

about *membership*

- Interested in learning more about the vision, values, beliefs, and ministries of Crosswinds?
- Still unclear about what it means to be a “Wesleyan” or what the benefits are of becoming a member?
- Looking for information that will help you to make an informed decision?

Attend one of our two upcoming membership classes in April and get an up close and inside look at Crosswinds past, present and future. Choose the date and time that best fits your schedule. Listen, learn and ask whatever questions you might have, and then decide if membership is for you. To preregister, please contact Tammy at tclarke@crosswindsonline.org or call 394.5857, ext 113. In the mean time, here’s a preview of some of the material we will cover:

our statement of faith

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- We believe that the Father is the creator and sustainer of all things. He made humankind in his own image and relates to us as a loving, holy Father.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in his virgin birth, in his bodily resurrection from the dead, in his ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in his coming personal return to earth in power and glory.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and is gifted for effective service in the church and beyond.
- We believe that Jesus Christ’s gracious offering of himself on the cross is the only grounds for salvation from sin. This salvation comes when an individual turns from sin, trusts fully in the saving work of Jesus Christ and invites him to be their forgiver, leader and friend.
- We believe in the resurrection from the dead; for those who are in relationship with Jesus Christ, into heaven and its eternal glory – and for those who are not in relationship with Jesus Christ into hell and its everlasting separation from God.
- We believe that the Christian church is the entire universal body of believers in Jesus Christ. We believe that a local church is a body of believers organized together for the purposes of worship, fellowship, discipleship and outreach through loving witness.
- We believe that water baptism and the Lord’s Supper [communion] are the sacraments of the church that have been instituted by Jesus Christ.

our core values

- **We believe that the Christian life is intended to be lived out in the context of loving, authentic**

community. (Acts 2:42, Prov. 27:17)

Therefore, we are committed to the continual development of small groups and will encourage each person to be a member of a small group. All ministry will be done in teams that will foster a sense of community among those who are serving.

- **We believe that lost people matter to God, and therefore, ought to matter to the church. (Acts 2:47)**

Therefore, we will invest significant portions of our time, energy, and resources in reaching those who don't know Christ. Our weekend services will be accessible to both believers and non believers, and we will encourage everyone in our church to be investing in, interceding for, and inviting the lost.

- **We believe that prayer is central to the building of a Christ-honoring church. (Acts 2:42)**

Therefore, the ministries and activities of this church will be characterized by a reliance on prayer in their conception, planning, and execution.

- **We believe that biblical teaching is a primary catalyst God uses for transformation in individual's lives and in the church. (Acts 2:42, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)**

Therefore, we are committed to providing high quality biblical teaching in our worship services, ministries, and small groups.

- **We believe that our primary response to the grace and love of God is worship. (Acts 2:47, John 4:23-24, Col. 3:17)**

Therefore, we will gather regularly for corporate worship and will encourage each person to live all of life as an act of worship to God.

- **We believe that the pursuit of full devotion to Christ and his cause is normal for every believer. (Luke 9:23-25)**

Therefore, we will encourage each follower of Christ (child, teen, and adult) to grow beyond nominal commitment toward high levels of devotion, where our lives are ordered around our desire to honor and serve Christ.

- **We believe that the church is a body that functions optimally when each member of the body is active in ministry according to his/her giftedness. (Eph. 4:7-13,16)**

Therefore, we will encourage all believers to discover, develop, and deploy their spiritual gifts in ministry.

- **We believe that the church should be culturally relevant while remaining doctrinally pure. (I Cor. 9:19-23, Luke 5:33-39)**

Therefore, we are willing to continually evaluate and adjust our forms of worship and ministry in order to best serve our generation and culture. We are more concerned with effectiveness in ministry than adherence to tradition.

- **We believe that excellence in all things honors God, inspires people, and advances His work.**

(Col. 3:23, 2 Cor. 8:7, 1 Cor. 10:31))

Therefore, in all our ministries and activities, we will seek to maintain a high standard of excellence to the glory of God. We will give God our best.

- **We believe in godly servant-leadership that is exercised with the highest possible levels of accountability and integrity. (Matt. 20:25-28; I Timothy 3)**

Therefore, those in leadership will be men and women of Christ-like character who are sensitive to the Spirit, accountable to others, and open to the correction, evaluation, and wisdom of the body of Christ.

- **We believe in passing our faith in Christ on to the next generation. (Deut. 6:7; Eph. 6:4)**

Therefore, we will make children's ministries, youth ministry, young adult ministry, and ministry to families an ongoing and non-negotiable priority.