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Mission Statement

The Jefferson City - Church of God in Christ is a Christian ministry that is committed to the clear preaching and teaching of God’s Word, to equip and empower saints of God to witness by precept and example in their homes, the workplace and community in which we live in order that souls might be saved.
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Expectations

What Does the Church Expect of You?

- A Christ lifestyle
- Faithfulness to the services
- Financial support through tithes and offerings
- Participation in training and equipping ministries of the church
- Involvement in church activities and ordinances
- Each member to reach and win souls for Christ

What you Should Expect From Your Church?

- Anointed Bible-based preaching and teaching
- Spirit-filled praise and worship experience
- A loving and warm church family atmosphere
- Opportunity for personal/ministry development
- Financial accountability
- Ordinance observances
- Crises support
- Bible based counseling
Order of Services

Sunday:
- 10:00 am - Prayer
- 10:15 am - Sunday School
- 11:45 am - Morning Worship Service
- 6:00 pm - YPWW (Bible Study)
- 1st Sunday: Communion Service (each quarter)

Tuesday:
- 6:00 pm - Bible Band (Bible Study)
- 6:00 pm - Men's Meeting (2nd Tuesday)

Thursday:
- 6:00 pm - Prayer Service
- 7:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday:
- Rehearsal as scheduled

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Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.

We believe that there is one God eternally existent in three persons; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ at His return.

We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance, faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ, and being baptized in water.

We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.

We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit: by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world. AMEN.
The Doctrine of the Church of God in Christ

THE BIBLE
We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and contains one harmonious and sufficiently complete system of doctrine. We believe in the full inspiration of the Word of God. We hold the Word of God to be the only authority in all matters and assert that no doctrine can be true or essential, if it does not find a place in this Word.

THE FATHER
We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Author and Creator of all things. The Old Testament reveals God in diverse manners, by manifesting his nature, character, and dominions. The Gospels in the New Testament give us knowledge of God the "Father" or "My Father", showing the relationship of God to Jesus as Father, or representing Him as the Father in the Godhead, and Jesus himself that Son (St. John 15:8, 14:20). Jesus also gives God the distinction of "Fatherhood" to all believers when he explains God in the light of "Your Father in Heaven" (St. Matthew 6:8).

THE SON
We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Second person in the Godhead of the Trinity or Triune Godhead. We believe that Jesus was and is eternal in his person and nature as the Son of God who was with God in the beginning of creation (St. John 1:1). We believe that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin called Mary according to the scripture (St. Matthew 1:18), thus giving rise to our fundamental belief in the Virgin Birth and to all of the miraculous events surrounding the phenomenon (St. Matthew 1:18-25). We believe that Jesus Christ became the "suffering servant" to man; this suffering servant came seeking to redeem man from sin and to reconcile him back to God, his Father (Romans 5:10). We believe that Jesus Christ is standing now as mediator between God and man (I Timothy 2:5)
THE HOLY GHOST

We believe the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, proceeds from the Father and the Son, is of the same substance, equal to power and glory, and is together with the Father and the Son, to be believed in, obeyed, and worshipped. The Holy Ghost is a gift bestowed upon the believer for the purpose of equipping and empowering the believer, making him a more effective witness for service in the world. He teaches and guides one into all truth (John 16:13; Acts 1:8, 8:39).

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is an experience subsequent to conversion and sanctification and that tongue-speaking is the consequence of the baptism in the Holy Ghost with the manifestations of the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 10:46, 19:1-6). We believe that we are not baptized with the Holy Ghost in order to be saved (Acts 19:1-6; John 3:5). When one receives a baptismal Holy Ghost experience, we believe one will speak with a tongue unknown to oneself according to the sovereign will of Christ. To be filled with the Spirit means to be Spirit controlled as expressed by Paul in Ephesians 5:18-19. Since the charismatic demonstrations were necessary to help the early church to be successful in implementing the command of Christ, we therefore, believe that a Holy Ghost experience is mandatory for all men today.

MAN

We believe that man was created holy by God, composed of body and soul. We believe that man, by nature, is sinful and unholy. Being born in sin, he needs to be born again, sanctified and cleansed from all sins by the blood of Jesus. We believe that man is saved by confessing and forsaking his sins, and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, and that having become a child of God, by being born again and adopted into the family of God, he may, and should, claim the inheritance of the sons of God, namely the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
SIN

Sin, the Bible teaches, began in the angelic world (Ezekiel 28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-20), and is transmitted into the blood of the human race through disobedience and deception motivated by unbelief (I Timothy 2:14). Adam's sin, committed by eating of the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, carried with it permanent pollution or depraved human nature to all his descendants. This is called "original sin." Sin can now be defined as a volitional transgression against God and a lack of conformity to the will of God. We, therefore, conclude that man by nature, is sinful and that he has fallen from a glorious and righteous state from which he was created, and has become unrighteous and unholy. Man, therefore, must be restored to his state of holiness from which he has fallen by being born again (St. John 3:7).

SALVATION

Salvation deals with the application of the work of redemption to the sinner with his restoration to divine favor and communion with God. This redemptive operation of the Holy Ghost upon sinners is brought about by repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ which brings conversion, faith, justification regeneration, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Repentance is the work of God, which results in a change of mind in respect to man's relationship to God. (St. Matthew 3:1-2, 4:17; Acts 20:21). Faith is a certain conviction wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit, as to the truth of the Gospel and a heart trust in the promises of God in Christ (Romans 1:17, 3:28; St. Matthew 9:22; Acts 26:18). Conversion is that act of God whereby He causes the regenerated sinner, in his conscious life, to turn to Him in repentance and faith (II Kings 5:15; II Chronicles 33:12-13; St. Luke 19:8, 9; Acts 8:30). Regeneration is that act of God by which the principle of the new life is implanted in man, and the governing disposition of soul is made holy and the first holy exercise of this new disposition is secured. Sanctification is that gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Ghost, by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews his whole nature in the image of God and enables him to perform good works (Romans 6:4;5:6; Colossians 2:12; 3:1).
ANGELS

The Bible uses the term "angel" (a heavenly body) clearly and primarily to denote messengers or ambassadors of God with such scripture references as Revelations 4:5, which indicates their duty in heaven to praise God (Psalm 103:20), to do God's will (St. Matthew 18:10) and to behold his face. But since heaven must come down to earth, they also have a mission to earth. The Bible indicates that they accompanied God in the Creation, and also that they will accompany Christ in His return in Glory.

DEMONS

Demons denote unclean or evil spirits; they are sometimes called devils or demonic beings. They are evil spirits, belonging to the unseen or spiritual realm, embodied in human beings. The Old Testament refers to the prince of demons, sometimes called Satan (Adversary) or Devil, as having power and wisdom, taking the habitation of other forms such as the serpent (Genesis 3:1). The New Testament speaks of the Devil as Tempter (St. Matthew 4:3) and it goes on to tell the works of Satan, The Devil, and Demons as combating righteousness and good in any form, proving to be an adversary to the saints. Their chief power is exercised to destroy the mission of Jesus Christ. It can well be said that the Christian Church believes in Demons, Satan, and Devils. We believe in their power and purpose. We believe they can be subdued and conquered as in the commandment to the believer by Jesus. "In my name they shall cast out Satan and the work of the Devil and to resist him and then he will flee (WITHDRAW) from you." (St. Mark 16:17).

THE CHURCH

The Church forms a spiritual unity of which Christ is the divine head. It is animated by one Spirit, the Spirit of Christ. It professes one faith, shares one hope, and serves one King. It is the citadel of the truth and God's agency for communicating to believers all spiritual blessings. The Church then is the object of our faith rather than of knowledge. The name of our Church, "CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST" is supported by I Thessalonians 2:14 and other passages in the Pauline Epistles. The word "CHURCH" or "EKKLESIA" was first applied to the Christian society by Jesus Christ in St. Matthew 16:18, the occasion being that of his benediction of Peter at Caesarea Phillippi.
THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

We believe in the second coming of Christ; that He shall come from heaven to earth, personally, bodily, visibly (Acts 1:11; Titus 2:11-13; St. Matthew 16:27; 24:30; 25:30; Luke 21:27; John 1:14, 17; Titus 2:11) and that the Church, the bride, will be caught up to meet Him in the air (I Thessalonians, 4:16-17). We admonish all who have this hope to purify themselves as He is pure.

DIVINE HEALING

The Church of God in Christ believes in and practices Divine Healing. It is a commandment of Jesus to the Apostles (St. Mark 16:18). Jesus affirms his teachings on healing by explaining to His disciples, who were to be Apostles, that healing the afflicted is by faith (St. Luke 9:40-41). Therefore, we believe that healing by faith in God has scriptural support and ordained authority. St. James' writings in his epistle encourage Elders to pray for the sick, lay hands upon them and to anoint them with oil, and that prayers with faith shall heal the sick and the Lord shall raise them up. Healing is still practiced widely and frequently in the Church of God in Christ, and testimonies of healing in our Church testify to this fact.

MIRACLES

The Church of God in Christ believes that miracles occur to convince men that the Bible is God's Word. A miracle can be defined as an extraordinary visible act of Divine power, wrought by the efficient agency of the will of God, which has as its final cause the vindication of the righteousness of God's word. We believe that the works of God, which were performed during the beginnings of Christianity, do and will occur even today where God is preached, Faith in Christ is exercised, The Holy Ghost is active, and the Gospel is promulgated in the truth (Acts 5:15; 6:8; 9:40; Luke 4:36, 7:14-15; 5:5-6; St. Mark 14:15).
THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH

It is generally admitted that for an ordinance to be valid, it must have been instituted by Christ. When we speak of ordinances of the church, we are speaking of those instituted by Christ, in which by sensible signs the grace of God in Christ, and the benefits of the covenant of grace are represented, sealed, and applied to believers, and these in turn give expression to their faith and allegiance to God. The Church Of God In Christ recognizes three ordinances as having been instituted by Christ himself and therefore, binding upon the church practice.

A. THE LORD'S SUPPER (HOLY COMMUNION)

The Lord's Supper symbolizes the Lord's death and suffering for the benefit and in the place of His people. It also symbolizes the believer's participation in the crucified Christ. It represents not only the death of Christ as the object of faith which unites the believers to Christ, but also the effect of this act as the giving of life, strength, and joy to the soul. The communicant by faith enters into a special spiritual union of his soul with the glorified Christ.

B. FEET WASHING

Feet Washing is practiced and recognized as an ordinance in our Church because Christ, by His example, showed that humility characterized greatness in the Kingdom of God, and that service, rendered to others gave evidence that humility, motivated by love, exists. These services are held subsequent to the Lord's Supper; however, its regularity is left to the discretion of the Pastor in charge.
C. WATER BAPTISM

We believe that Water Baptism is necessary as instructed by Christ in St. John 3:5, "UNLESS MAN BE BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT."

However, we do not believe that water baptism alone is a means of salvation, but is an outward demonstration that one has already had a conversion experience and has accepted Christ as his personal Savior. As Pentecostals, we practice immersion in preference to "SPRINKLING", because immersion corresponds more closely to the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord (Colossians 2:12). It also symbolizes regeneration and purification more than any other mode. Therefore, we practice immersion as our mode of Baptism. We believe that we should use the Baptismal Formula given us by Christ for all "...IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST." (St. Matthew 28:19)
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Women's Department

MOTHERS' BOARD - Our Mothers' Board functions under the authority of our Pastor and under the direction of our Church Mother. It is our responsibility to teach the women things that they should know to be godly, clean saints, effective wives and mothers and how to support the church and the pastor. It is also the responsibility of the Mothers' Board to build up every auxiliary of the Women's Department. We believe that our pastor should be able to ask any reasonable request of the Mothers' board and then look for the results.

MISSIONARY BOARD - To uphold the doctrine of the Church of God in Christ through service to others. We believe that missionaries are called, not made and are therefore first under the authority of God and then subject to the direction of our pastor. Missionaries must be saved, sanctified and Holy Ghost Filled. Missionaries at JC COGIC are to be of comfort and help wherever there is a need. Visiting the sick, administering to the needs of the poor, reaching unsaved family members and others and teaching the word of God. Our mission is to set an example of holy living to all with whom we come in contact.

PRAYER & BIBLE BAND - Having the distinction of being the oldest auxiliary of the Women's Department gives us the desire to continue in the footsteps of the great women of the Church of God in Christ. Our purpose and mission is to train women to know their Bibles and therefore become acquainted with the Word of God. It is our desire that all our women be right and righteous and that they might lead others to that same great state of being one with the Lord.

SUNSHINE BAND - The Sunshine Band offers a great challenge for the women of the church to deal with the formative years of our children from the ages of five (5) to twelve (12). Many physical, mental and spiritual changes are evident, from the losing of teeth to the entrance into adolescence. No investment is too great to give our children the true meaning of the Creator and His personage and bodily representation through His son, Jesus Christ. The Sunshine Band is one of the oldest auxiliaries of the Church of God in Christ and many of our "greats" came through it.
PURITY CLASS – The goals of the Purity class are to teach and review the purpose for purity in the lives of young men and women 12 years of age and older. Purity class also teaches church doctrine and bible knowledge.

HOSPITALITY - It is our mission to show loving hospitality to our special guests, visitors, and to strangers who find themselves within our walls. We love the saints and we love people. We have the desire and capacity to show hospitality and enjoy making others happy through our service. The women of this auxiliary play a vitally important role in ministering to the needs of both the saints and those who come to be a part of our services.

USHER BOARD - The Ushers along with the welcome table committee are the first to give an impression of the church and of those living the saved life. We strive toward developing attitudes that will draw others to Christ and such a spirit of friendliness that visitors, relatives and friends of the saints are made to feel welcome and open to hearing the Gospel. Ushers have the important spiritual mission of seeing that God's services are conducted decently and in order. The Welcome Committee has the responsibility of greeting all as they enter the church and provides the necessities of service such as church bulletins, visitor cards, and tithes and offering envelopes.

It is our desire to serve the saints and assist the Pastor in every way. It is our desire to provide that service with professionalism and with the love of God being evident to all with whom we come in contact so that the hearts of men, women, boys and girls will be prepared to accept the Word of God.

YOUNG and PRAISING - Children's Choir is a music ministry for children ages 5 – 12. The children sing every 5th Sunday and when scheduled on program. Individuals are able to use their talents in the art form of drama to glorify God and edify the body of Christ.

Praise Team leads the congregation in spirit-filled praise and worship, and helps to prepare their hearts to receive from the Lord. Individuals are able to use their talents in the art form of praise and music to glorify God and edify the body of Christ.

Drama Ministry is a non-conventional method used to present a strong gospel message to the body of Christ. Individuals are able to use their talents in the art form of drama to glorify God and edify the body of Christ.
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CHURCH BEAUTIFUL - Helps to provide for and maintain the beauty of the church. The church beautiful committee is made up of families working together to clean the church so that it is ready for use each week. They are responsible for the selection of purchases needed for the sanctuary, decorations, and overall appearance of the sanctuary.
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**Sunday School Department**

The Sunday School functions as a training ground for the Saints. Sunday School is for every child of God, from youth to old age, who wants to learn about our Creator, our Savior and our Comforter. Sunday School provides an organized method of studying the scriptures to enhance not only our knowledge, but also our understanding of how the Word can be applied to our lives that we may be drawn closer to the likeness of our Savior. Sunday School classes provide a forum in which the students can ask questions and be led to biblical answers to those questions. We firmly believe that Sunday School is not just for children, but that EVERY Saint should be in Sunday School.

**Children's Church**

Service designed for children ages 3 -12 held during Sunday morning services and any special services. Children are able to learn different Biblical principles and utilize and develop creative skills through various arts and craft projects.

**Membership Training**

This class is designed for all members of the church. Basic church information and doctrinal teaching is presented. This helps to make each member's entry into their new church easier. Classes are presently being offered on Sunday mornings during Sunday school.
Music Department

Adult Choir - This is the main sanctuary choir, consisting of singers and musicians, age 13 and up. This choir ministers Sunday morning and night, and all special services at JC COGIC. This choir also accompanies the pastor when visiting other churches. Music ministry plays a vital part in the services and requires that each member be committed and faithful to this ministry.

Praise Team - Leads the congregation in spirit-filled praise and worship, and helps to prepare their hearts to receive from the Lord.
Youth Department
This department is for teenagers, ages 10 – 19. Youth leaders guide the youth in spiritual training and also provide Christian social outlets. This department provides the social interaction teenagers really need, and helps them to relate to God, and spiritual things from a teenager's perspective.

YOUNG PEOPLE WILLING WORKERS - At JC COGIC, this is Bible Study for the young and old. We endeavor in YPWW to provide an atmosphere of learning and creativity. It is our goal to challenge the youth particularly, to develop a love for the Word of God and seek creative ways to do that. Our focus is on the Word of God and we use a variety of techniques to "get the Word in us". We have "Bible Bowls", "Artistic Scripture Interpretation Contests", "Scripture Search Challenges" and "Bible Question Look-up" just to name a few. COGIC literature provides a series of topics that provoke discussion and lead to a greater depth of knowledge about the scriptures. Our weekly meetings are lively, spirit filled, and are designed to Glorify God.
Tithes And Offerings

God has provided a financial plan for His church through tithes and offerings. It is His way to provide for the needs of the church and to keep the ministries of the church operating effectively. Tithing is Christian and yields many fruits when it is done God's way. (Malachi 3:8-12).

The Bible teaches tithing quite clearly. The first step, according to the Bible, is proportionate, or percentage, giving. Genesis 4:4 lifts up this principle when it states that Abel brought the firstlings of the flock as an offering to God, the idea of giving a percentage from the owner's flock. Three principles of giving are demonstrated. Giving is: (1) regular, the first day of the week; (2) systematic; and (3) proportionate.

Tithing was before the law. Abraham brought tithes of all to Melchizedek 500 years before the Mosaic Law was given. (Genesis 14:20, Hebrews 7:1-9) Jacob made a covenant with the Lord at Bethel, and said "of all that thou shall give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." (Genesis 28:22) Levi, the priest who received tithes, paid tithes to Abraham. (Hebrews 7:9-10)

Tithing is supported in a powerful way by the New Testament statement from I Corinthians 16:2, asking every Christian to give as God has prospered him or her. It even tells us the manner in which our giving should be done. God loveth a cheerful giver. We are not to give grudgingly, or out of necessity. (II Corinthians 9:6-8)

There are some things we should remember about our resources:

1. God is the source and it all belongs to Him.
2. We must work for it. Every since the fall of man, God has ordained work. We are expected to handle it right. We are stewards over our possessions, and should manage them right. We should tithe, save, use, and give.
3. We are expected to have integrity with our resources. We should e honest about our income and blessings from God.

There are many reasons why we should be obedient to God with our tithes and offerings. God has made us some wonderful promises in return if we just obey and trust Him. Four reasons we should tithe are:

1. It is God's plan handed down to us in His Word.
2. It was endorsed by Jesus. (Matthew 23:23)
3. It will enrich our lives spiritually, for it rebukes the spirit of covetousness. (Hebrews 13:5)
4. It brings financial and other blessings. (Malachi 3:8-12)
A. Reverence for God's House

God's House is a place to be reverenced and respected at all times. When the body is assembled, there should be no walking or talking during prayer or the reading of the Holy Scriptures (Eccl. 5:1). Walking is expected to be limited, especially during the preaching of the Gospel, and the alter call. God has blessed us with a beautiful church, and we can keep it that way by not eating or chewing gum, and removing all litter when we leave.

B. Testimony Service

Testimony service is a special time allotted for personal expressions of God's goodness and victories. Every testimony should glorify God and edify the body of Christ (Rev 12:11). Consideration should be given to your brothers and sisters in Christ by keeping your testimony short and to the point. Please obey the instruction of the testimony leader. They will usually indicate when the time is up, and no more should stand.

C. Sickness/Hospitalization

It is the responsibility of every member to call for the Elders of the church and let them pray over them and anoint them with oil (James 5:13-15). The pastor should be notified when you are unable to attend church services for an extended period of time. Your name will be placed on the prayer list so the body of Christ can lift you up in prayer. When hospitalized, please call or have someone to call the church so that you may receive a visit from the ministerial team.

D. Blessed Oil

The anointing with blessed oil is Bible based and is used at the JC COGIC. (James 5:13, Matthew 6:17, Psalms 23:5) Bottles of oil may be brought to the church at anytime (especially on prayer night) to be blessed. Pure olive oil is recommended. (See James 5:13)
E. Funerals / Deaths
The pastor should be notified immediately when a member of the church is deceased. Sorrow and grief can be a very heavy load to bear, and your church family wants to be available to support you in your time of need. There is a Hospitality Committee of the church, which is very helpful in assisting you and your family at this time. The Pastor and ministerial staff will be available to assist in the planning of services. You are also encouraged to notify the church of the death of any family member, even if they are not a member of the JC COGIC. Your church family wants to support you through prayers and acts of kindness. The church will provide a condolence and flowers for close family members, such as mother, father, sister, brother, wife, husband, son, or daughter.

F. Child Dedication
Child dedication is not a mere formality, but a genuine act of the parents who vow to dedicate their child to the Lord. (I Samuel 1:24-28) They must commit to raising that child in a Christian home and exposing that child to the various teaching and training agencies of the church. Parents must profess salvation in order to make and keep the vows of child dedication. Dedications for infants are held on designated Sundays throughout the year. Parents must counsel with the pastor prior to child dedication.

G. Sexual Misconduct
The Jefferson City COGIC is committed to maintaining a worship and work environment free from sexual misconduct and/or harassment practices as repulsive and adverse to the general well being of its members, membership, employees, officials and guest. Sexual misconduct in not only immoral, but diametrically opposed to the biblical principles espoused by JC COGIC. Moreover, sexual harassment, as a form of sexual misconduct, is illegal under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related State Statutes addressing prohibitions of the same. JC COGIC adheres to Federal and State laws prohibiting sexual harassment and will take appropriate action to eliminate such behavior from within all of its components. Therefore, JC COGIC prohibits any of its members, officials, employees, agents or representatives from engaging in the above prohibited activity.
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Organization Chart