



Knowing Jesus Christ

This will save your life, so it is the best help we can offer. As we believe that we all need a personal relationship with Christ, it is imperative that we know Him – after all, He said that He came to be our friend (John 15:14-15 NIV).

To get to know Jesus, we must make ourselves available for His friendship. That means we open ourselves to His revelation through actions which cause us to recognize Him. We do this through worship, learning about Him through His Word (the Bible), and serving. Our pastors will be glad to talk with you about establishing or deepening your relationship with Him.



History

The first records of the church date back to 1845. In 1995, Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church celebrated its 150th anniversary of love and service to God and the people of Greensboro and surrounding areas.

The first building was a one-room wooden structure located approximately one-half mile west of the present site. Records suggest the building was relocated to the present site in the 1800s and remodeled in 1890. A brick sanctuary was built in 1914 which replaced the wooden structure.

The present sanctuary was built in 1968. The congregations of Bethel United Methodist Church and Mount Pisgah merged and worshipped together for the first time on June 7, 1970. Bethel Church records date back to 1907.

The Bethel Wing construction began in 1973 and provided space for classrooms, offices, and the fellowship hall. The wing was dedicated on January 7, 1974.

In 1988, the congregation responded to the increase of membership by enlarging the Herbert T. Penry Wing. The older classrooms were renovated, the music department was moved and enlarged, and a sacristy was added behind the sanctuary. The former music department was converted into offices for the Associate Ministers, the Educational Director, and Volunteer Office.

The real history of Mount Pisgah Church is a story of many pastors and lay persons worshipping together and responding to the love of Jesus Christ. Our church family has grown and now exceeds 1200 members. As we look to the future with continuing membership growth, the Mount Pisgah family strives to reflect our love of God and our dedicated service to all mankind.



What We Believe

Trinity

We believe that God has three parts, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is a foundational belief which means that we have one God who is known to us in three different ways.

God the Father

We believe that God the Father is the Creator and Sovereign of everything. He is the God of all people and is infinite in power, wisdom, justice, goodness and love.

God the Son – Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is God, One who came to us as a human being, died an earthly death, and was raised to eternal life after three days. By doing so, He conquered sin and death for us. He brings salvation to us through His work and enables us to live with Him in eternity. Belief in Him is essential to salvation.

God the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the full and equal part of God who is with us now. Jesus said that this would be the form of God we would relate to after He was resurrected. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love God, live in Him, and accept His offer of salvation.

The Bible

We believe that the Bible is the prime and necessary resource for our knowledge of God and God's requirements for living in His world. Its importance is paramount as all that is required for salvation is contained in this holy book. We hold it in high regard and refer to it in almost everything we do. It is God's truth, a living document containing the Old Testament (the Word before Christ's birth) and the New Testament (the Word during and after Christ's life on earth).

Love

This is the essence of God, which He shares with us in a form called *Grace*. It is through God's Grace, His unmerited love, that we have salvation.

Salvation

We believe that salvation is a gift from God through the work of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is a free gift which we cannot earn. We have salvation when we believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, the One who creates and shares life. Salvation means that we have eternal life.

Sin

We believe that sin is separation from God where the motivation of our being, thoughts, and actions comes from things other than God. Sin is derived from evil and it takes the work of Jesus Christ to overcome it. Fortunately, Christ willingly died on the cross for the redemption of our sin.

Forgiveness

We believe that Jesus Christ takes our sin away when we, in sincerity and truth, ask Him. This is one of the great aspects of our faith where we can be forgiven for our sins.

The Church

We believe that the church literally is the people of God, that is, the group of believers who brings His Word to all the people of the world. Without the church, there would be no organization to propagate and maintain the faith. The church brings people to faith and nurtures them in it. It is essential to one's faith to be an active part of the church.



What We Believe

Reaching Out

We believe that it is the duty of each Christian to demonstrate his/her faith to others, and to reach out in concern and service to the world. This is called *being in mission* – that is, to make Christ known and to serve Him by serving others.

Humanity

We believe that each person is a loving creation of God and is made in His image. We are prone to separate from Him, but are drawn back by the Holy Spirit through His Grace. It is up to us to accept or reject that Grace and the offer of salvation.

Evil

We believe that evil exists as the Bible tells us – a powerful destructive and seductive force. Jesus Christ overcomes evil through His work and power – a power available to us through the Holy Spirit.