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# ...About Other Essential Beliefs That Shape Church Life

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## WHAT other essential beliefs do we hold at Hope Church?

#### The Bible as our sole authority

"Since God's Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority, we accept the Bible as our manual for living. Our first question when faced with a decision is "What does the Bible say?" We practice daily Bible reading, Bible study, and Bible memorization. The Bible is the basis for all we believe." 2 Timothy 3:15-17

#### Autonomy of each local church

"Christ is the recognized head of our church, not any person, group, or religious organization. While recognizing the value of associating and cooperating with other groups of Christians, we believe every local church should be self-governing and independent from any denominational control." Colossians 1:18

#### **Priesthood of every believer**

"The Bible teaches that every Christian is called to "full-time" Christian service, regardless of his or her vocation. We practice the truth that every believer is a minister by encouraging every member to find a place of service and ministry. Every believer has direct access to God through praver and Bible reading." Revelation 1:6: 1 Peter 2:9

#### Tithina

"At Hope Church, we teach and practice tithing for the support of Christ's body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving, **but do not** require it of our members and attenders." Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 6:21; 23:23

#### Immersion

"We practice baptism by immersion under water — the way Jesus was baptized, and the way the Bible commands." Colossians 2:12: Acts 8:38-39

#### **Spirit-led living**

"We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God's power within us. So we seek to practice a daily dependence on God's Spirit to enable us to do what is right." John 15:5

#### **Telling others about Christ**

"It is the responsibility of every Christian to share the Good News with those with whom God brings us into contact. We practice personal sharing about Christ and inviting friends to church." Acts 1:8: 1 Peter 3:15

#### The role of women in the church

"While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture." 1 Timothy 2:12; Titus 2:3-5

### WHY it matters:

A common \_\_\_\_\_ makes \_\_\_\_ \_ possible John 17:11b, 20-23; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Psalm 133:1 Based on \_\_\_\_\_, each local church must determine how it will...

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A host will

say "Hello"

So individual followers of Jesus can decide to \_\_\_\_\_\_ and advance the \_\_\_\_\_

#### WILL HAPPEN TODAY? NHAT







You will hear an encouraging message

We will receive an offering

We will sing some more

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- External The World Ephesians 2:2-3; Romans 12:2; Colossians 2:8; 1 John 2:15-16
- Supernatural The Devil
  *Ephesians 6:11-13; 1 Peter 5:8; James 4:7*

My God-given responsibility as lead pastor is to \_\_\_\_\_\_ you Ephesians 4:11-12

John 14:6; 8:32; 1 John 3:18; Psalm 145:18; Ephesians 6:13-17; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 4:4

## Memory Verse

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, <u>rightly handling the word of truth.</u>" 2 Timothy 2:15 ESV

# **Recommended Resources:**

Paper: "<u>What is a Worldview?</u>" <u>Bible Doctrine</u> by Wayne Grudem <u>Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know</u> by Wayne Grudem <u>What You Need to Know About Defending Your Faith</u> by Max Anders <u>What You Need to Know About the Bible</u> by Max Anders Message Series: <u>The Generous Life</u> Message: <u>STAND in Faith</u> Paper: <u>Basic Principles of Bible Interpretation</u>

# My Next Steps:

- o I'll memorize 2 Timothy 2:15
- o Today, for the first time, I'm choosing to follow Jesus!
- o I'll learn to properly read, study and interpret the Bible
- o I'll pray for Hope's Easter services and invite \_\_\_\_\_\_ to join me!
- o I'll \_\_\_\_\_



