

Following Jesus Involves

Bible Study

Studying the Bible and regularly applying it to life with humility and grace.

Worship

Participating regularly in personal worship and worship with others.

Prayer

Recognizing that much prayer brings much blessing since God is the source of joy, peace, wisdom, and strength.

Fellowship

Seeking the unity of the Spirit with others in the bond of peace.

Stewardship

Using the time, abilities, and finances that God has entrusted to us to accomplish His purposes.

Service

Helping others in our families and in the church grow as a disciple.

Self-Examination and Confession of Sin

Examining our lives through the lens of the Word of God and agreeing with God about the transgressions we commit.

Seeking Wisdom

Humbling ourselves and asking for all the wisdom we need from God.

Witness

Sharing the Gospel with gentleness and respect at every opportunity.



LAURELWOOD
BAPTIST CHURCH

WHO WE ARE



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Our Mission

Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

Matthew 28:19-20 & Matthew 22:37-40

Our Vision

Following Jesus Together

Our Beliefs

God: We believe there is one true God, creator of everything and existing eternally in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

God the Father is the first person of the Trinity, and sovereign in creation, providence, and redemption.

God the Son, Jesus Christ, is God's only begotten Son who died on the cross, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and will return to physically rule His thousand-year kingdom on earth.

God the Holy Spirit indwells believers at the time of salvation and is progressively changing, instructing, and empowering them spiritually for service and godly living.

The Bible: We believe the Scriptures are inspired by God and complete. We base all we believe and do on the Scriptures without taking away or adding anything to them.

Mankind: We believe that mankind was created by God but because of originally choosing to sin, incurred a sinful nature causing physical and spiritual separation from God.

Salvation: We believe that mankind is saved from the eternal penalty of sin by confessing with their mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and believing in their heart God raised Him from the dead. Every person's salvation decision is solely a matter between themselves and God and they may approach God directly with their prayers for

forgiveness of sins and petitions on behalf of themselves and others.

The Church: We believe that the church is made up of born-again believers gathering to grow in their relationship with God and each other; and, to proclaim the gospel of Christ to an unbelieving world. The offices of the church are Pastor (Elder, Bishop, Overseer) and Deacon or Deaconess depending on gender. The two ordinances of the church are the Believer's Baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper. The church precedes, does, and concludes everything in prayerful dependence on our Lord. The church has a clearly defined decision-making process to accomplish this with both excellence and a sense of urgency. The church supports civil government but the church's establishment, control, beliefs, direction, conduct, affairs, and activities are under the authority of God not the government. The church looks for who God has called and supplied with the spiritual gifts, passions, and resources to speak directly to the questions and misconceptions of our culture and bring together and minister to families and members of all generations.

Eternity: We believe in both the believing saved and the non-believing lost eventually living forever; the saved enjoying reward and the lost suffering punishment.

Satan: We believe that Satan is a fallen angel and the open, declared enemy of God and man.

Following Jesus Is A Process

Colossians 1:28-29

ENGAGING

"Deny Yourself"

Learn to become more like Jesus



EMBRACING

"Follow Me"

Accept Jesus as your
personal Savior



EQUIPPING

"Take Up Your Cross"

Help someone become like Jesus

EXPLORING

"Come & See"

Look into the claims of Jesus

