

Shared Beliefs

Central Christian College of the Bible was started and is supported by churches and individuals from the Restoration Movement, a non-denominational fellowship of Christian churches and churches of Christ who hold to the authority of the Scripture, autonomy of local churches, unity of all believers, and evangelization of the world. Although these churches are independent, a review of their shared beliefs may be found by following the College website's links for beliefs at <https://cccb.edu/about/beliefs/>

The Board of Directors annually resolves to support the tenets of faith of The Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) which reads:

- We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious death and atonement through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal and visible return in power and glory.
- We believe that man was created in the image of God, and that he was tempted by Satan and fell, and that, because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary for salvation.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life, and by whom the Church is empowered to carry out Christ's Great Commission.
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved unto the resurrection of life and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

Students are not required to agree with Central professors on every matter of doctrine and theology. However, students are expected to understand what their teachers explain in class and not attempt to undermine the theological teaching of the College. Honest questions and discussion are welcome, but intentional, systematic attempts to argue or cause dissension are not tolerated. If a student feels uncomfortable with a doctrinal position of the College, he or she is urged to meet privately with a professor to ask serious questions and consider the Scripture's teaching on the issue.

In some cases, students may privately hold to doctrine that is contrary to the College as long as it does not become a point of division. However, the exercise of charismatic gifts in public worship is one example where personal doctrinal preferences can quickly become divisive. As a result, the College has adopted the following policy on decorum in campus worship services:

When it comes to corporate worship, Scripture teaches that "everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way" (1 Cor. 14:40). Any disorderly activity which causes a disturbance or distraction during a public worship service must be avoided.

The phenomenon of "speaking in tongues" in Scripture refers to a human language understood by some in the audience. The miracle of tongue-speaking was not creating an unknown language, but speaking in a known language without the benefit of training (Acts 2:6). It was also explicitly intended as a sign for non-Christians, not to motivate Christians (1 Cor. 14:22).

Therefore, making unintelligible utterances of an unknown language does not qualify as Biblical tongues,

according to the College's interpretation of Scripture. Such unintelligible utterances in a public assembly on the campus of Central Christian College are disorderly, disturbing, and distracting and are thus prohibited in the application of the instructions of 1 Corinthians 12-14.