



## Living Roots Church Our DNA



The mission of Living Roots Church is to be the mind, the heart, and the hands of Christ. The Word of God and the Gospel of His Kingdom is planted within our heart. “And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty” (Matthew 13:23). We are to bear witness to the presence of God by embodying His love in thought, in attitude, and in works.

### We Believe:

1. We believe that the **Bible is the Word of God** consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired of God, and inerrant in the original writings and that they are the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe there is only **one Living and True God eternally existing in three persons** - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.
3. We believe that **Jesus Christ** was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man, and as such He lived a perfect sinless life.
4. We believe that man was created in the image and after the likeness of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and **that all human beings are born with a sinful nature** which is enmity against God, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word and deed.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that **all who believe in Him are justified** on the ground of His shed blood and righteousness.
6. We believe in the **resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord**, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest, Advocate and the only Mediator between God and man.
7. We believe in the personal and bodily **return of our Lord Jesus Christ** to set up His kingdom upon the earth, to reign in righteousness and justice.
8. We believe that **salvation is by grace through faith**, and that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God and that the Holy Spirit indwells all believers.
9. We believe there are two ordinances, **Baptism and the Lord's Supper**, which are divinely enjoined upon all Christians. Without merit in themselves, they express faith regarding the believer's identification and fellowship with Christ.
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the **everlasting blessedness of the saved**, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.
11. We believe that **all the gifts of the spirit continue to function** through yielded believers, and we witness to the experience of power as promised by Christ, commonly referred to as the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
12. We believe that no gift should ever be a test of fellowship and that no gift signifies or credentials the depth of the work of grace in a believer's heart. **The greatest manifestation of the resident Christ in a believer's heart is Holy love.**

Living Roots Church is a small gathering of people **rooted in Christ and growing in community**. We share these **community principles**:

1. **The Heart of Christ.** We are a community built upon faith, hope, and love in Christ and one another.
2. **The Mind of Christ.** We learn and grow from one another. We are in different places on our spiritual journey, with each member bringing unique church and life experiences. We value this diversity and embrace growth, building our individual and collective faith.
3. **The Hands of Christ.** We are on a journey, committed to walking together for the advancement of God's Kingdom by serving one another and those that God places within our reach. We desire to be God's instrument of hope and healing.

