

Constitution

Cowboy Trail Church, Cochrane, Alberta Our Brand



We are an evangelical Christian Church committed to reaching those who love the Western way of life for Jesus Christ. We enjoy worshiping in an atmosphere of informal fellowship, with an open-handed, open-hearted style. Although Cowboy Trail Church is voluntarily associated with the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists (CCSB), we function as an interdenominational fellowship gladly welcoming all folks.

Our Daily Chores

We “saddle up and ride” with the aim of impacting those folks who embrace the Cowboy Culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our way of doing our part to fulfill the Great Commission.

“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
Matthew 28:19-20

Our Hitching Posts

Our actions are driven by values firmly tied to the following operating principles:

1. Glorifying the God of the Holy Scriptures by maintaining public worship and preaching of the Gospel.
2. Promoting Biblical instruction of all ages to the Christian faith.
3. Administering the ordinances as set out in the New Testament.
4. Promoting missionary work at home and abroad and the conversion of people to Christ which includes the planting and nurturing of other cowboy churches.

Our Trail Markers

1. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are complete, inspired by God, completely inerrant in the original writings, and of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. God is sovereign and supreme in and over creation, nature, salvation, preservation, and justice, so that all things are working for His glory and the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. There is but one God, eternally existing in three persons, yet of the same essence; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. Jesus Christ is the unique and only begotten Son of God, born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man come in the flesh. He died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a substitutionary sacrifice. His crucified body was buried. He was raised from the dead and subsequently ascended into Heaven and presently lives for us as Prophet, Priest and King. Jesus Christ will personally return to earth as Sovereign and Supreme.
4. The Holy Spirit came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate the spiritually dead, and to sanctify and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit indwells every believer and He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide.
5. Mankind was created in the image of God and sinned and incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. Although marred by sin we are utterly dependent on God for reconciliation. The ultimate purpose of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.
6. All who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ have been born of the Holy Spirit and are thereby called the children of God, a relationship in which they will persevere and be preserved throughout eternity. Christianity is not a religion but a personal relationship between God and man. It is God reaching down to man through His Son, Jesus Christ.
7. We recognize the reality and power of the person of Satan. Satan is the adversary of Christ and his followers, exercising his influence in the physical and spiritual domains. He will be ultimately defeated at the return of Christ.
8. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; the everlasting blessedness of those who are born again and the everlasting conscious punishment of those who remain spiritually dead.
9. The New Testament church is spiritual in nature. It is composed of those people who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, and have called on the name of Jesus Christ as Lord. There are two New Testament ordinances that shall be practiced by the Church today; Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
 - A. Believer's Baptism by immersion symbolizes the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the Baptismal candidate's death to sin and rising to a new life with Christ.
 - B. The Lord's Supper symbolizes Christ's sacrifice; the broken bread symbolizes His body on the cross, and the cup symbolizes His blood, which was poured out for the forgiveness of sins. This ordinance is to be received by those who have a personal committed relationship with Jesus Christ.
10. Christians have the responsibility to extend the teachings of Jesus Christ into all areas of their personal life, family, and society.

Our **Constitution** is scripturally supported and backed by our detailed **Statement of Faith**.

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Dated at Cochrane, Alberta this _____ day of _____ 2006