



we are **the body** of Christ

THE SSCC FAMILY

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know God. love God. live God.

# *Becoming part of the SSCC Family*

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## *SSCC Family...*

Being a member of SSCC is really about being part of a local family. All members are followers of Jesus who have been brought together by their faith in Christ. This unity is expressed in the way the people come together in loving God, loving other Christians, and loving non-Christians.

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.*

***Ephesians 2:19***

### **As a FAMILY we are committed to following:**

- Hanging out together
- Being there for one another even when you don't like it.
- Loving one another even when you don't feel like it.
- Supporting one another when you don't feel like it.
- Forgiving one another even when we don't feel like it.
- *Celebrating one another.*
- Laughing together
- Crying together
- Eating together
- Playing together
- Praying together
- Living in UNITY but celebrating our uniqueness

## *Mission and Focus*

***SSCC is a community of Christ followers who seek to Know God, Love God, Live God; for the purpose of developing followers of Christ who develop followers of Christ.***

***We seek to do this as a SSCC Family through:***

### ***Growing (Discipleship)***

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." **Matthew 28:19-20***

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### **Going (Missions and Evangelism)**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

### **Giving (Worship)**

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2*

### **Gathering (Community)**

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25*



# *What do we Believe?*

***The following is not an exhaustive list of our beliefs, but those that we see primary and foundational for unity within our local context.***

- **We believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible and authoritative written Word of God.**

Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21

- **We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**

Genesis 1:1, 26; 3:22; 11:7; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 6:8, 48:16, 61:1; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14

- **We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His bodily future return to this earth in power and glory.**

Genesis 18:1; Psalms 2:7; 110:1.; Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11;16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1- 20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

- **We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God. However, as a result of Adam's sin, the human race fell into sin, became alienated from God, and is totally unable to regain its former position.**

Genesis 1:26-27, 8:21; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-18, 21-23; Ephesians 2:1-3, 8-13; Colossians 2:13; Titus 1:15-16

- **We believe that salvation is offered freely to all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. His blood is the only means of cleansing us from sin through repentance and faith.**

Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3- 21,36; 5:24; 6:44; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12;

Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:23- 24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26;

1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5

- **We believe that all true believers, once saved, are kept secure in Christ forever.**

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-8; 1 Samuel 8:4-7,19-22; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31; Matthew 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34; Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44- 48; John 1:12-14; 3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18; Acts 20:32; Romans 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15; 11:5-7,26-36; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11; Colossians 1:12-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:12;2:10,19; Hebrews 11:39-12:2; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2.

- **We believe that every believer is empowered by the Holy Spirit, and can exercise the gifts of the Spirit for the purpose of building up the Body of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Ephesians 2:8-10, 4; Romans 12:3-8, 1 Peter 4:1-11, 2 Timothy 1:6

- **We believe in the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.**

1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:11; Philippians 1:6, Colossians 1:21-23; Hebrews 10:10, 14, 29

- **We believe in the resurrection of the saved and the lost; the saved to everlasting life the lost to everlasting damnation.**

Isaiah 2:4; 11:9; Matthew 16:27; 18:8-9; 19:28; 24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 9:43-48; Luke 12:40,48;16:19-26; 17:22-37; 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31; Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 15:24-28,35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:5; 3:4;1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 5:1; 1 Timothy 6:14; 2 Timothy 4:1,8; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:27-28; James 5:8.; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14; Revelation 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13

## *The Leaders (Elders) commit to the SSCC Family:*

- **to seek God's will for SSCC through prayer and manage SSCC resources to the best of our ability based on our study of the Scriptures and following of the Spirit** (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- **to seek growth in grace, truth, and love at SSCC** (Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:15-16, Colossians 1:28; James 5:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- **to equip the members of the church for the work of ministry** (Ephesians 4:11-16).
- **to lovingly exercise discipline when necessary, for the glory of God, the good of the one disciplined and the health of the church as a whole** (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20).
- **to set an example and join members in fulfilling the obligations of church membership stated below** (Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Peter 5:3).

## *What does it look like being a member of the SSCC Family?*

### ***As a part of the family, we seek....***

- **to pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading and prayer.** (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22).
- **to follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His Church:**
  - *by being baptized after my conversion*
  - *by regularly remembering and celebrating the person and work of Christ through communion.*
- **to regularly participate in the life of SSCC by attending weekly services and serving those within and outside of this church** (Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 3:14).
- **to steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts and finances. This includes regular financial giving, service and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful and voluntary** (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9).

- **by God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ. I will refrain from sinful behavior as the Bible dictates** (Romans 1:28-32; Romans 13:13; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:18; James 3:3-18). (1 Peter 1:13-16. 1 Peter 4:1-3).
- **The term "marriage" has only one meaning: a covenant between one man and one woman, in a single exclusive union, by which their status changes from two individuals to one flesh as God joins them together.** (Genesis 1:26 27; Genesis 2:15 25; Psalm 139; Matthew 5:27 -32; Matthew 19:3 -12; Romans 1:26 27; 1 Corinthians 6:9 11; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2 5; Ephesians 5:21 33; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Timothy 1:10).
- **I will seek to preserve the gift of marriage and agree to walk through the steps of marriage reconciliation before pursuing divorce from my spouse** (Matthew 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11).
- **to submit to the elders and other appointed leaders of the church and diligently strive for unity and peace within the church** (Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5).

## *Statement of Faith*

- The Bible is the word of God
- There is one true and living God who exists in 3 persons: God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit
- God created all things for His glory
- Men and women were created in the image of God
- God alone is the architect and finisher of our salvation
- The Holy Spirit gives gifts to His children
- The church consists of all who have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ for their eternal salvation
- Heaven and Hell are real places
- Jesus Christ will one day return to establish His Kingdom

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# *How do I become a part of the SSCC Family?*

## **1. Baptism**

Baptism is intended only for those who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and can give sufficient testimony to the basics of Christian beliefs.

*If you have not been baptized following salvation, we ask you to take this step before becoming a Family Member at SSCC.*

## **2. Statement of Personal Faith**

Confirm your statement of personal faith.

*If you have been baptized and confirm your statement of faith, you become a part of the SSCC Family.*



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