

# Welcome To Life in Christ Fellowship

We are glad to have you visit our church. This pamphlet has been prepared to give you an understanding of our church's beliefs and goals.

## CHURCH BELIEFS

We believe the Bible is the Word of God. According to **2 Peter 1:20-21**, **"Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."** Based on the Word of God we hold these truths as the foundation of our beliefs:

**GOD IS OUR FATHER.** Jesus said, **"...I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."** (John 20:17)

**JESUS IS LORD.** **"...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."** (Philippians 2:10-11)

**THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR GUIDE.** **"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."** (John 16:13)

**THE BIBLE, OUR ROAD MAP.** **"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."** (2 Timothy 3:16)

**GOD LOVES MANKIND.** **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."** (John 3:16)

## LIFE IN CHRIST FELLOWSHIP GOALS

- To worship and praise God because He is worthy: **"In a loud voice they sang: 'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!'"** (Revelation 5:12) Therefore, we open our services with songs of worship and praise.
- To spread the gospel (Good News) of our Lord Jesus Christ: **"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."** (Matthew 28:19-20) On a global level, we support several missionaries in countries around the world. On a personal level, all members of the congregation are encouraged to be a light for Jesus within their own circle of influence.
- To teach the followers of Jesus: **"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."** (Ephesians 4:11-13) We provide programs to minister to *all* age groups on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

## GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

We believe God's plan was for Adam and Eve to live forever and to spend eternity with Him in the Garden of Eden. Death entered the world through their sin: **"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man (Adam), and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned."** (Romans 5:12)

Throughout the Old Testament there are more than 37 prophecies concerning the coming Messiah (the expected king or deliverer of the Jews) that were fulfilled by Jesus. Therefore, we believe Jesus is the Messiah sent by God to restore mankind's relationship with Him, so that we can live eternally with God. We believe that God wants all mankind to be saved, and that is His plan for *your* life: **"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."** (2 Peter 3:9)

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

While they were in prison, Paul and Silas were asked this very same question by the jailer: **"They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household.'"** (Acts 16:31) Is that the only way I can be saved? **"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"** (John 14:6) Don't I have to do something to earn my salvation? The answer is found in **Ephesians 2:8-9**: **"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast."** Does this mean that I can do anything I want? NO! **"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is**

dead.” (James 2:17) So which is it? Am I saved by faith or by works? We believe that a person is saved by faith, but it must be the kind of faith that produces actions that show evidence of that faith. In other words, we do good works because we are saved, not to earn our salvation. One of Webster’s definitions of lord is: *a ruler by hereditary right or preeminence to whom service and obedience are due.* So, if we call Jesus our Lord, and do nothing that he asks of us, whom are we trying to fool? God knows the intentions of our heart. **“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”** (Hebrews 4:13)

Does this mean that I have to be perfect? **“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.”** (1 John 2:1)

If you are not sure of your salvation, make Jesus the Lord of your life today. If you are ready to give your life to Jesus, pray to God saying:

***God, I am a sinner and I need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose again for my sins. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Jesus to come into my heart and life as my Lord and Savior.***

If you prayed that prayer for the first time in your life, welcome to the family of God. We rejoice with you! And, did you know, **“...there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”** (Luke 15:10)

We would like to invite you to continue your growth as a follower of Christ by attending services with us. If you already have committed your life to Christ but currently do not have a church that you call home, we would like you to consider calling Life in Christ Fellowship your home church. By gathering together, we are able to learn from each other and encourage one another. **“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”** (Hebrews 10:24-25) We hope you were blessed by attending services with us today and found something that you can apply in your life.

*Scripture quotations are from the  
New International Version of the Bible*

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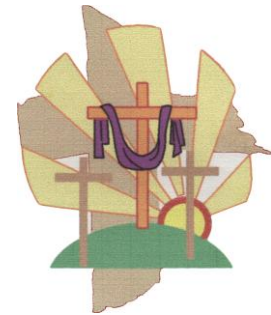
## **WINTER SCHEDULE**

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Family Night	7:00 P.M.

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Family Night	7:00 P.M.

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## Life in Christ Fellowship

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*God* is our Father  
*Jesus* is Lord  
The *Holy Spirit*, our Guide  
The *Bible*, our road map!