

Community Church Leeds: What We Believe

We believe that everything in the Body of Christ is relational and God's family is the launching pad for all we do. We're part of the Salt and Light Ministries family of churches and we, together with the core leadership of our family of churches, have certain beliefs, values and commitments. This is how we want to live together in our part of the family of God! First and foremost at CCL, we are evangelical and have a commitment to certain beliefs clearly taught in the scriptures. We are also charismatic, seeking to live in the Spirit. And we are missional, with the saving work of Jesus Christ at the heart of all we do and proclaim. We believe in...

The one true God who lives eternally in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Deu 6:4; Gen 1:1; Isa 40:28; Joh 1:3; 4:24; Col 1:16; 1Ti 2:5

The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.

Gen 1:2; 2:7; Psa 103:1-22, 104:30; Job 34:14-15

The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God - fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.

2Pe 1:21; Mat 5:18; 2Ti 3:16; Tit 1:2; 1Th 2:13; Jer 1:9; Pro 30:56; 2Sa 23:2; Mar 12:30; Act 4:25; Rev 22:18-19

The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.

Gen 1:26; 2:7,16-17; Mat 19:4; Col 1:16; 1Ti 2:13-14; Gen 3:1-24; 1Ti 2:13-14; Eph 2:3; Psa 58:3; Jer 17:9; Rom 3:10-23; Isa 64:6

The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ - born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.

Isa 9:6; Mat 1:18-25; Luk 1:26-37; Joh 1:1-14; Rev 19:13; 1Ti 3:16; 1Jo 5:7; Isa 7:14

The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.

Rom 6:23; 2:23-25; 8:34; 1Jo 3:4; Isa 53:4-8,10; Eze 18:20; Lev 17:11; Heb 7:25; 9,11-28; 10:1-18; 1Pe 1:18 19; 2:24; 1Co 15:38; Luk 24:51; Act 1:10-11; Col 1:27; 2Co 13:5

The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.

Mat 28:1-10; Joh 20:1-9; Act 1:1-10; 1Co 15

The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.

Rom 3:21-31; 4; 5:1-5

The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.

Joh 3:5; 6:44; 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:6-11; Act 1:8; 5:34; 1Co 2:11 14; 12:13; Rom 6:9-11, 8:1-39; 1Jo 5:7

The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers - given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.

Eph 3:10-11; 4:11-13; Rom 12:3-8; Joh 12:44; Luk 10:16; Mat 5:13-14; Mar 16:20; 2Ti 2:12; 2Pe 2:1-3

The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth."

1Th 4:13-18; Joh 14:1-3; Zec 14:1-9; Act 1:10-11; Luk 11:39; Rev 20:6; 1Co 15:51-2

Living in the Spirit: We believe that the life of God comes to us through the Holy Spirit. We want to experience God's manifest presence as we worship and pray in the Holy Spirit. We see the Holy Spirit's ministry and gifts in the life of the believer and the church as a key to holiness, fruitfulness and effective mission, as every member is thoroughly filled with the Spirit, walks in step with the Spirit, and flows in the anointing and ministry of the Spirit.

Joh 1:33; 4:23-4; 7:37-39; Eph 5:18-20; Gal 5:16-26; Rom 8:5-17

Building the church: We believe that God plans to change the world through His church, the Body of Christ. We therefore want to see relationship at the heart of how we are called to build together; celebration of believers' baptism and breaking of bread at the centre of our fellowship, the release of 'every-member ministry', Ephesians 4 ministries as keys to God's mission; and church-planting as a call of God in expanding His kingdom.

Eph 3:1-10; 4:1-16; Phi 2:12-16; Rom 6:3-5; 1Co 11:17-34; 12

Seeking the Kingdom: Christ's primary call on our lives is to be a people who are centred on Him and seeking His Kingdom. We therefore are determined to seek God's Kingdom 24/7, in our families, at work, in leisure, and in the family of the church. We want to keep being transformed to be like the King. We want to preach, live and demonstrate the gospel of the Kingdom, attending to issues of injustice, care for the world, poverty and bondage in society.

Mat 6:33; 16:19; Act 8:12; 19:8; 28:23

Focusing on mission: We believe that God is on a mission to demonstrate his love to His world, to redeem the world from its sin, and to gather a huge family to himself from across the nations. As God's people, we must join him on the same mission. Therefore we want to be proclaiming the Good News; making disciples; demonstrating the Good News in every aspect of culture and society; seeing lives transformed by the power of Jesus; living the Good News; serving God in whatever nations of the world he leads us to.

Mat 28:18-20; 2Co 5:11-21; Eph 4:17-6:9; Rom 15:23-33