

Theological Position of the Buckeye Lake First Community Church

We, the members of the First Community Church of Buckeye Lake, believe that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary and is the visible image of God and that He is the fullest Expression of God available to us.

Because scripture calls on us to proclaim Christ everywhere we go and in whatever we do, we recognize that our Christian beliefs relate to every facet of our lives. If we are to proclaim Him at all times, it is necessary that we maintain our Christian beliefs in all parts of our lives.

We believe that, in accepting that the Bible is without error and is the inspired Word of God, we must also accept the Bible in its entirety. The Bible informs us that Satan is a real presence in the world and that good will triumph over evil. We accept the Bible teaching that God exists in three persons: God the Father; God the son; and God the Holy Spirit (the Trinity).

In accepting that “the Holy Spirit is an active presence of God made known in spiritual gifts, we also accept the writings of Paul in 1 Corinthians chapter 14 in which Paul addresses orderly Worship Services. Our Worship Services are not characterized by speaking in tongues, and we believe that doing so in a public Worship setting would edify self rather than God, except as described by Paul in the above noted scripture reference. We believe, as recorded in scripture, which spiritual gifts extend beyond speaking in tongues and prophecy, and include wisdom, discernment, teaching, etc. We believe the Holy Spirit is capable of equipping all who do their part in seeking and accepting those gifts.

We believe that prayer can be as powerful or, conversely, as limited as people allow it to be. Through prayer, it is possible to receive strength, comfort, healing, and guidance. It is through prayer that we confess our sins before God and ask for His forgiveness, give Him praise and thanksgiving, and make our requests known. God’s will is then made known to us in His own time. In this way, God speaks to us personally and guides our daily lives.

Currently, communion is served once per month, typically on the first Sunday of each month. In December we also serve communion during the Christmas Eve Service and during the month in which Passion Week falls, we serve communion during the Maundy Thursday Service. The elements are normally distributed by the Deacons as the congregation remains seated. We believe the importance of communion is in the individual partaking doing so with the proper attitude and preparations of their heart.

Finally, we believe that baptism is an outward symbol of having experienced a rebirth in, and a commitment to Jesus Christ. Since we do not have a baptismal in our church, baptisms performed in the Church are done via sprinkling. If an individual prefers to be immersed, he or she and the minister would work out the details. Infant baptisms are not performed however infant dedications may be requested.