

Community Bible Church adheres to the historic Christian faith and proclaims the life-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. – Hebrews 10:23

We are reformed in our theology and in our understanding of the character and attributes of God, the sinful condition of man, the resulting judgment of man, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Christian's salvation, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and the eternal state based on the unshakeable foundation of God's Word. These biblical teachings are called the doctrines of grace. Read more about them here:

<https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/gracelist.html>

Scripture

The Bible teaches that while God has revealed Himself in His creation, He has spoken to us most clearly in His Word. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are breathed out by God, holy, complete, and entirely without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is our final authority in life, doctrine, and godliness.

Ps. 19:1-6, Rom. 1:18-20, John 14:25-26, Deut. 6:6-7, 2 Tim. 3:16, John 10:35, 2 Pet. 1:20-21, Matt. 4:4, 2 Pet. 1:3-4

Sola Scriptura – The Bible is the sole written divine revelation, our only infallible rule for faith and life, and alone can bind the conscience of believers absolutely.

God

The Bible teaches one, eternal, knowable, sovereign God. He knows all things, and providentially oversees all things. He is merciful, righteous, loving, holy, great in power, and good in purpose. His glory is our, and His, chief concern.

Deut. 6:4, Isa. 45:5-6, 1 Tim. 1:17, Heb. 1:1-2, Ps. 103:19, Dan. 4:34-35, Ps. 139:1-4, Matt. 10:29-31, Exod. 34:6, Acts 17:31, 1 John 4:8, Rev. 4:8, Ps. 147:5, Rom. 8:28, 1 Cor. 10:31

Soli Deo Gloria – Salvation is of God and has been accomplished by God, and therefore to God alone belongs the glory.

Trinity

The Bible teaches one God who exists in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All three are uncreated, coeternal, and equal in power, glory, and honor. Each Person is distinct from the other and is capable of individual action. They are rightly worshiped as the one true God—three in one, and one in three.

Matt. 28:19, Rev. 22:13, Acts 5:3-4

God the Father

The Bible teaches that God the Father is an infinite personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. He does not possess, nor has He ever possessed, a body nor is He bound by any physical existence. He is transcendent and can only be known by self-revelation. He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is also the Father of those who have become His spiritual children through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Father is the proper recipient of our love, praise, adoration, prayers and petitions. According to His perfect will, He answers our prayers. As the Sovereign of the universe, He rules and overrules in nature and the affairs of men, guiding all things to their appointed end.

The Father's work in salvation compared to the other Persons of the Godhead:

- Foreknowledge, election, power and love pertain to the Father.
- Reconciliation, mediation and redemption pertain to the Son.
- Regeneration, sanctification and communion pertain to the Holy Spirit.

The Father creates, yet by and through the Son. The Son redeems, yet commissioned by the Father. The Spirit convicts and sanctifies, yet as sent by the Father and the Son.

Luke 3:38; John 1:12; 8:39-44; 14:2; 17:1; Rom. 8:15-16, Matt. 11:27, Ps. 103:19; 145:1-21; Matt. 6:6-11; 7:11; Rom. 8:28; 1 John 5:14-15

Person of Jesus Christ

The Bible teaches that Jesus of Nazareth was and is the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One. He is, and has always been, the eternal Son of the Living God. He is fully man and fully God. He was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a perfect life, taught the way of God's kingdom, worked miracles, suffered, died, and bodily rose again.

Matt. 16:16, 1 Tim. 2:5, Titus 2:13, 1 Cor. 15:1-8

Work of Jesus Christ

The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ lived a perfect life and died a shameful death that we might be counted perfectly righteous and forgiven of our sins. He was our sacrificial substitute. He defeated the devil, removed our guilt, and became a curse for us, bearing the weight of God's wrath we deserved.

2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Pet. 3:18, Rev. 12:9-10, Isa. 53:4-6, Gal. 3:13, 1 John 1:8-2:2

Solus Christus – Jesus Christ is the only Mediator through whose work we are redeemed (John 14:6; John 3:16).

Holy Spirit

The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit, working through the Word of God, supernaturally converts (regenerates) the hearts of God's people by making alive what was spiritually dead. The Spirit convicts us of sin, leads us to repentance, causes us to grow in holiness, seals us for the day of redemption that we might be assured of our salvation, and equips the church with spiritual gifts for the building up of the body.

Titus 3:5, 1 Pet. 1:23, John 16:8-11, Ezek. 36:26-27, 2 Cor. 3:18, Eph. 1:13-14, 1 Cor. 12:4-11

Creation

The Bible teaches that God created the entire universe out of nothing. Man and woman were the crown of God's good creation, being created in His own image. As image-bearers, we were created to worship God and reflect Him in true knowledge, righteousness, and holiness.

Gen. 1:1, Heb. 11:3, Gen. 1:26-27, Eph. 4:22-24, Col. 3:9-10

Fall

The Bible teaches that Adam and Eve, our first parents, rebelled against God and plunged themselves and all their offspring into ruin. Because of Adam's sin, we are all guilty sinners. We come into the world with completely corrupt natures, unable to do good. We are spiritually dead until God makes us alive in Christ.

Gen. 3:1-19, Rom. 5:12-21, Ps. 51:5, John 6:44, Rom. 3:10-18, Eph. 2:1-5

Salvation

The Bible teaches that we are justified – declared righteous before God – through faith alone, in Christ alone, by grace alone. The only way to be adopted into God's family is through union with His Son, Jesus Christ. Faith is the gift of God to a reprobate sinner; it is not produced by self.

Gal. 2:16, John 14:6, Eph. 1:3-6, Eph. 2:8-9

Sola Fide – Justification is by faith alone. By God's free grace, the righteousness of Jesus Christ is imputed to us by faith and is the sole ground of our acceptance by God, by which our sins are pardoned.

Sola Gratia – Our salvation rests solely on the work of God's grace for us (Rom. 2:4; Eph. 2:8-10).

Church

The Bible teaches that the church is the communion of God's people drawn from every tribe, language, people, and nation. This body, of which Christ Jesus is the head, exists

locally, and imperfectly, as the visible church. Jesus Christ has given His church two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

[Eph. 2:11-13](#), [Rev. 5:9-10](#), [Matt. 28:19-20](#), [1 Cor. 11:23-26](#)

Marks and Mission

The Bible teaches that God's people should be marked by Christlikeness, prayerfulness, joyful obedience, love of God and love of neighbor. We believe the mission of the church is to make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit to the glory of God the Father. As salt and light, we seek to reach the lost, love others in word and deed, work for righteousness and justice, and care for the hurting and needy.

[Eph. 5:1-2](#), [Rom. 12:12](#), [John 14:15](#), [Matt. 22:37-4](#), [Matt. 28:19-20](#), [Matt. 5:13-16](#), [1 Cor. 9:19-23](#), [1 Pet. 4:11](#), [1 John 3:16-18](#), [Amos 5:24](#)

Last Things

The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ will return to earth personally, visibly, and bodily as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. At His appearing, the dead shall be raised and the living and the dead will be judged. The wicked and unbelieving will be consigned to eternal punishment. Those belonging to Jesus will have eternal life in the new heavens and the new earth and live in ever-increasing joy to the glory of God.

[Acts 1:11](#), [1 Cor. 15:20-28](#), [Rev. 20:10](#), [Rev. 14:15](#), [Matt. 25:21](#), [Rev. 21:1-5](#)

Leadership

Community Bible Church adheres to the New Testament model of biblical leadership through the establishment of a plurality of elders, who oversee and shepherd the church, and through the appointing of deacons to minister to the physical needs of the church.

All elders are equal in authority and fulfill their specific ministry/emphasis in the local church. Each elder is to habitually exemplify the qualities of an elder as laid out in 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, 1 Peter, and the examples of other elders in Scripture.

All deacons, likewise, fulfill their respective ministries and must habitually demonstrate the qualifications of a deacon as taught in [1 Timothy 3:8-13](#).

These are the statements that distinguish us from other churches. Click on any of these links to find more information or call our offices at 858-549-7729 to ask questions. Our staff would be delighted to answer any questions you may have.