

“Christian Principles “ (abridged) Bible Fellowship Class (Core Beliefs—2 Of 4)

Our Convictions and _____

1. The **one God** exists eternally in the three persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14).
2. **Scripture** is inspired, wholly without error in the original manuscripts, and the sole authority for the Christian’s faith and practice (2Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:19-21; Jn 10:35, 17:17; 1 Cor 2:12-13). (see Leadership Class 401 question # 6)
3. All that exists was **created** by God; He made humanity in His own image (Gen 1:1-27; Matt19:4)
4. Adam and Eve’s disobedience **introduced sin and death** to all mankind, who fall short of God’s glory because of their own sin (Gen 3:1-19; Rom 3:23; 5:12-14). (see Good News, Bad news & Bible Truths for more information)
5. **Jesus Christ**, God incarnate, was born of a virgin, tempted but without sin, fully human and fully divine (Phil 2:5-11; Jn 1:1-15; Isa 7:14; Lk 1:26-35; Heb 4:15).
6. The **atonement of Christ** on the cross and His bodily resurrection from the grave demonstrate God’s love and provide forgiveness and eternal life (Rom 5:6-11, 1 Cor.15:3-11).
7. **Salvation** is available to all people by God’s grace, through personal faith in Christ, at the immersion of a penitent believer (Rom 3:21-25, 6:1-14; Gal 3:26-29; Eph 2:8-10; Acts 2:38). (see Leadership Class 401 questions # 2A,B&3)
8. The **Holy Spirit** inspired the authors of Scripture and miraculously empowered apostles and prophets to be the foundation of the church. Today, the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, regenerates and comforts believers, and indwells them for service in Christ’s kingdom (2 Pet 1:19-21; John 3:5-8; 16:8-11; Titus 3:5-7; Gal 5:16-25; 1 Cor 12:4-7; Eph 2:20).



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Access our church’s calendar, a sermon study/CARE sheet, Core Beliefs and list of key ministries of TLCC at this website: You can also donate to our church’s ministry online.

Download the daily Chronological Bible reading here:
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New Things I have learned this week about...

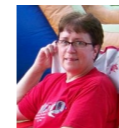
- ⇒ God’s plan of redemption for me,
- ⇒ my relationship with God and his desire to work in me,
- ⇒ my place in God’s intentions to work through me

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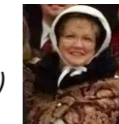
More T.L.C.C. Workers



Dawn Beaverson
(Administrative Secretary)



Penny Glover
(Accounts Payable Sec.)



Lori Garrett
(Janitor)



Linda Dumm
(Afternoon Bible Club)

<**Sandy Fincher**>
(Pre-school)

Fun Fact to consider:

Are you a SAINT?

“one separated from the world and consecrated to God; one holy by profession and by covenant; a believer in Christ.”

Ps. 16:3; Rom. 1:7; 8:27;
Eph. 2:19, Phil. 1:1; Heb. 6:10.
(Easton’s Bible Dictionary)



9. The bodily **return of Christ** will bring the resurrection of the dead and the final judgment of the righteous to eternal life and the wicked to everlasting destruction (Mt 24:29-51; 1 Cor 15:50-58; 2 Thess 1:9; Rev 20:7-15).
10. Christ has called **the church** to be holy, to carry out His Great Commission, and to build up all Christians. Each local congregation should be autonomous and unified, following the model of the New Testament church in government and practice (Mt 16:18, 19, 28:18-20; Eph 4:16ff.).

The following are four key doctrinal discussions that may be described as being held by some Christians through church history, but we do not believe are taught as biblical truths necessary for salvation nor accepted at Timber Lake Christian Church as true.

1. Teachings regarding **baptism** that we do NOT embrace nor allow taught to be biblical:
 - a. **Modes of baptism** - “Sprinkling” or “pouring” are not regarded as acceptable modes for baptism.
 - b. **Infant baptism** – Infants are not saved from eternal punishment by sprinkling them just after birth.
 - c. **Symbolic meaning** – The purpose of baptism is not to show “an outward sign of an inward work.”
 - d. **Baptismal regeneration** – The act of baptism does not save anyone who experiences it.
2. Teachings regarding the **security of the believer** that we do NOT embrace nor allow taught to be biblical:
 - a. **“Once saved, always saved”** – that obedience and faithfulness to Christ have no bearing on one’s salvation is not taught in the Bible.
 - b. **A works-based salvation** – that perfect obedience and righteous living is the standard of and reason for one’s salvation is not taught in the Bible.
3. Teachings regarding the present-day **work of the Holy**

Check Out this Resource!



If you haven't been able to get one of these books yet contact the church office. We have multiple copies available to TLCC members.

Let's Discuss This... #2

Membership Privileges?!?

Discuss among your group Benefits (Pros) and Hesitations (Cons) that you or other people may have about becoming a member of a local congregation.

Pros	Cons
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



"We want to help parents and grandparents assist their family to progressively take ownership of their spiritual growth."

Spirit that we do NOT embrace nor allow taught to be biblical:

- Seeking miraculous sign gifts** - The miraculous sign gifts are prevalent today for the purpose of supporting Christians in their daily walk and should be sought after by Christians is not taught in the Bible.
- Holy Spirit works only through the Word** - The personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit was only for Christians in the first century, while present Christians only benefit from the Holy Spirit directly through the Word of God is not taught in the Bible.

4. Teachings regarding **eschatology** (end-times theology) that we do NOT embrace nor allow taught as biblical:

- Dispensational Pre-millennialism** – The 1,000 year reign of Christ as mentioned in Revelation 20 is to be interpreted literally and that individual will have an opportunity to accept Christ after the secret rapture of the church is not taught in the Bible.
- Preterism** — The prophecies of the New Testament concerning the kingdom, judgment, and return of Christ were fulfilled by events in the immediate future of the writers with no end-times fulfillment to be expected is not taught in the Bible.
- Dominion or Liberation Theology** – The kingdom is ushered in on earth due to the efforts of the church in undermining human systems of government through either legislation of Mosaic law expectations or revolutionary behavior against oppressive rulers is not taught in the Bible.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A FAMILY MEMBER...

At Timber Lake we never ask our members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches. We only expect our members to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in the Membership Covenant.

COMMITTING TO THE T.L.C.C. FAMILY

"Being in agreement with Timber Lake's statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Timber Lake Christian Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other T.L.C.C. members to do the following:

_____ **Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior** (if not previously done)

Be _____ (Immersed) into Christ (if not previously done)

Protect the _____ of the Church family

- ... By acting in love toward other members
- ... By refusing to gossip
- ... By following the leaders

1 Peter 1:22; James 1:26; Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 13:17

I will share the _____ of my Church Family

- ⇒ ... By praying for its _____
- ⇒ ... By inviting the _____ to attend
- ⇒ ... By warmly _____ those who visit

2 Thessalonians 3:1 ; John 4:35 ; Philippians 4:21

I will serve in a _____ of my Church Family

- ⇒ ... By discovering my _____ and abilities
- ⇒ ... By being _____ to serve others
- ⇒ ... By developing a _____ heart

1 Peter 4:10 ; Ephesians 4:11-12; Philippians 2:3-8

Support the _____ of T.L.C. Church

- ⇒ ... By _____ faithfully
- ⇒ ... By living a _____ life
- ⇒ ... By _____ regularly

Hebrews 10:25 ; Philippians 1:27; 1 Corinthians 16:2

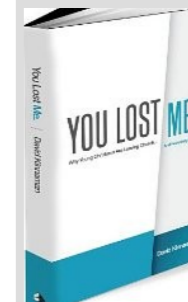
Our Mission

(How we perform our purpose)



Let's Discuss This... #3

Younger generations, those in their 20s and lower 30s, are seeing the need for membership from a different viewpoint than previous generations. What are your thoughts?



By David Kinnaman

Four Great Bibles

#1 English Standard Version (ESV) is the Bible we typically use to preach and teach from. There is a Study Bible version that is excellent

#2 Chronological Life Application Study Bible (NLT) is formatted in the historical context in which it happened rather than the typical Canonical order. It helps to have the doctrines described within the historical context they were taught.

#3 The NIV Spiritual Formation Bible has special studies and options explaining the purpose and benefits of the Spiritual Disciplines which help us grow in our life with Christ.

#4 The T.L.C.C. ESV version. This is an inexpensive paperback we designed when we changed to the ESV version in worship. The page numbers on the C.P. PowerPoint refer to this Bible.