

We Believe

Our Mission: To help people know and grow closer to Jesus

- ▶ In one God, eternally existing in 3 persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19, Deuteronomy 6:4-5)
- ▶ That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, in His virgin birth, sinless life, atoning death, burial and bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His personal future return in glory and power. (I Corinthians 15:3-4, Colossians 1:15-20)
- ▶ That the Bible is the inspired, infallible, living Word of God: The final authority in all matters of faith and conduct. (II Timothy 3:16) Indeed, "The Bible is our rule of faith and Christ alone is Lord; All we are equal in His sight when we obey His Word." (Quoted from the hymn The Church's Jubilee)
- ▶ That man is sinful and in need of salvation that is only available through personal faith in God's grace provided by the completed work of Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:22-25)
- ▶ In the ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and is gifted to minister. (John 16:7-15, I Corinthians 12)
- ▶ In the resurrection of the dead, the believer to life everlasting and the unbeliever to the resurrection of judgment. (John 14:1-4, 11:25-26)
- ▶ That the church is the one Body of Christ and is comprised of all who have accepted His redemption. That the local church is only a portion of the whole Body of Christ and members of the one church that choose to be a committed part of this local church are members here (John 17, Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 5:23)
- ▶ That this local church should do certain things as instructed by God's Word to enable the members to keep growing toward spiritual maturity: (Ephesians 4:11-16)
 - **3 ORDINANCES** – BAPTISM (Matthew 28:19-20) COMMUNION (I Corinthians 11:23- 32), and FEET WASHING (John 13: 3-17)
 - **REGULAR WORSHIP** – (Hebrews 10:24-25)
 - **GATHERING IN SMALLER GROUPS** for fellowship and training (Acts 2:42-47)
 - **PRAYER** – personal and corporate including anointing with oil and laying on hands (II Chronicles 7:14, Matthew 6:5-18, James 5:13-15)
 - **TITHING AND EXTRA GIVING** (Malachi 3:6-10, II Corinthians 8:7, 9:6-7, I Corinthians 16:2)
 - **MINISTRIES TO BOTH THOSE IN THE FELLOWSHIP AND THOSE OUTSIDE** (Ephesians 4:11-16, I Corinthians 4:4-7)
 - **DISCIPLESHIP OF EVERYONE** (Colossians 2:6-7, II Timothy 2:2, Matthew 28:19-20)
- ▶ All who have become Christian are members of the universal church and are welcome in our fellowship. There is no formal ceremony for becoming a part of the Pennway Church of God. Membership is through salvation. (Acts 2:47)
- ▶ God's church is intended to be a unified community and the dividedness among Christian people is inappropriate and unacceptable. Unity among Christians is not based on the achievement of full agreement on all theological questions. Rather, it is based on a common membership in the church through the grace of God. (John 17:20-21)