

Warner Memorial Camp – Our Belief

The Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) is a global movement of people seeking to fulfill God's mission in the world. We're committed to studying the Word of God and faithfully living it out. We're committed to the mission that Jesus Christ gave every believer: to make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:18–20).

The Church of God movement appeared in the 1880s in the midst of the broader American Holiness Revival. The pioneers of the Church of God hoped to restore a more biblical understanding and practice of what it means to be the church. One of our early church songs says: "The Bible is our rule of faith and Christ alone is Lord." This lyric still summarizes the core belief of Church of God people. We have not issued any official belief statement, and we have no formal creed. Yet, the following statements reflect the heart of the Church of God:

- **Salvation makes us members of God's church.** We believe that the church is composed of every person who has accepted Jesus Christ as Savior. We enter into the life of the church, not by joining a denomination or a human organization, but by committing our lives to Christ (John 3:1–7).
- **Christians are called to be one.** We believe that God calls all followers of Christ to live in unity and peace, regardless of who they are or the church they attend (Gal 3:28). While we may not agree on everything, we can rally around our subject, Jesus.
- **We must be holy.** We believe that followers of Christ have been called to live a life of love, purity, and godliness. We are called to live like Christ, taking on a new nature (2 Cor 5:17).

We also embrace these biblical principles:

- **The Lordship of Jesus.** There is one Lord, who is God's Son Jesus Christ, over the church. Christ is the church's ultimate authority on all matters (Acts 2:36).
- **Making Disciples.** Each of us is called to fulfill Matthew 28:18–20, making fully devoted followers of Christ—disciples—who will then teach others to follow Christ.
- **Loving God and Neighbor.** We are called to fulfill Matthew 22:37–39, not only loving God with our entire being, but also loving all that he loves.
- **The Work of the Holy Spirit.** God's Spirit equips believers with unique gifts that enable us to carry out the mission of Christ in the world. At the same time, the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in every believer (Galatians 5:22–23), which demonstrate the Spirit's presence within us.
- **Stewardship.** Since God is the source of life, all of life is to be used for the honor, glory, and service of God (Psalm 24:1).

You will find a great diversity of convictions and practices within the Church of God. Though we have differences, we share a common story of faith, growing together into the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13). We worship and serve as citizens of God's kingdom. We celebrate our life in Christ and accept our call to be the body of Christ in our world—all to the glory of God

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins...” Ephesians 1:7

Warner Camp was formed for spiritual, religious, charitable and educational purposes, to defend, promote and advance the Kingdom of God among mankind, and to further promote the teachings of the Bible and Harmony with the Church of God, with General Offices as Anderson, Indiana and for those purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

Everything that Warner Camp does is founded upon the Truth set forth in the Bible, which is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. (Hebrews 4:12). Because these beliefs serve as the bedrock of our ministry (Matthew 7:24), everyone involved in our ministry is expected to act in a manner that promotes and supports these beliefs.

Warner Camp is also a member of The Christian Camp and Conference Association, which below is their statement of faith.

CCCA Statement of Faith We believe in...

- The Holy Scriptures as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct;
- The Triune God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- The deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His substitutionary atonement for sin, His bodily resurrection and His personal, visible return to earth to reign in righteousness and glory;
- The Person of the Holy Spirit and His work of conviction, regeneration and sanctification, who indwells every believer equipping them with gifts for service and witness;
- The necessity of new birth, in salvation by faith in Jesus Christ alone and the importance of a life fully committed to the will of God in Christ;
- The church as the one universal body of Christ who is the Head, called to be God's redeemed people.