



KINGAROY CHURCH OF CHRIST



What We Believe

At Kingaroy Church of Christ **we emphasise what we have in common**. We seek to operate by the familiar Churches of Christ saying, "In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, freedom. In all things, love" (Ephesians 4:1-7, John 13:35). Many of us have differing views on how we are to worship, the practice of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Christ's return and so on. It is important that these opinions do not divide us. The following points are the essentials of our faith:

God has always existed as three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the creator and sustainer of all things. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19)

As Father, God is absolutely loving and completely holy. He chose to adopt us as His children through Jesus. (1 Peter 1:15-16, 1 John 3:1, 1 John 4:16, Ephesians 1:3-5)

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, was crucified and died on a cross, rose again to new life after three days and later ascended to heaven. Jesus is fully man and fully God. (Philippians 2:6-11, Colossians 1:15-20)

The Holy Spirit lives within each Christian to guide, comfort and teach us. As we walk in step with the Spirit, He enables us to live out God's will for our lives and empowers us with spiritual gifts to build up the church and God's Kingdom. (John 16:13-15, Galatians 5:16-26, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Ephesians 1:13-14)

The Bible is the Word of God for all people at all times and is essential, authoritative and applicable for our church community. We believe God's Word to be without error, however we understand that human influence and interpretation will occasionally produce different conclusions on some matters. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

All people are tainted by sin, and reliant on God's forgiveness to be restored into right relationship with him. Jesus made this possible as He defeated the power of sin and death through His life, death and resurrection. Salvation, forgiveness and relationship with God come only through Jesus Christ as we repent from sin and accept Him as Lord and Saviour. Our eternal destination is determined by our response to Jesus, as He will return to judge both the living and the dead. (Romans 3:23, Galatians 5:6, John 3:16-18, Acts 10:42-43, Romans 10:9-10)

We practice baptism and communion to celebrate what God has done for us. Whilst we recognise that there are many forms of baptism in the Christian church, we teach and encourage baptism of believers by immersion. We share the bread and cup in communion as a participation in the death and resurrection of Christ. (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:1-4, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

God's call to **'love each other deeply from the heart'** guides how we treat each other. We encourage and expect followers of Jesus to become like Him in their attitudes and behaviour, but this must be worked out in an environment of grace. We allow people to grow at God's pace, not ours, as His Word and His Spirit bring conviction and power to grow. (1 Peter 1:22, 1 Peter 4:8, Ephesians 2:8-10, Colossians 3:12-17)

Commitment to God is far more than commitment to the local church, however we believe that **being in community at Kingaroy Church of Christ** means getting involved by praying, supporting, giving, encouraging and serving as God leads. Every person in the church community should actively minister by gifts and talents. We submit to our appointed leadership and to each other in the church community by mutual accountability. (Hebrews 10:23-24, Ephesians 4:11-13, 5:21, 1 Peter 4:10)