

## **The Church**

We believe that all who trust in Jesus Christ are immediately placed into one united spiritual body, the church, of which Christ is the Head and the One Supreme Authority. Christ's guidelines for church life are found in the Scriptures. The church is to glorify God by building itself up in the faith, by instruction of the Word, by fellowship and prayer, by keeping the ordinances and by proclaiming the gospel to the entire world. All saints are called to minister according to their gifts.

We believe two ordinances (regular ceremonies) have been committed to the local church: water baptism and the Lord's Supper. Neither baptism nor the partaking of the Lord's Supper has any merit in helping a person obtain eternal life.