

What is The Gospel?

The word gospel means "good news." And of course if there is good news then we can assume something is bad or wrong that has now been made good or right. The entire Bible is the revelation of God's good news. We were made to be in relationship with God, but are separated from God by our sin. The result of sin is death and all it brings... fear, anxiety, emptiness, guilt and dread.

The gospel is the good news about what Jesus Christ has done to reconcile sinners to God.

God

The one and only God, who is holy, made us in His image to know Him.
(Genesis 1:26-28)

Man

But we sinned and cut ourselves off from Him.
(Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 3:23)

Christ

In His great love, God sent His Son Jesus to come as King and rescue His people from their enemies—most significantly their own sin. Jesus established His kingdom by acting as both a mediating priest and a priestly sacrifice—He lived a perfect life and died on the cross, thus fulfilling the law Himself and taking on Himself the punishment for the sins of many; then He rose again from the dead, showing that God accepted His sacrifice and that God's wrath against us had been exhausted.

(Psalms 2:1-12; Luke 1:67-79; Mark 10:45; John 1:14; Hebrews 7:26; Romans 3:21-26, 5:12-21; Acts 2:24, Romans 4:25)

Response

He now calls us to repent of our sins and trust in Christ alone for our forgiveness. If we repent of our sins and trust in Christ, we are born again into a new life, an eternal life with God.

(Acts 17:30; John 1:12; John 3:16)

The gospel is at the very heart of why we exist as a church.

God The Father

We believe that God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is eternal and He created everything as an expression of His love. Therefore, we will love God and love others as God loves us. [2 Corinthians 13:14, Matthew 22:37-40]

Jesus

We believe that Jesus is Savior and Lord who came to take away the sins of all who believe in Him and His teachings, death and resurrection. Therefore, we will build new friendships to share and encourage others to believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world. [Ephesians 1:7, 2 Corinthians 5:17-18]

Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit came to convict, comfort, guide, teach and empower believers. Therefore as believers, we will seek the Holy Spirit in sharing Christ with others. [Acts 1:8, Ephesians 3:14-19]

Humankind

We believe that humankind were created by God to love Him with all their heart, soul, and mind and to love others as themselves. Therefore, we will show the love of Jesus through our friendship and fellowship with everyone. [Mark 12:31, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20]

Sin

We believe that sin resulted from the failure of Adam and Eve to obey God and resulted in our separation from Him. Therefore, God has commanded us to share His remedy for sin revealed in the life, death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. [Romans 5:17, 1 John 2:1-2]

Salvation

We believe salvation is the remedy God provided to restore lives and broken relationships with Him and others through faith in Jesus. Therefore, we resolved that we will build bridges of restoration to bring others to Christ. [Romans 5:6-11, Romans 10:11-13]

What do We Believe at FMBC?

Church

We believe the church is a community of Christians committed to making and growing disciples. Therefore, we dedicate ourselves to making disciples and bringing believers to maturity in Christ. [Mark 16:15-16, Acts 2:40-42]

Prayer

We Believe that Prayer is talking with God and listening for him to speak to us. Therefore, we commit ourselves to developing an intimate relationship with God through Prayer. [Luke 11:1-4-Psalm 139:1-24]

Bible

We believe that the Holy Bible is God's written revelation to redeem humankind through His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, the Bible is our authority in all that we believe and do. [2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 20:30-31]

Worship

We believe that worship is an expression of love, praise and adoration to God. Therefore, our Worship of God will honor Him in all areas of our lives [Psalm 100:1-5, Psalm 95:1-11]

The Bible

We believe the entire Bible is the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God and should be the supreme and final authority in our lives and faith. Therefore, we practice and believe that the word of the Lord has the final say. [2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21]

Eternity

We believe in the personal and imminent return of our Lord and the following bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, with everlasting joy for the saved and everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost. Therefore, we live in the tension of the dangerous anticipation that we will appear before Jesus and receive what it due. [Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 20:4-6; 11-15]

The Pastor

We believe the Pastor is the chief servant under shepherd of the local Church. Corporately, he might be shown on the organizational chart as Chief Executive Officer. Spiritually, he is the caretaker of God's flock and has been entrusted with the souls of God's people. Therefore, we trust that God speaks the word through God's servant. [Hebrews 13:17, 2 Timothy 4:2]

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit has supernatural abilities to distribute to Christians for the instruction and empowering of every believer and when operated in balance and order will bring God glory. Therefore, we speak and utilize our gifts to build the body of Christ to glorify God through the works of the Spirit. [1 Corinthians 12:1-12; 14:40, John 16:13-14]

Water Baptism

We believe that water baptism by immersion in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in the authority of Jesus' name, should be followed by all believers as a public profession of their faith in Christ. We practice this as often as the Lord trusts us with New Salvation. [Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38; 8:36-38]

Communion

We believe that the holy ordinance of Communion should be received by believers walking in fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ as a remembrance and celebration of what Christ accomplished for them on the cross. We commemorate this through practice on first Sundays and at the discretion of our church leadership. [Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-29]

ANY QUESTIONS?

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