

Church of Christ
Christian Church

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- Roughly 2 million members globally
- Formed in the mid-1800's, the Restoration Movement that arose out of the 2nd Great Awakening
- Church of Christ
- Murray Road Church of Christ
- Church of Christ East Side
- About 30 across Kansas City
- Pleasant Grove Church of Christ – with thanks to Pastor Lance Lorenz

Material Principle

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- Justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ

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- Unity on the Word

Formal Principle

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- Scripture (OT and NT)

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God

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- Biblical Trinity

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The Person of Jesus

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- Incarnation
- Both God and man

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The Work of Jesus

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- Redemption
- Reconciliation
- Vicarious Satisfaction/Atonement
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Doctrine of Man

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- Fallen sinners in need of redemption, of salvation
- Original sin
- Bondage of the Will
- Total depravity

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- Fallen sinners in need of redemption, of salvation
- Partial depravity

Salvation/Justification

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- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Grace Alone
- Faith Alone

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- Decision Theology
- Five steps of conversion:
 - Hear
 - Confess
 - Repent
 - Believe
 - Immerse

Sacraments

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- A means of grace
- Commanded by Christ
- With a visible element
 - Baptism
 - Lord's Supper
 - Absolution

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- Signs of Grace
 - Baptism
 - Lord's Supper – emblem
- Immediate Grace and Means of Grace

Assurance

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- Acts and the question, "What must I do to be saved?"
 - Hear the Word
 - Believing
 - Confessing
 - Repenting
 - Immersion
 - Holy Spirit bearing fruit in their life/life that is gradually becoming more like Christ

Church and Ministry

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- Church as the Body of Christ
- Visible and invisible church
- Marks of the Church – Preaching and the sacraments
- One divinely instituted office – the Preaching Office or the Office of the Keys
- Auxiliary offices are rooted in the Office

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- Church as the baptized Body of Christ
- Congregational autonomy
- There is no denominational structure at all.
- Pastoral vacancies are listed on a couple of websites online and available to any Restoration pastor

Last Things

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- Life after Death
- Bodily Resurrection
- Amillennial

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- Varying beliefs on
millennialism

Current Cultural Topics

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- Role of Women in the Church
- Age of the earth
- Abortion
- In Vitro Fertilization
- Cohabitation
- Same-sex Marriage

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- Pr. Lorenz – not to mimic the world

Miscellaneous

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- Non-creedal
- No joint confession of faith bonding churches together.