



ELLIJAY
CITY CHURCH

What We Believe

Scripture

- We believe there are 66 Books of the Holy Bible.
- Scripture (both Old and New Testaments) is God-breathed and given by divine inspiration.
- Scripture is our final authority in all matters.
- The Bible is the Living Word that is infallible and true.
- Context is important when interpreting scripture.
- **Hebrews 4:12, II Timothy 3:15-17; I Thessalonians 2:13; II Peter 1:21**

God

- There is only one true God who is eternal and exists as three separate persons: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **Isaiah 43:10-11, Colossians 2:9, John 10:30, John 1:1-5**

Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit dwells inside the believer and He is our helper who guides us into all truth.
 - **John 16:13**
- The Holy Spirit empowers us to live the way Jesus lived, do what Jesus did, and do even greater works.
 - **Mark 16:15-18**
- The Holy Spirit gives believers gifts to edify the body of Christ and equip us for service.
- **John 16:5-15, Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:17, Galatians 3:29, 2 Corinthians 6:18, John 16:12-14, Acts 1:4-8 and 2:4**

Salvation & Transformation

- The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ provides a way for all to be reconciled back to God.
- The finished work of Christ restores to believers everything that was lost as a result of sin.
- Salvation is the beginning of transformation.
- **Colossians 1:20-23**

Creation

- God created the earth and everything in it.
- God created man in His own image and likeness; male and female.
- God gave man dominion over His creation.
- The goal of God was not to create a religion, but to establish a family.
- **Genesis 1:26, 27, Genesis 2:7, Romans 8:15**

The Kingdom of God

- The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- The Kingdom of God is here and is available to all who believe.
- Jesus reintroduced the Kingdom of Heaven, and the government of God, to earth and restored man's authority in the earth.
- **Mathew 10:7, Romans 14:17, Isaiah 9:6, Luke 10:19, Matthew 16:19**

The Church

- Jesus Christ is the head of the Church.
- The Church is a family of believers who are commissioned to love God and love others.
- **Colossians 1:18, Matthew 28:19-20, Galatians 6:10, Mark 12:30-31**

Our Spiritual Enemy

- The enemy came to steal, kill, and destroy. Jesus came to give us life.
- The enemy has been defeated.
- Believers have power and authority over any spiritual enemy.
- **Ephesians 6:12, John 10:10, Colossians 2:15, Luke 10:19**

Prayer

- We pray to God the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **John 14:13-16**

Charity / Generosity / Giving

- Generosity can come in different forms:
 - Time
 - Talents
 - Treasures
- We give because we have already been blessed.
- Giving should come from a generous heart and not out of manipulation.
- God loves a cheerful giver.
- We have a nature that is like God and we should give ourselves as a living sacrifice.
- **Ephesians 1:3, 2 Corinthians 9:8, Hebrews 7:4, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, 1John 3:16**

Baptism

- Baptism of the Holy Spirit is entering into Christ's death and being raised to new life.
- Water baptism is an expression of a believer's faith, but is not required for salvation.
- **Romans 6:3-8, Colossians 2:12, 1 Peter 3:21, John 1:29-33**

Community

- God intends believers to walk in the following things:
 - Casting out devils
 - Speaking with new tongues
 - Protection from deadly things
 - Laying hands on the sick and seeing them recover.
- God intends and empowers His children to do the same types of works that Jesus did when He walked the Earth and even greater works.
- **Mark 16:17-18, John 14:12**