

# FAQ—Common Questions People Ask About A Local Church

**1. What is man's biggest problem?** Man is completely and radically corrupted by sin and its effects in his being, mind, heart, and actions. He is therefore completely depraved and totally unable to come to God in his own strength or free-will.

**2. What must a man do to inherit eternal life?** He must repent and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ. This, however, is a gift of God and a supernatural work of God the Spirit.

**3. How do you deliver the salvation message?** We preach the gospel faithfully, boldly, unashamedly, and God-centeredly as we consecutively preach verse by verse expositively through books of the Bible.

**4. How hard is it to become a Christian?** Becoming a Christian is simply a work of God where God regenerates the sinner & he thus repents and believes in Christ. Every converted person will, however, surrender himself totally to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The sinner must count the cost before coming to Christ & after putting his hand to the plow, he must not look back.

**5. How often do you talk about sin, righteousness and judgment?** Every time the text deals with such issues we preach them fearlessly. Furthermore, when we gather we always want the gospel of Christ to be central and an essential element of the gospel is the complete sinfulness of man, the righteousness of God & the eternal judgment reserved for those who don't believe.

**6. How seeker sensitive is your church?** We have no desire to be sensitive to seekers & thus try to woo nonbelievers into our worship service & our church. We try to please One and One alone, namely, God.

**7. Who do you do church for, seekers or members?** We see the Church as the Body of Christ. Therefore, the Church comprises of those sinners who have been regenerated by the power of the Spirit & who strive to live godly lives by the power of the Spirit. Thus, we see our worship services as a time for equipping believers to "do the work of the ministry". Nevertheless, we do fully acknowledge that non-believers are present in our midst and so we do frequently preach the gospel with all boldness in hopes that they will repent.

**8. Do you dumb down your sermons?** Never. We preach whatever the text says & we declare whatever doctrine the text presents. We speak in a way that is clear, understandable, and plain. But we never dumb down the sermons — not even to our young people.

**9. What is your mixture of topical vs. expository preaching?** Expository preaching is what we practice. That is, expository preaching is the consecutive, text-driven, exegetical

(drawn *out from* the text), and clear proclamation of the Word of God as one works verse-by-verse through a given book of the Bible.

**10. Do your sermons emphasize theology or are they relevant?** Since all Scripture is God-breathed and profitable we preach God's Word (theology) and in so doing the faithful preaching of the Word of God will always be practical and relevant. The Bible is always relevant because man's plight has never changed, God's character has never changed, the gospel has never changed, and the one way of salvation has never changed.

**11. Describe your youth programs.** We have no formal youth program at this time. We make it our ambition to train, equip, and encourage the Fathers to make it their responsibility to shepherd their own children at home during the week. Further, we encourage the older saints to disciple, mentor, and live life with the younger saints.

**12. Describe your evangelism programs.** We have no formal evangelism program. We do exhort our people to be confident in the power of the Gospel and strive to faithfully present the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and strangers whenever God provides an opportunity.

**13. What church growth model do you follow?** We follow no modern "church growth model." We fully believe Jesus when he said that *He* would build His Church. We don't want to compete with him using our human methodologies. We simply preach the gospel & let the power of the Spirit work in the lives and hearts of His people.

**14. How much do you give to missions and the hungry?** At this point in our church plant, we do not have any missionaries. We do, however, plan to raise up missionaries, equip missionaries, send missionaries, support missionaries, and fellowship with missionaries in God's perfect timing.

**15. Do you believe the Bible contains no errors or contradictions?** Yes. The Bible is completely inerrant, infallible, inspired, and sufficient.

**16. Do you believe in a literal 6 day creation?** Yes. We believe that Genesis 1:1-2:3 is historical narrative and when translated in its normal, plain sense it only leads one to see a literal, 6-day, 24-hour creation by *Divine Fiat*. (Divine Word).

**17. Do you believe in a literal hell and eternal punishment?** Yes. We believe that all nonbelievers will be eternally cast into hell at the instant of death and they will be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire which will be the unending, miserable, conscience-stricken, lonely, Omnipotently-instituted, and literal vengeance and hatred of God fairly executed upon all those who rejected salvation.

**19. When you distribute the Lord's Supper, do you emphasize the need to examine yourself?** Yes. If one eats and drinks wrongly without examining himself and dealing with sin then he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.

**20. Can a person who is living in a persistent lifestyle of sin inherit eternal life?**

No. Those who practice sin do not know God.

**21. Does your church exercise church discipline?** Yes. We unashamedly and boldly profess that we follow the divine pattern of how to deal with sin in the local church with the goal of glorifying God and restoring the sinning brother. The purity of Christ's church is of utmost priority.

**22. Do Sunday school teachers, nursery, and youth volunteers fill out an application to answer questions about their core beliefs, or are all volunteers accepted?** In the near future, when we institute church membership at CFBC, we will ask those who serve, teach, and work in the nursery to sign a document saying that they align themselves with the CFBC *What We Teach* statement of faith.

**23. What are the essentials of the faith?** The essentials of the faith include the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is as follows: (1) God is infinitely holy, righteous, good, & just; (2) Man is completely corrupt, depraved, hostile to God, & idolatrous; (3) God solved the problem that man could never solve by sending Jesus Christ, His only Son, to be the propitiatory sacrifice — that is, the substitutionary sacrifice who bore the full-weight of the wrath of God for His own; (4) Man is to repent of his sin, believe in Jesus Christ alone, and then walk in newness of life validating that his profession is sure.

**24. Do you have a cross in your sanctuary?** Because we rent space we currently do not have a church in our sanctuary.

**25. What kind of music do you have?** The music we have must be theologically-rich, biblically accurate, mind-engaging, and melodically rich lyrics & music. Whether that is an older hymn or a more contemporary worship song is irrelevant. The words are what's important.

**26. What's the most important part of your church service?** The highest form of worship is the reading of the Word of God and the preaching of the Word of God. When God's Word is read and preached, God speaks.

**27. How important is family worship to your church?** The biblical command is for Fathers to teach, train, evangelize, and equip his children in the ways of the Lord. He must also wash his wife in the Word of God. One way that the church has historically and practically done this is through Family Worship. We encourage all husbands and fathers to have regular times of Family Worship with their families. Family Worship can include the following elements: (1) Singing a song/hymn; (2) Reading the Word; (3) Praying together; (4) Catechizing the children.

**28. What's your church all about?** CFBC exists to glorify God by preaching the Word, evangelizing the lost, discipling the saved, and obeying Jesus Christ — all by the power of the Spirit.