its members; that they are the final interpretive authority of the Bible's meaning and application for the church; and that they are responsible for the oversight, instruction, edification, discipline, and restoration of church members.
- The Bible instructs church members to:
 - Meet together regularly for fellowship, worship, teaching, and the Lord's Supper.
 - Use our natural abilities and spiritual gifts to serve one another.
 - Pursue personal holiness and obedience to God's Word.
 - Strive together to fulfill the Great Commission.