

# Membership

The Church is both a Theocracy with the headship of Christ and a democracy existing as a constituted Body in our community. As such it requires criteria of membership that enables members to vote at the AGM and any special meeting called as set out in the constitution. For purpose of clarification;

- A. A member is someone who has become part of the Church family through conversion and subsequent baptism and attended regularly each week for at least three months.
- B. A Christian from another Church of Christ who attends regularly for six months.
- C. A Christian from another denomination who has received water baptism by immersion and attends for six months.
- D. A Christian from another denomination who has not received believers baptism through immersion yet desires to be part of the Church family is most welcome. The individual is free to serve in the life of the Church provided he or she respects the philosophy of the Church. However the individual will not be eligible to be elected to and serve on the oversight (i.e. pastor, elder, deacon, treasurer, etc.).

The leadership prefers those who become part of the fellowship to enjoy life and ministry for twelve months within the Church before being eligible to any ministry position. The exception being that the person is known, recommended or endorsed by any one from the leadership team.



## A signpost of hope

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## Loxton Church of Christ



## Statement Of Faith



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# We Believe

We believe in one God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, Who is God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, three Persons in One, being co-equal, called the Godhead, Who is Omniscient, Omnipotent and Omnipresent.

We believe the entire Bible, Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, and faith's infallible rule, to be studied, known and adhered to.

We believe that, as believers, we have entered the New Covenant, revealed to us in the New Testament, which is our infallible guide in matters pertaining to conduct and doctrine.

We believe that man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God. Man was made perfect, But through Adam's transgression and fall, became sinful and in need of a saviour.

We believe God sent His Word, the Son of God, to save the world from sin. The Son of God left the glory of heaven, humbled Himself, and came to live among us as Jesus, the Son of Man, miraculously born of a virgin.

We believe this Jesus came to save us from sin by the shedding of His blood. He died and went to the grave, but was raised from the dead on the third day because He was the sinless Saviour. He was seen walking the earth after His resurrection by many witnesses. He then ascended to heaven.

We believe Jesus is now seated in glory at the right hand of God the Father, Who sent the Holy Spirit into the earth to convince us of our need of a Saviour, and to teach, train, lead and guide us into all the truth.

We believe in the blood of Jesus for the cleansing of all sin. The blood of Jesus was the price paid for our redemption. When we confess our sin before God the Father, He is faithful and true to forgive us of all sin and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

We believe that salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. There is no other name under heaven by which a person can be saved. Salvation is a free gift, separate from works and the law.

We believe that man's first step towards salvation is godly sorrow that works repentance, being a change of heart, mind and purpose from man's ways to God's ways, which comes as a result of faith arising through the preaching of the Gospel.

We believe that Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: water baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both are available to all believers. Water baptism signifies our desire to become disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is our identification with His death, burial and resurrection. It is a commandment for believers only.

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is our abiding Helper, Teacher and Guide. We believe in the filling or the empowering of the Holy Spirit, often a conscious experience, for ministry today. We believe in the present ministry of the Spirit and in the exercise of all the biblical gifts of the Spirit, We practice the laying on of hands for the empowering of the Spirit, for healing, and for recognition and empowering of those whom God has ordained to lead and serve the Church.

We believe in the fullness of salvation for healing, health, prosperity, preservation, protection, deliverance and safety as we continue, to live a life of faith in God.

We believe that all people are sinners by nature and choice, All

people therefore are under God's judgement. Through the preaching of the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, God regenerates, justifies, adopts and sanctifies through Jesus by the Spirit all who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. By this they are released from Satan's domain and enter into God's kingdom reign.

We believe in the Church Universal, the Body of Christ, made up of all believers from different local churches. We believe in the local church structure as being vital to the well-being of all Christians for protection, provision and peace.

We believe in the Headship of Christ, and His gift to the local churches of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers who train the local church members for ministry and maturity.

We believe in the resurrection of the just and the return of Jesus for His Church. This is called the catching up, when the dead in Christ will rise first, followed by those who are alive at His coming, and we shall evermore be with Him.

We believe in the second coming when Christ will return to the earth as the King of kings and Lord of lords, and He shall reign a thousand years, together with His saints, who will be kings and priests unto God.

We believe in eternal life for believers, and eternal torment for unbelievers. The last resurrection will be separate from the resurrection of the just, and will be of the living and the dead, who will be judged by God for their words and deeds. Those who have not accepted Christ will be cast with their leader Satan in to the lake of fire, which is literal and eternal.

We believe God to be just, faithful and true in all His ways.