



The Invitation

Fill out a pew card with a prayer request
Put them in the Offering Plate

Come at 6:00 pm

The House of Prayer

Join in
The Word
Confession
And
Prayer

(Hinman-Hall)

Faith → Character → Conduct

Ephesians 4:17-24

I Thessalonians 5:21-22

Agreed Statement of Belief: We Believe

In one God-the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

That the Old and New scriptures given by full and complete inspiration, contain all truth necessary for faith and Christian living.

That all humanity is born with a fallen nature, and is, inclined to evil, often and frequently.

That the finally impenitent are hopelessly and eternally lost.

That the at-one-ment thru Jesus Christ is for the whole human race; whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.

That believers are to be sanctified wholly, following regeneration, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

That the Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, AND to the entire sanctification of believers.

That our Lord will return; the dead will be raised; a final judgment will take place.

**This sums up the foundation of our faith
and discipleship both for
Transition from our Lost Heart and for
Transformation as a Growing Disciple**

**The Interaction of
Your Faith,
Your Doctrine
Your Character
In Your World produces**

HOLY

CONDUCT

The Christian Life

- **Joyfully tell** how I went from old life values to new life values.
- Old patterns of conduct, the old mindset was “put off”. My thinking changed, my heart changed and no longer remained the means of doing life.
- All believers much wrestled with apps for doing life in contemporary culture but fundamental to all cultures and lands is the 10 Commandments.
- **Help** is found in “collective conscience” – the weight of fellow believers experience and faith.

- Ever experience the violation of your own conscience?
Violate the conscience of others? How did it work for you?
- **Boundaries formed by Freedom and Responsibility**
develop the soil in which love and ministry grows. Love is not enough – acceptance of boundaries + and – constitute obedience.
 - Keep life simple free of emphasis on wealth and extravagance
 - Cultivate awareness of how you or we might make a difference meeting the needs of others, especially the marginalized. God blesses us that we might bless the world .
 - Holiness does not distance us from needs
 - Holiness involves us in the lives of others
- **The Testing Principle I Thess. 5:21-22**
- Education matters because from it flows social and spiritual well-being for society.

- Public schools are limited and MUST be supplemented with the wisdom of spiritual life at home and church.
- Our Behavior Specifically – What are you doing that directly undercuts your love of God and people through your use of entertainment?
 - God cares about your use of leisure time.
 - Seek the highest common denominator of moral behavior, not the lowest one.
 - Talk with friends about that which mocks God or makes Him unbelievable and little.
 - Push back against literature, gaming, radio, TV movies, PC, internet that degrade life, affirm that which encourages.
 - Push back in the misuse of these things by using your gifts and talents in media and art to positively influence culture.

We Need a Standard for Discernment

- “whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of your body over mind, for you that thing is sin.”
- Some Collective things: Gambling, secret orders, forms of dancing, alcohol, drugs – illegal or misused legal drugs, divorce, sanctity of human life, human sexuality, stewardship....

The Heart of Our Story

Cannot be Church Centered

But Kingdom Centered

Church is not a vendor of religious services

Church is not a thing outside us

Church is relationship

Everywhere WE are, is the church

We are not defined by rules but by relationship

God's mission predates the church

He blesses us so we will bless the world

Grace **flows** down to us

To Go

Out **through** Us