New Members 101 Class



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"What We Believe"



A Note from Pastor Scott:

I am excited that you believe God is directing you to become part of the Shoreline family. The New Members 101 Class "What We Believe" is designed to showcase our core values and bring you understanding of what God expects from every one of us if we are to live a life that is pleasing to Him.

As you view the video lessons make sure to fill in all of the blanks and make notations of any questions you may have. These questions will be answered to the best of our abilities when you complete the class and schedule your second interview. At that time it will be evident to you whether Shoreline Community Church is where God would have you to serve.

Our vision is that every man, woman and child in Greater Akron has the chance to experience the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ because they hear the gospel from the lips of someone at Shoreline Community Church.

Our purpose is to be a family of believers committed to reaching people with the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ, which is evidenced in believers who are REAL...

Reproducing Other Disciples Matthew 28:18-20

Esteeming God Above All Mark 12:30

Announcing The Good News Luke 24:46-47

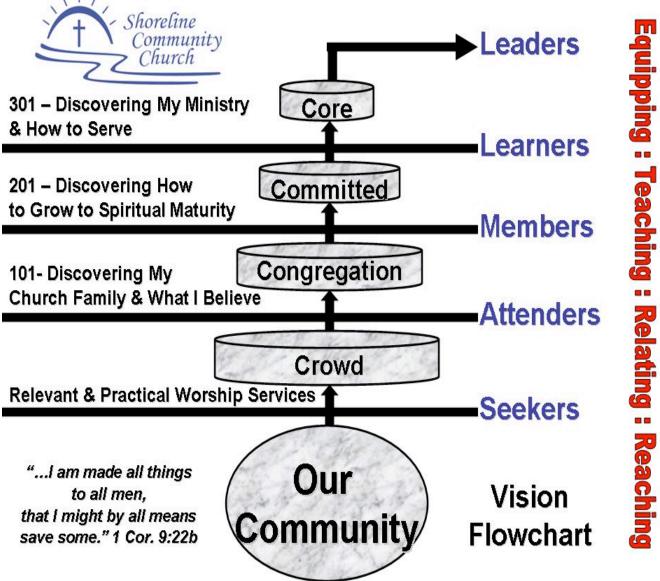
Living For Others - Mark 10:45

Finally, our goal is to ensure that *everything* we do at Shoreline Community Church is geared to see people come to **KNOW** Jesus, **GROW** in Jesus and to **SERVE** Jesus daily!

My hope is that you will find this video class experience rewarding and the beginning of a lifetime of spiritual growth and service to our Lord at Shoreline Community Church.

In His Service,

Pastor Scott Campbell



What We Believe – Lesson 1 - God

God			
•	We believe God the Father is,		He is an incorporeal
	being and a Person having self-awareness an	nd self-determination.	
John -	4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him	must worship him in	and in
•	We believe that God is self-existent, He is the	,	_cause (Psalm 90:2-4).
Ps 90	:2-4		
2	Before the mountains were brought forth, or	ever thou hadst forme	d the earth and the
world	l, even from to		, thou art God.
3	Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest,	Return, ye children of	men.
4 the ni	For a thousand years in thy sight are but as y ght.	esterday when it is par	st, and as a watch in
•	God maintains the absolute attributes of hol	iness (I Pet. 1:16),	
1 Pet	1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am		·
•	Love (I John 4:8),		
I Jn 4	:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God	d is	<u>·</u>
•	and goodness (Rom. 2:4).		
	2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodnes ing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to re		longsuffering; not
God a	also maintains the comparative attributes in t	hat	
•	He is omnipresent =	(Psalm 13	<i>39:7-12)</i> ,
Ps 13	9:7-12		
7	Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither	r shall I flee from thy p	presence?
8	If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I		
9	If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell	in the uttermost parts	of the sea;
10	Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy ri	ght hand shall hold m	e.

	hall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
12 Yea, the darkness hideth not j	from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and
the light are both alike to thee.	
•omnipotent =	(Gen. 18:14),
Gen 18:14 Is any thing too	for the LORD? At the time appointed I will
return unto thee, according to the tim	ne of life, and Sarah shall have a son.
•and omniscient =	(Psalm 147:5).
Ps 147:5 Great is our Lord, and of g	reat power: his understanding is

What We Believe - Lesson 2 - Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ

• We believe that Jesus Christ is	the infinite	begotten of God,
conceived of the	(Matt	. 1:18),
Matt 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Chris espoused to Joseph, before they came		
•and born of the	Mary (Matt 1:	18-25).
a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of D which is conceived in her is of the Hol	privily. things, behold, the angel David, fear not to take unt ly Ghost. and thou shalt call his n might be fulfilled which w child, and shall bring fort eted is, God with us. sleep did as the angel of	of the Lord appeared unto him in o thee Mary thy wife: for that ame JESUS: for he shall save his was spoken of the Lord by the h a son, and they shall call his the Lord had bidden him, and
• He is 100%	and 100%	with no division
of person or confounding of the	e two natures (John 1:1,	14).
John 1:1 In the beginning was the Wor	rd, and the Word was wit	h God, and the Word was
John 1:14 And the Word was made his glory, the glory as of the only bego	, and otten of the Father,) full o	dwelt among us, (and we beheld f grace and truth.
• We also believe that three anoi	inted offices belong to Ch	rist:
0	(Deut. 18:15-19),	

- 15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;
- According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.
- 17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.
- I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.
- And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

0		(Heb.	9:11-14),
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- But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;
- Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.
- For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:
- How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

0	and		(Acts.	17:7	7)
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Acts 17:7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

What We Believe - Lesson 3 - Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit

we believe the Scriptures clearly proclaim that i	ne 110ty spirit is an
personage with the Father and the Son (2 Coring 5:7).	thians 13:14; Matthew 28:19; 1 John
2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.	love of God, and the communion of the
Matt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptize of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:	zing them in the name of the Father, and
I Jn 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, that these three are	e Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost:
• The Holy Spirit as agl example for us to see the individual personalities experience the triune presence of God in our live	s of the God-head and therefore
Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but what and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine.	soever he shall hear, that shall he speak:
• The Holy Spirit is a person with throughout Scripture in the works of deity such a	who is associated
o the act of	
Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; a deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of	and darkness was upon the face of the
o the work of begetting	(Luke 1:35),
Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore born of thee shall be called the Son of God.	•
o and the work of regenerating	in salvation (John 3:6).
John 3.6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and the	t which is born of the Spirit is spirit

• *He is associated with Jehovah (Acts 28:25),*

Acts 28:25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

- *with God (Matthew 12:31-32),*
- Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.
- And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.
 - and with the Father and Son (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:4).

2 Cor 13:4 For though he was crucified through For we also are weak in him, but we shall live toward you.	, ,	God. God
• He is in the life of	believer, (Rom 8:11)	
Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up up Christ from the dead shall also dwelleth in you.	your mortal bodies by his Spirit th	

• and He empowers the _____ and ____ of the Gospel. (John 14:26)

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

What We Believe - Lesson 4 - The Scriptures

The Scriptures

	We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are verbally inspinerrant in the writings,	red of God and
	of the Bible are not inspired, neither are translations inspired. The Doctrin tion of the Bible means the autograph " or inspired.	
are "		
assured of the N family. irreleva "the" be and NC we have	se only copies of Bible manuscripts exist, human error can be found but we defend that we have the complete and accurate Word of God. For example: In own New Testament, readings are identical word-for-word, regardless of the man. Of the remaining ten percent, MOST of the differences between the texts a cant, such as calling the Lord "Christ Jesus" instead of "Jesus Christ," or putte efore a noun. Less than two percent would significantly alter the meaning of DNE of them would contradict or alter any of the basic points of Christian dee, then, is a dispute concerning less than one-half of one percent of the Bible we all agree on! Because there are over 14,000 manuscript copies of the New absolutely be confident of its accuracy.	er 90 percent nuscript are fairly ing the word of a passage, octrine. What le. The other
	and that they are of supreme and authority word is inspired (Matt 5:17-18; Prov. 30:5-	6)
	Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not com	
18 pass fro	For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shom the law, till all be fulfilled.	nall in no wise
Prov 30	0.5-6	
5	Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in h Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.	
•	in addition to all Scripture being and	
	inspired by God (II Tim. 3:16-17).	

2 Tim 3:16-17

- All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

What We Believe - Lesson 5 - Man

Man	V	Гa	n
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•	We believe that man is created by God in 1:27).	ı the	of God (Gen.
	:27 d created man in his own image, in the im d he them.	age of God created he him; m	ale and female
•	The image of God in man is seen in man	's	
	and	aspec	cts in addition to
	man's		
•	Man possesses both a	nature (I Co.	r. 15:44-52)
a spirit 45 a quic 46 which 47 48 also th 49 heave: 50 doth c 51 52	kening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spirit is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the same as the earthy, such are they also that a nat are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy.	was made a living soul; the lactual, but that which is natural; second man is the Lord from here earthy: and as is the heaven earthy, we shall also bear the ir clood cannot inherit the kingdo not all sleep, but we shall all be at the last trump: for the trump	ast Adam was made and afterward that neaven. ally, such are they mage of the om of God; neither one changed,
•	and	_ nature (Heb. 4:12).	
	:12 e word of God is quick, and powerful, and dividing asunder of ioints and marrow, and is a discerner of th		

•	Man, in Adam, chose by his ownbroke God's Law through disobedience.	to disobey God and
•	Therefore Adam's sinand	all mankind from God and incurs death to all mankind
	(Romans 5:12; 6:23).	acun to un manunu
n ś	5:12	

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Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Rom 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What We Believe - Lesson 6 - Salvation

Salvation

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Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

• We believe that all people who believe Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:5, 8-9)	e and receive by faith	the
Eph 2:5		
Even when we were dead in sins, hath quicke ye are saved;)	ened us together with Christ, (by	
Eph 2:8-9		
For by grace are ye saved through	; and that no	ot of yourselves:
it is the gift of God:	1 111 4	
9 Not of	_, lest any man should boast.	
• are	of the Holy Spirit (John 3:7)	
John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be behaving their sins forgiven (I John 1)	-	
I Jn 1:9-10		
If we confess our sins, he is	and	to
forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all	l unrighteousness.	
•and become children of God (I John	n 3:1-2)	
I Jn 3:1-2		
1 Behold, what manner of love the Fath	<u> •</u>	should be called
the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God know that, when he shall appear, we shall be	like him; for we shall see him as he	e shall be: but we e is.
•and	of eternal life (Rom 8:14-17).	
Rom 8:14-17		
14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of	f God, they are the sons of God.	

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the

- 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

•	We firmly believe this relationship between (God and man is
	(Eph. 4:3	30; II Tim. 2:13).

Eph 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are _____ unto the day of redemption.

2 Tim 2:13

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

• We believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary as a ______for mankind (Isa. 53:10)

Isa 53:10

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

• ... paying the demands of the Law (Col. 2:14)

Col 2:14

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, _______ it to his cross;

• ... to provide salvation for ______ people (II Pet. 2:1).

2 Pet 2:1

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Heb 10:10

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

What We Believe - Lesson 7 - Church

Church

We believe in the Church, the	Body of Christ, whose mission it is to to all to	he world (Mk 16:15)
Mark 16:15	I the world, and preach the gospel to ev	ary craatura
And he said unto them, do ye into an	t the world, and preach the gosper to ev	cry creature.
•with its endeavors being sup	pported by the freewill	and
	of the people (Mal 3:10-12; I Cor.	
Mal 3:10-12		
Bring ye all the	into the storehouse, t	hat there may be
meat in mine house, and	me now herewith, sa ows of heaven, and pour you out a bless	ith the LORD of
	ows of heaven, and pour you out a bless	sing, that there shall
not be room enough to receive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devoure	C 1 11 1 11 4 1 4	41 C :4 C
ground; neither shall your vine cast h	er for your sakes, and he shall not destro er fruit before the time in the field, sait blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome l	h the LORD of hosts.
1 Cor 16:2 Upon the first day of the week let eve him, that there be no gatherings when	ery one of you lay by him in store, as G in I come.	od hath prospered
	rs of the Church, given by our Lord, are	
Acts 2:41)	_ (by immersion following conversion)	(Matt. 29:19-20;
Matt 28:19-20		
	nations, baptizing them in the name of	the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:	<i>y</i> 1 2	,
Teaching them to observe all with you alway, even unto the end of	things whatsoever I have commanded y the world. Amen.	vou: and, lo, I am
Acts 2:41		
Then they that gladly there were added unto them about thr	his word were baptized: an ree thousand souls.	nd the same day
• and the Lord's	(I Cor. 11:2.	5-26) (communion).

1 Cor 11:25-26

- After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in ______ of m 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he
- come.

Membership Matters

What is the Shoreline Community Church Membership Covenant?

The difference between attenders and members can be summed up in one word: commitment. It's like the difference between couples who just "live together" and those who get married. While becoming a Christian means to commit yourself to Christ, becoming a church member means to commit yourself to other Christians. It is a commitment to a specific group of believers; a commitment to practice the one-another's of the New Testament.

Paul mentions two different types of commitment in 2 Corinthians 8:5: "First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God's will, they gave themselves to us as well." (Good News) At Shoreline, we call these the first-base commitments. You commit yourself to Christ for salvation and then you commit yourself to other Christians for membership in our church family.

In our church we define koinonia (fellowship) as "being as committed to each other as we are to Jesus Christ."

Jesus said that our love for each other was to be the mark of discipleship (John 13:33-34).

I believe it's an indictment of American Christianity that most believers can quote John 3:16, but they can't quote 1 John 3:16: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." When was the last time you heard a message on this verse? Today, most churches are silent about developing that level of commitment to each other.

The phrase "one another" or "each other" is used more than 50 times in the New Testament. We are commanded to love each other, pray for each other, encourage each other, admonish each other, greet each other, serve each other, teach each other, accept each other, honor each other, bear each other's burdens, forgive each other, sing to each other, submit to each other and be devoted to each other. All of these commands are what membership in a local body of believers is all about. These are the responsibilities of membership.

At Shoreline, we only expect of our members what the Bible clearly expects of all believers. These expectations are summarized in our Membership Covenant.

The most important part of a marriage ceremony is when the man and woman exchange vows. Before witnesses and God, they make certain promises to each other. This covenant between them is the essence of the marriage. In the same way, I believe the essence of church membership is contained in the willingness to commit to a membership covenant. It is the most important element of our membership class.

Throughout the Bible and church history, spiritual covenants have been made between people in order for mutual edification and accountability.

At Shoreline we have four requirements for membership:

- 1) A personal profession of Christ as Lord and Savior.
- 2) Baptism by immersion as a public symbol of one's faith.
- 3) Completion of the membership class.
- 4) A signed commitment to abide by Shorelines' membership covenant.

The Shoreline Community Church Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Shoreline's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Shoreline church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By acting in love toward other members
- ...By refusing to gossip
- ...By following the leaders
- "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." [Romans 14:19 KJV]
- "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:" [1 Peter 1:22 KJV]
- "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." [Ephesians 4:29 KJV]
- "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

[Hebrews 13:17 - KJV]

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By praying for its growth
- ...By inviting the unchurched to attend

...By warmly welcoming those who visit

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;" [1 Thessalonians 1:2 - KJV]

"And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." [Luke 14:23 - KJV]

"Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God." [Romans 15:7 - KJV]

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By discovering my gifts and talents
- ...By being equipped to serve by my pastors
- ...By developing a servant's heart
- "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." [1 Peter 4:10 KJV]
- "And he gave some...pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:" [Ephesians 4:11-12 KJV]

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." [Philippians 2:3-4 - KJV]

"But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:" [Philippians 2:7 - KJV]

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By attending faithfully
- ...By living a godly life
- ...By giving regularly

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." [Hebrews 10:25 - KJV]

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;" [Philippians 1:27 - KJV]

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." [1 Corinthians 16:2 - KJV]

"...30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy unto the LORD." [Leviticus 27:30 - KJV]

Signature:	 	
Printed Name:		
Date:		

If you have completed the 101 New Members Class "What We Believe" and would like become a member of Shoreline Community Church, please contact us to set up an appointment where we can discuss your class experience and answer any questions or concerns you may have.

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