



LAURELWOOD

WHO WE ARE

Loving God • Loving People • Making Disciples

Our Beliefs

The Bible: We believe that the Bible, consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is God's infallible and equally inspired Word, inerrant in the original writings. It was written by men who were uniquely moved by the Holy Spirit and it is our final authority in all matters.

God: We believe there is one true God, Creator of heaven and earth, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are identical in their essential nature and attributes.

God the Father is the first person of the Trinity, and sovereign in creation, providence, and redemption. He is the author and giver of every perfect thing. He is the initiator of relationships and His children call Him Father. He graciously concerns Himself in the affairs of people, hears and answers prayer, and saves from sin and death all who come to Him through His Son Jesus Christ.

God the Son, Jesus Christ, is God's only begotten Son born of a virgin. He lived a sinless life, and being Himself fully God and fully man, atoned for the sins of the world by His substitutionary death on the cross. He bodily rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God where, as High Priest, He intercedes for His people. He is Lord over all and will personally and visibly return to the world to establish His Kingdom on Earth.

God the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He baptizes believers into the body of Christ, permanently indwells them at the time of regeneration, and preserves believers until Christ's return. He is progressively sanctifying, instructing, and empowering the believer for service and godly living.

Humanity: We believe that humans are created in the image of God and were originally without sin. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, all people incurred physical and spiritual death, which is separation from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature and are sinners by nature and by choice.

Satan: We believe that Satan is a supernatural being and the open, declared enemy of God and people. He will be eternally punished.

Salvation: We believe that humanity 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. Jesus died for our sins as our representative and substitutionary sacrifice. All who accept Him as their Savior are justified by faith alone on the ground of His shed blood, and not by any works or external ordinances by any person.

The Church: We believe that the church is made up of every born again believer since Pentecost, regardless of race, gender, or national origin and will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. The local church is an organized body of regenerated believers voluntarily associated together for teaching, fellowship, worship, prayer, service, and the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ throughout the world. It observes the biblical ordinances (Believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper). The church is enabled in its mission by the exercise of spiritual gifts, distributed by the Holy Spirit according to His sovereign will and purposes to all believers, to progressively sanctify the body of Christ.

Eternity: We believe in the sudden, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ and in His Millennial Kingdom. There will be a bodily resurrection of both the believing saved and the non-believing lost. The saved will enjoy the wonders of God's presence forever, and the lost will be punished through eternal separation from God in Hell in conscious eternal punishment.

Our Mission

Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

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

Our Vision

Following Jesus Together

Our Process for Following Jesus Together

Being a disciple means being a follower of Jesus. All believers are called to be mature disciples in Christ and to grow in our walk with Christ. We accomplish this when we follow Jesus and His method of discipleship. At Laurelwood, our process for following Jesus together begins with two very important things we ask every person to take part in:

1. Attend our “Larger Gathering”

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is the primary place where we all gather to exalt Jesus Christ. We encourage you to make it a priority to attend in-person every week that you are able or virtually if unable to physically attend.

2. Attend one of our “Smaller Gatherings”

Studying God’s word together with other people sparks conversations and relationships just as iron sharpens iron. To this end, we have several smaller gatherings you can be a part of. There is our 9AM “Equipping Hour” with classes for adults, youth, and children that meet at church before our Worship Service. We also have mid-week Bible Studies for men, women, and seniors that meet at church as well as Small Group Bible Studies that meet in people’s homes.

Being engaged in the Larger Gathering and at least one Smaller Gathering is the start of our process for following Jesus together. But it doesn’t end there! Other ways that we grow and become a more mature disciple of Christ include prayer, practicing hospitality, serving in a ministry, reading the Bible, giving tithes and offerings, and sharing with others our faith. At Laurelwood, there will be opportunities in our Larger and Smaller Gatherings to practice all these things as we seek to grow in our faith and follow Jesus together.

Personally 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.



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