



OAK HILL CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP

Planting seeds that will grow

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OUR BELIEF STATEMENT

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WE BELIEVE that Jesus is the Son of God. His birth was divine. His life reveals God's will for us; and is our example. He died for our sins, and rose again to become our living Savior. He ascended to Heaven from which we confidently expect His Personal Return at any time, as He promised. [John 14:1-3]

THE CHURCH is His Body. It was divinely established. It is commissioned of Christ to go and tell "the Good News" to the whole creation. Christ is the Head of the Church. Division of His Body is sinful, and hinders evangelism.

MEMBERS are added to the Church (His Body, Family, Kingdom) by Christ only if they meet His terms of admission, which is God's way to become a Christian:

1. By Hearing the Good News and Believing it by Faith [Acts 16:30-31; Romans 10:17]
2. By Repenting (turning and forsaking sin) [Acts 2:38, 17:30; Luke 13:3]
3. By Confession [Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32]
4. By Baptism (burial in water) [Acts 2:38, 41; 8:35-39; Romans 6:3-6; Colossians 2:12]

BAPTISM is for believers only. It is an immersion in water for the remission of sins. We rise from the water in newness of life as a born-again believer. [John 3:5]

THE COMMUNION is an act of worship. It is a meeting of believers to keep the blood covenant until Christ's return. It is a memorial of Christ's death for our sins, and is observed every Lord's Day. [Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 11:23-32]

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD and is our absolute Authority. The New Testament is especially important for us, as it contains Christ's teachings, the beginning of His Church, the divine instruction manual for a happy Christian life. It assures us of the ultimate victory of Christ and His Church. [2 Timothy 3:16-17]

CHRISTIANS are meant to grow in character and in strength. This is accomplished by:

1. A life of faith and service every day (also seen in church involvement).
2. Faithfulness to the Church.
3. Daily prayer and Bible reading, which develops Christ-like spirit that helps others to believe in and accept the Lord. A Daily Quiet Time is a must.
4. Separation from the world.

Marriage and Sexual Purity

We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Matt. 19:4-6). We believe that marriage between one man and one woman, for life, uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church (Eph. 5:21-33). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18;

7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, cohabitation, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Oak Hill Christian Service Camp.

Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

Sanctity of Human Life

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps. 139.)

AN INVITATION: If you are not a Christian, you may become such by obeying God's plan of salvation. This obedience will make you a member of His Body (the Church). Christ invites you through us . . . will you accept Him today?