



Benson Church of Christ
*Connecting People with Christ,
Community, and Purpose*

WELCOME - 1

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We are so glad you're here. Over the course of the next hour, we will take you through who we are as a church, what we believe, where we're going, and how you can get connected. We firmly believe that every **One Life** matters - we'll explain more about what that means over the course of this session. We hope you'll consider joining our church family here. That may mean: receiving Christ for the first time, being baptized, joining a serve team, connecting with a group, or whatever your next step may be. We're truly glad you are here and hope you enjoy your time as you learn more about us!

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2 - OUR CHURCH: A BRIEF HISTORY

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- 1916** Sunday School organized in the I.O.O.F. Hall
- 1917** Benson began with 28 charter members
- 1919** Purchased the property at 58th & Miami
- 1920** Broke ground on a small wooden church building
- 1925** Church incorporated on July 5th
- 1926** New brick building dedicated
- 1944** Name changed to Benson Church of Christ
- 1964** Growth brought about addition to present building
- 1985** Sanctuary and fellowship hall remodeled
- 2026** The church began partnering with LCI (Local Church Initiative) through Calvary Christian Church in Bellevue, NE to improve focus, planning, and progress

Benson Church of Christ opens its arms of fellowship and service to everyone. We are a growing congregation that is actively seeking to build God's Kingdom. To all we say WELCOME!

3 - CORE BELIEFS

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The Bible is God's Word - The Bible is the inspired Word of God and it is our authority and guide. It is the authoritative rule of our faith and practice for Christians and the Church (2 Tim 3:16, John 17:17). Jesus instituted a new covenant with God that succeeded and transcended His former covenant with the people of Israel; we accept the Old Testament as preparatory to the New and we rejoice that we are related to God through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and not the Law (Rom 6:14, Heb 9:15).

Who is God? - The Bible teaches that God is Creator of our world, He sustains us, and He is the Lord of our lives (Gen 1:1, John 1:1-4, Col 1:15-17, Matt 22:37, Rom 10:9).

Who is Jesus? - Jesus Christ is the one and only living Son of God and our Savior. Through Him, God opened the way of abundant eternal life through His death, burial, and resurrection to all who call on Christ (John 3:16, John 14:6, Acts 4:12, Rom 10:13).

Who is the Holy Spirit? - The indwelling Holy Spirit is God Himself, encouraging, guiding, and transforming us in the way of Christ (John 14:16,26, Acts 2:38, Rom 8:26, 2 Thess 2:13).

Baptism - We observe the practice of baptizing by immersion in water, confident that this expresses the purpose of the New Testament precedent "baptism follows belief." The New Testament teaches that all believers receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in their faith, repentance, and baptism (Acts 2:38,19:1-6, Rom 6:3-8, Matt 28:19).

Unity - The foundational bases of our unity are (1) faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of the living God and (2) adherence to the Bible as our authority and guide.

4 - OUR MISSION

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Matthew 22:34-40 - Great Commandment

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 28:18-20 - The Great Commission

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**"WE EXIST TO
LIVE + LOVE
LIKE JESUS"**

5 - BECOMING A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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Why do we follow Jesus?

- John 3:16
“...whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”
- Romans 3:23
“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...”
- Romans 6:23
“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Romans 5:8
“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- John 14:6
“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

How to begin our journey with Jesus:

- Believe (John 3:16)
- Confess (Romans 10:9, 10)
- Repent (Acts 2:38)
- Be Baptized (Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 6)

6 - MISSION/NEXT STEPS

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Take any of these next steps by contacting a team member today or fill out the contact card.

Becoming a follower of Christ

- Follow Jesus
- Get Baptized

Membership

If you've done those things: believed, confessed, repented, been baptized and want to place membership, fill out that section of the card.

Groups

- Visit with a team member today
- Check the appropriate box on your card for joining or leading a group

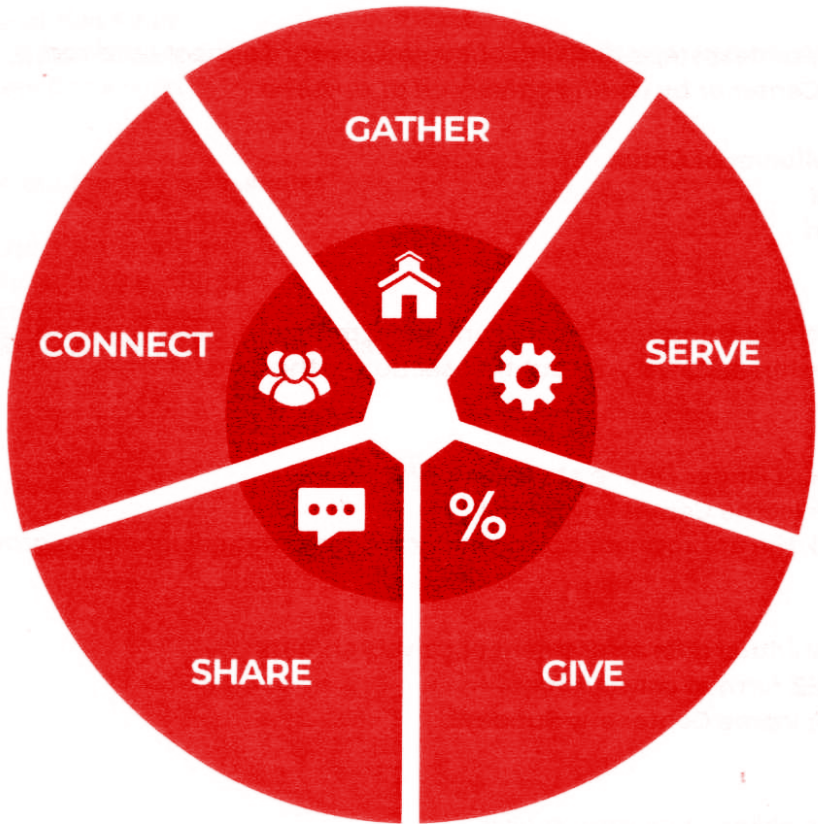
Serve

Fill out the contact card

Give

Mail or bring your offering to church

7 - RHYTHMS



8 - RHYTHMS

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Our MISSION is to make disciples who will 'Live and love like Jesus.'

- Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Great Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40)

We COMMIT to following Jesus and to making discipleship a priority.

- *Believe* (John 3:16), *Confess* (Romans 10:9-10), *Repent & be baptized* (Acts 2:38), *Following Jesus daily* (Luke 9:23)

We GATHER weekly to align our hearts to God and lives to His mission.

- Hebrews 10:24-25, Matthew 18:20, Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 4:11-13

We CONNECT in life-giving small groups to help each other follow Jesus.

- Love/serve/care for/etc. "One another" - who are your "one anothers?"

We SERVE our home, church, and community to make God's love known.

- "Jesus didn't come to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45)
- "You are the salt of the earth...light of the world...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father" (Matt 5:13-16)

We SHARE our faith and invite others because Jesus makes a difference.

- "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8)
- "Always be prepared to give the reason for the hope you have"(1 Peter 3:15)
- "Come and see" (John 1:46)

We GIVE generously to deepen our trust in God and impact others' lives.

- "Bring the whole tithe...and see if I will not throw open the floodgates" (Mal 3:7-12)

Disciples become DISCIPLE MAKERS.

- "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:18-20)
- "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach" (2 Tim 2:2)

9 - WHAT KIND OF CHURCH IS THIS?

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- **A Christian Church:** Our message is that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God; we require no other creed. He alone is Lord and Savior.
- **A Church of Christ:** The church belongs to Him. We have no authority to change the teachings, rewrite the rules, alter membership requirements, or usurp His place. The church is not a democracy.
- **A Church Seeking Unity:** We seek to be one in Christ with others He calls.
- **A Church Seeking to Restore:** As much as possible, we imitate the New Testament precedents. That is why our baptism is by immersion, our Communion is every Lord's Day, our leaders are called elders, our preaching is about Christ, and our prayers are in Christ's name. Even our church name is rooted in the earliest days, when disciples were called Christians and their congregations were addressed as "churches of Christ."
- **An Apostolic Church:** The church, Ephesians 2:20 states, is "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone." We learned all we know about Christ's church from His disciples.
- **A Thinking Church:** In Ephesians, Paul prays that God will give a "Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." Christian faith demands the best our minds can give, so we are a studying church, seeking to apply biblical truth intelligently.
- **A Feeling Church:** Ours is not a dryly intellectual approach to God. We rejoice and praise and pray and love and serve from the heart. We are unashamed of the gospel, not embarrassed to let our excitement be seen.
- **A Sharing Church:** We share our faith, love, and possessions with as many as we can reach; all we have belongs to God to be used for His purposes.
- **A Free Church:** We have no bishops, superintendents, or national headquarters to determine local church policies. We elect our own leaders, call and support our own ministers, and allocate mission money. Our congregations work together to accomplish tasks too big for one church alone.
- **A Growing Church:** We are under Christ's commission to disciple the world. Christian churches are committed to go to the ends of the earth, preaching, baptizing and teaching, until the whole world knows the one Lord of all.

10 - INFORMATION

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