

**CROSSROADS CHURCH**

# STATEMENTS OF FAITH

Seeking. Sharing. Serving



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# Mission & Vision

**Reaching the disconnected  
and growing the connected**

## Seeking God

In every aspect of our lives, we seek the living God – for guidance, for strength, for forgiveness, for love. We do this in worship, where we show our love for God through song and get to know Him through His word.

We also seek Him in our daily lives through devotion, prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Seeking God is more than a mission. It's our purpose in life. We pray you'll join us in making it part of yours, too!

## Sharing our Lives

Christ never meant for us to go through life as “lone wolves.”

In the book of Luke, Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. In other words, Christians should support one another, counsel each other, teach one another, and encourage one another in the faith.

We call this “sharing our lives,” and it's the second way we carry out our mission at Crossroads.

## Serving God in the community of Norwalk

The third leg of our mission is vital to our vision of being a community church. You might not realize it, but as many as 1 in 5 Norwalk residents live near or below the poverty line.

What is our response? God's word is clear:

‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Matthew 25:40

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# Core Beliefs

## What we Believe

- God is the Creator and ruler of the universe. He has existed eternally.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross and being raised into heaven.
- The Holy Spirit is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He lives in every Christian from the moment of Salvation.
- The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by sin.
- We can never make up for our sin by our good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can we be saved from sin's penalty.

- We value the belief that every person needs Jesus as their Savior and His Biblical moral compass to guide them through life.
- We value the Biblical truth that every believer has unique gifts to be discovered, developed, and used to strengthen the work of the church.
- We value the non-negotiable necessity that every believer has the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.
- We value children and youth and believe they have a special place in the heart of God.
- We value ministry decisions made by those closest to the front line of a ministry area guided by the purpose and value statements of Crossroads Church.

## What we Value

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# Baptism

In ancient days, God people circumcised their infant boys. This was an outward sign of an inward faith and covenant... they would be God's people and He would be their God.

Centuries later, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. This was a new outward expression, as well as a new covenant: Believe in Jesus as Lord, and you will not perish but have eternal life.

Baptism is an outward expression of the inward faith that Jesus is Lord. For infants, we promise to raise the child in faith. For adults, baptized individual acknowledge this faith for themselves.





# Communion

*If you believe  
in Jesus  
Christ as your  
Lord and  
Savior, you  
are welcome  
to join us.*

On the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples. "This is my body that is for you," he said. "Do this in remembrance of me." He also took a cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Following Jesus' example and instruction, when the church celebrates the Lord's Supper we receive gifts of bread and juice; we give thanks to God; we break the bread and pour the wine; we share the food and drink with each other. The Lord's Supper is a means by which Christ continually nourishes, strengthens and comforts us.

## **What happens during communion?**

Through our prayers and the sharing of bread and wine, we are joined to Christ and through Christ to each other. During Communion we remember what God has done for us. The past event of our Lord's death, resurrection and ascension comes into the present so that its power once again touches us, changes us, and heals us. We gather at the table with joy, eating and drinking to celebrate our risen Lord.

# Statements of Faith



## 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 of its dimension, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, or ever other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to deend, protect, and value all human life. (Psalm 139)

## Marriage

**God has ordained marriage and defined it as the covenant relationship between a man, a woman, and Himself.** Through our understanding of the Bible, Crossroads Church adheres to various Bible-centered principles, including that it goes without saying that marriage matters. God created and sanctioned marriage to bring together men and women, the complementary halves of humanity, by joining them in "one-flesh" unions. (Gen 2:18-25) Marriage between one man and one woman for life uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church. (Eph 5:21-33) Marriage also serves as the foundational unit of a stable society. (1 Cor 7:2) It provides the best chance that children will grow up in the same home with both their mom and their dad. Among many other negative cultural developments over the last several decades, the general acceptance of sex outside of marriage and other sexual sins, including homosexual behavior, constitute direct attacks upon this timeless and universal institution.





## ■ Marriage continued

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We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders 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.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: The uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25) 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, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10)

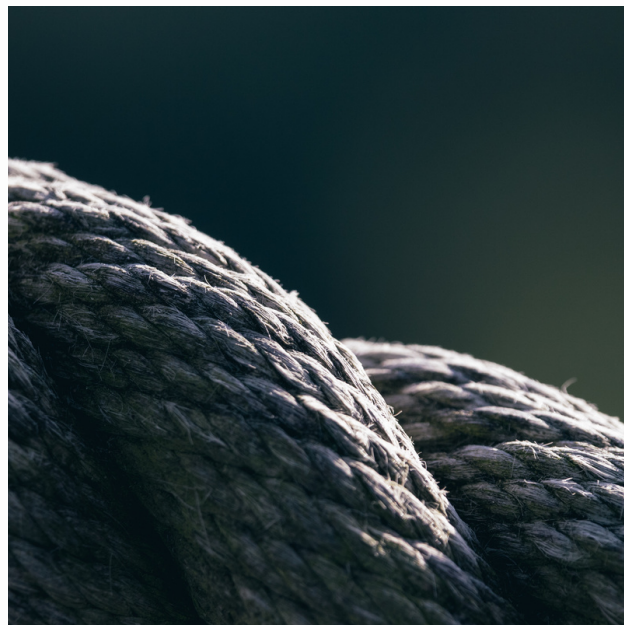






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We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Crossroads Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Crossroads Church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by crossroads church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22)



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 Crossroads Church. We believe the Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, and is the sole and final source of all that we believe.