

WE BELIEVE

HERE YOU'LL DISCOVER A SUMMARY of the concepts that shape the way we desire to live:

We believe all people are created in God's image and are exceedingly valuable to Him. Central to the message of the Bible is that God loves people and invites them to live in loving relationship with Himself and loving community with each other. Therefore God's church should reflect the diversity of ethnicities, and cultures found within our community.

Genesis 1:26-27; John 3:16-17; Acts 2:42-47; Colossians 3

We believe that though God is one, he presents himself in three persons (Father, Son and Spirit)—the Trinity. As "Father," God reigns on high, pursues his righteous purposes, and will ultimately act as gracious judge of all creation.

Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19-20; John 14:15-17

We believe The Son, Jesus Christ, is completely God and became a complete human being. His life revealed God to us. His death satisfied the justice of God for the original rebellion and the evil that followed. His resurrection overcame the power of death and gave us life with God after death. Jesus is now with the Father and personally intercedes on our behalf. Some day, He will return to fulfill the eternal plan of God.

Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:1; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25

We believe the Holy Spirit is completely God and does the work of the Father and Son. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin and draws people to Christ. He also dwells within all followers of Jesus and transforms them back into God's image. He is available to empower them to walk in Jesus' footprints, and gives them spiritual gifts with which to serve the church and reach out to a lost and needy world.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:18

We believe God created humanity to have a close and personal relationship with Him. Our sins alienate us from God. Salvation is a gift given by God's grace, through Christ's cross, and as a result of the Holy Spirit's active work. Salvation cannot be earned through personal goodness or human effort.

God has specified that we respond to Christ's death for us through faith: believing that Jesus is God's Son, humbly repenting of sin, and being immersed for the forgiveness of sins. In baptism we immerse ourselves into Christ, joining his body and his mission. We demonstrate our salvation through a life lived under the lordship of Jesus.

John 3:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 3:23, 10:9; 1 John 1:9 - Romans 3:21-26; Romans 5:1-11; Ephesians 2:8-9

We believe all who follow Jesus are members of the body of Christ, the one true church universal. Spiritual unity is to be expressed among Christians by acceptance and love of one another across ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, national, generational, and gender lines.
Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:15; Colossians 1:18, 3:11; Ephesians 3:17-19, 4:13-16

We believe the local church is a body of believers who gather for worship, prayer, instruction, encouragement, mutual accountability, leadership development and community. Through the church, believers invest time, energy, spiritual gifts and resources to share God's love and fulfill the Great Commission.

Acts 2:38, 42-47; Matthew 28:16-20; Romans 6; Hebrews 10:25; 2 Timothy 2:2; 1 Corinthians 11:23-36, 12:7; Acts 1:8

We believe death seals the eternal destiny of each person. At the final judgment, unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation. Followers of Jesus will be received into God's loving presence and rewarded for their faithfulness to Him in this life.

Matthew 25; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9; 1 Corinthians 3:10-14

We believe the Bible is God's unique revelation to people. It is the inspired, infallible Word of God, and the supreme and final authority on all matters upon which it teaches. No other writings are vested with such divine authority.

Matthew 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 119:105-106

Church Government

Lawson Road Church of Christ is a non-denominational church led by leaders from within its own congregation, not an outside denominational office or headquarters. Lawson Road is loosely associated with a fellowship of over 13,000 similar churches nationwide called, "Churches of Christ", claiming over 1.5 million members in the United States alone. Although governed locally, Churches of Christ often combine their efforts to support cross-cultural missionaries, benevolent associations and over 20 Christian Colleges and Seminaries.