

IGNITE STAFF EXPECTATIONS

Staff expectations:

- We will seek to love Jesus and to grow in our knowledge of Him and our obedience to Him
- We will seek to belong to a Gospel-believing, Bible-teaching local church
- We will refrain from speaking in ways that do not glorify our Lord Jesus.
- We will respect the laws of our nation in all ways. This includes refraining from consuming alcohol in any way, at any time, if underage. If of age, we will drink responsibly and will refrain from consuming alcohol if we are wearing any apparel that bears the name Ignite.
- We will honor God by refraining from the use of illegal drugs and substances
- We will refrain from inappropriate public displays of affection by honoring each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- We will daily seek to observe and find God's will and submit to His leadership and authority.
- We will represent Christ and Ignite in ALL online activities.
- We will refrain from any action that may cause a brother or sister to stumble.
- We will refrain from any action that may hurt our witness to the world.

Statement of Faith

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic (1) and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

1. catholic means "general, universal, concerning the whole"

Short Explanation of Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed (381 A.D.) was formed by church elders to clearly define a statement of beliefs reaffirming orthodox Christianity in belief in God the Father, Son, and Spirit. The beliefs outlined are:

1. Jesus is God, eternal and not created
2. Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead
3. The Holy Spirit is Lord as well
4. There is one universal church
5. The dead will be resurrected on the final day

Why this Statement of Faith

Belief in the Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, is an essential part of the biblical faith. Knowing God, and living a life constantly affirming this, is part of what it means to be a Christian.

In addition to the Nicene Creed, we also affirm the following beliefs:

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified." Galatians 2:16

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23