

# PIONEER CLUBS MIDWEEK MINISTRY START-UP GUIDE

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### WHAT IS PIONEER CLUBS®?

Pioneer Clubs is a proven church-sponsored midweek club ministry for today's kids, age 2 through sixth grade. This Christ-centered program integrates spiritual and personal development to help boys and girls build healthy relationships with caring Christian adults, peers and, most importantly, Christ. Churches choose Pioneer Clubs for its strong participative inductive Bible study, Scripture memory, life skills development and emphasis on relational discipleship and outreach.

### WHAT ARE PIONEER CLUBS® GOALS?

#### **INVITE CHILDREN INTO A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AND TEACH THEM TO BE STUDENTS OF GOD'S WORD.**

- 1.**
  - Faithfully share who Jesus is so that children have the opportunity to choose to follow Jesus, ask Him to be their Savior and experience a journey of discipleship.
  - Teach children how to study the Bible and apply it to their everyday life so that they are prepared to be vibrant Christians making a difference in their church, community and world.

#### **ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO DEVELOP LIFE-CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS.**

- 2.**
  - Help children recognize their need for relationships and encourage them to build them well with other children and adults, and ultimately with Jesus.
  - Teach God's design for the family and the role of children in their families as followers of Jesus.

#### **SUPPORT CHILDREN AS THEY BECOME PEOPLE OF CHARACTER WITH BIBLICAL VALUES AND PRACTICAL LIFE SKILLS.**

- 3.**
  - Guide children in the development of biblical values and character traits through Bible study and through learning to make personal choices that live out a Christian worldview.
  - Provide opportunities to learn a variety of life skills and achieve awards in order to deepen a sense of personal worth and value which reflects how God sees them.

#### **COME ALONGSIDE ADULTS AS THEY GUIDE CHILDREN TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN EVERY ASPECT OF THEIR LIVES.**

- 4.**
  - Through curriculum and supplementary materials, our children's ministry resources will encourage the adult leader to stay on course in Christian theology, philosophy, education and values.
  - As adults work together in a supportive community and interact with biblical teaching, they will continue to grow personally and spiritually by being involved with Pioneer Clubs. This will help them build life-changing relationships with children that model Jesus.

### WHAT AGE GROUPS DOES THE PROGRAM COVER?

Pioneer Clubs provides program materials for children age 2 through sixth grade. All materials are age appropriate. The materials allow you the flexibility to conduct gender specific or co-ed groups.





# Q & A

## WHAT TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE DO YOU USE?

PIONEER CLUBS DOES NOT USE A PARTICULAR BIBLE TRANSLATION IN OUR LESSONS. WE ENCOURAGE KIDS TO LOOK UP THE PASSAGE FOR THEMSELVES USING THEIR OWN BIBLE OR A CHURCH SUPPLIED BIBLE. THIS IS WHY WE PROVIDE THE VERSEREFERENCE ONLY. FOR EXAMPLE, GENESIS 1:1. WE DO OFFER BIBLE-EMORY CARDS TO HELP WITH BIBLE MEMORY & OUR PROGRAM THESE ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR CHOICE OF THREE VERSIONS: KJV, NIV & OUR TRADITIONAL AGES SPECIFIC PROGRAM THESE ARE AVAILABLE IN.

## WHAT DENOMINATION IS PIONEER CLUBS ASSOCIATED WITH?

PIONEER CLUBS IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY ONE CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION. YOU CAN FIND OUR FULL STATEMENT OF FAITH ON PAGE 10 OF THIS PACKET.

## WHAT WILL KIDS DO IN CLUB?

THE BASIC PARTS OF A TYPICAL MEETING ARE:

- **WELCOME**  
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR GETTING ACQUAINTED. USE IN FORING THE BIBLE LESSON
- **BIBLE PORTION**  
HANDS ON PARTICIPATIVE BIBLE STUDY WITH LIFE APPLICATION
- **BIBLE-EMORY**  
VERSES RELATED TO BIBLE PORTION INCLUDING GYM MEMOR TECHNIQUES
- **ACTIVITY**  
VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES THAT HELP CLUB MEMBERS DEVELOP MEANINGFUL LIFE SKILLS
- **TEAM GAMES**  
ALLOWS CLUB MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TEAMWORK AND COOPERATION
- **OBJECTS**  
TEACHES KIDS HOW TO SERVE OTHERS
- **PRAYER**  
INVITES CLUB MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR CONCERNS AND PRAISES

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## HOW DO WE INVITE CHILDREN TO JOIN OUR CLUB?

AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING WHERE CHURCH FAMILIES CAN LEARN ABOUT PIONEER CLUBS. THE MOST EFFECTIVE GROWTH WILL COME FROM THE CHILDREN IN YOUR CHURCH INVITING THEIR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. YOU GET STARTED TALK WITH YOUR CHURCH CLUB MEMBERS ABOUT INVITING OTHERS TO CLUB. CAN YOU INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN CLUB MEETING AND ENCOURAGE CHURCH FAMILIES TO INVITE CHILDREN. MAY ALSO PROMOTE BY SENDING AN INVITATION TO CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED YOUR PROGRAM OR SUMMER CAMP. SEND PIONEER CLUBS BULLETIN INSERTS, FLYERS, POSTCARDS, ANNOUNCING POSTERS AND AN OUTDOOR SIGN & BANNER TO PROMOTE YOUR CLUB MINISTRY.

## WHAT'S THE VALUE OF AN AWARD PROGRAM AND WHAT TYPE OF AWARDS DO CLUB MEMBERS EARN?

RECOGNITION FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS HELPS BUILD POSITIVE

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### BIBLE AWARDS:

SUPPORT PIONEER CLUBS GOALS AND BELIEFS. THE BIBLE EXPLORATION AWARD OF THE MEETING. THE BIBLE AWARDS INCREASE CLUB MEMBERS KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD AND HIS WORLD. BIBLE AWARDS COVER A VARIETY OF THEMES IMPORTANT TO HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP A FIRM FAITH FOUNDATION.

### ACTIVITY AWARDS:

COVER A VARIETY OF SKILL AREAS INCLUDING ARTS, COMMUNICATION, SELF-HELP & FAMILY / OTHER SUBJECTS. OUTDOOR. ACTIVITIES. THESE ALLOW CLUB MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THEIR UNIQUE SKILLS AND ABILITIES.

## SHOULD WE DO SOMETHING FOR PARENTS DURING CLUB TIME?

MANY CHURCHES CONDUCT A MIDWEEK MINISTRY FOR PARENTS WHILE THEIR CHILDREN ARE ATTENDING PIONEER CLUBS.

### THESE CHURCHES HAVE:

- POSTED ASEEKERYPE BIBLE STUDY
- OFFER PARENTING CLASSES ON TOPICS SUCH AS HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD DO BETTER IN SCHOOL THIS YEAR
- OFFER MEAL PLANNING OR FITNESS CLASSES

# Q & A

## WHAT CAN WE DO IF WE HAVE LOTS OF KIDS?

If you are running the traditional Pioneer Program and have a large number of children in one age level, you may want to break them into several smaller club groups, such as:

- Separate girls and boys and form two Voyager/Pathfinder/Trailblazer Clubs.
- Separate by grade and have two club groups for each age division – 1st grade Voyager and 2nd grade Voyager Clubs; 3rd grade Pathfinder and 4th grade Pathfinder Clubs; 5th grade Trailblazer and 6th grade Trailblazer Clubs.
- Conduct several gender or age-specific separate clubs for age groups where you have a lot of kids.
- You may have three separate Voyager Club groups each with 10-12 kids.

If you are running the DELTA Large Group/Small Group Program and have a great number of children, you may want to consider these options for organizing your club:

- Separate Hiker, Adventurer and Navigator groups into their own clubs, staying separate for Large Group, Small Group, Skill and Games.
- Combine for the Large Group teaching and divide into several age-specific and/or gender specific small groups. Then divide into two medium size groups to rotate between Skills and Games. Set up additional Skills and Games areas as needed.
- Set up a rotation-style club. Hikers, Adventurers and Navigators stay with their group and rotate through Large Group, Small Groups, Skills and Games.
- Combine for the Large Group teaching. Then Hikers, Adventurers and Navigators stay with their group and rotate through Small Groups, Skills and Games.

If you are running the BOLT Program and have a large number of children, you may want to consider these options for how to set up your club:

- Separate kids by grade for their own club. Have the same or unique life skill activity available for different age groups.
- Combine for the Large Group teaching and divide into several age-specific and/or gender specific small groups with about 5-9 kids per small group. Then combine for Life Skill activities.
- Set up a rotation. Separate kids by gender and/or age to rotate through Large Group, Small Group and Life Skill activities.

## WHAT CAN WE DO IF WE DON'T HAVE VERY MANY CHILDREN?

Don't hesitate to start a Pioneer Clubs midweek ministry if you have only a few children in your congregation! Start with what you have and watch what God will do for those children and your church. If you have just a handful of children (less than 15) in grades 1-6, you may wish to start with the Pioneer Clubs' DELTA All-in-One program. Then when you have grown larger than 15 children, you may transition into the DELTA Large Group/Small Group program. Kids' handbooks, award sets and Bible memory stay the same. Only the leader books change.

*If you have a small number of children who are similar in age, you may choose to temporarily combine several age levels, such as Voyagers (1st/2nd grade) and Pathfinders (3rd/4th grade).*

*Determine which age level's handbook would be most appropriate for the range of ages in the group. When additional children join club, you may separate into the age-appropriate groups.*

## HOW SUCCESSFUL IS PIONEER CLUBS AS A COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY?

Pioneer Clubs is a natural and effective tool for community outreach. Generally, a church will start with the children from church families. But soon those church children want to invite their school and neighborhood friends to join them at Pioneer Clubs. Pioneer Clubs has been a bridge to the community for many churches. While Pioneer Clubs is a ministry intentionally designed to reach and teach children, what often happens is that an entire family is reached after a child has been involved in club. Many churches will also run a bus ministry to bring kids in their community who might not have a ride to club or include a meal before or after club.

**46%** of Pioneer Clubs churches report that unchurched families began attending worship because of their child's participation in club.

**50%** of club members are not from the sponsoring church.

“In my previous church, before Pioneer Clubs started, there were probably about 10 children in our church. The first year that Pioneer Clubs was initiated, 40 kids were coming on Wednesday night and the program grew to over 200 children.

This year, Pioneer Clubs was started in my new church and 30 kids began in September. It is now January and we have almost 70 registered. New kids have registered almost every week.”

# Q & A

## WHAT LEADERSHIP IS RECOMMENDED?

**Coordinators** – depending on the size of the club, one or two coordinators support and oversee the church's Pioneer Clubs ministry. The coordinator(s) would recruit and train leaders, promote the program and recruit children, plan the annual club calendar, organize the registration process order material, plan special events, provide ministry updates for pastoral staff and church family and pray for the Pioneer Clubs members/families.

**Club leaders** – are responsible for planning and preparing for weekly meetings using the Pioneer Clubs meeting planbooks. Pioneer Clubs recommends at least two leaders per age-group. Additional leaders should be added as clubs grow. Leadership may be co-ed or gender specific for boys and girls groups. Teens may be invited to join as assistant leaders. Additional adult volunteers may be involved on a per meeting basis to assist with teaching a skill or activity award.

**Pals** – are adults from the congregation who pray regularly for a specific child. Pals may visit the child in his or her home or attend club Pal events. Pals may assist leaders periodically with special events, activities or Bible memory.

## HOW MANY CLUB LEADERS DO WE NEED?

Each club should have at least two leaders. Pioneer Clubs recommends adding leaders as needed to maintain the following adult/child ratios:

- 1 adult for every 4 to 6 Skippers (ages 2-3) and Scooters (ages 4-5)
- 1 adult for every 8 to 10 older club members

## HOW DO WE TRAIN OUR LEADERS?

For club leaders and club members to have a positive and productive club experience, all club volunteers will need to be adequately trained and supported. Whether experienced or first-time leaders, all will benefit from training. Training should be designed to help leaders understand and support Pioneer Clubs' goals, understand the club materials and improve teaching skills. All of these experiences will help leaders have a great Pioneer Clubs year.

- Weekly Meeting Planbooks include an introductory section that should be required reading for all leaders. This section will help leaders gain a full understanding of the program details, resources available and age characteristics of the children in their club group.
- Club-Specific Leader Training Workshops may be used for group or individual training. These digital downloads take you through all the aspects of a meeting for that specific club (Pioneer Clubs, DELTA All-in-One, etc.).
- *Basic Training Workbook* should be completed by each leader prior to conducting club. It includes an overview of the goals, tips on preparing for the club year and weekly meetings, suggestions on explaining salvation to children, club discipline guidelines. Workbook is full of helpful and practical tips and suggestions leaders can use to improve their club programs.
- Pioneer Clubs eNewsletter provides helpful suggestions for club management and program enhancements. Emailed FREE to all member churches.
- Digital Training Workshops may be used for group or individual training. These take you through various topics related to running different aspects of a club meeting, or topics related to ministry to children, such as group discipline or hosting special events.

## HOW DO WE RECRUIT CLUB LEADERS?

Volunteers are motivated from within by the things they find meaningful and satisfying. You will need a different recruitment approach for different people. Try to determine what might motivate the people you want to recruit. Then help them see how working in Pioneer Clubs can help satisfy their desires and interests.

### The best recruitment methods include:

- One-on-one contacting – do in person
- Advertising – follow up with a personal ask
- Networking – discover who others think would be good club leaders
- Pastoral referrals – ask pastoral staff for recommendations

### How to begin the recruitment process:

- Start early.
- Make a checklist of committee and club leader positions you need filled.
- Know the types of people you need and match their style with the job.
- Involve everyone in the process, including parents, church members, pastoral staff and even kids.
- Outline the job with specific responsibilities and estimated time commitment.
- Set a job time limit of one or two years as you get the program launched and leave option for continuing.
- Be positive and let people know why you think they would be a good fit for the position.
- Provide adequate training and supervision.
- Pray throughout the recruitment process.

### Pioneer Clubs recruitment resources:

- *How to Run & Promote a Successful Pioneer Clubs Program* – chapters 4 and 7
- *Basic Training Workbook*
- Pioneer Clubs bulletin inserts/flyers

# HOW CAN I REVIEW THE MATERIAL?

EVALUATE THE MATERIAL BEFOREHAND BY PURCHASING A REVIEW KIT, READING A SAMPLE LESSON OR EXPLORING THE SCOPE AND SEQUENCE.

## READING A SAMPLE LESSON

Contact one of our Ministry Representatives to receive one sample lesson from the program of your choice. Fill out a Contact Us form, email [info@pioneerclubs.org](mailto:info@pioneerclubs.org) or call us at 800-694-1600 (CLUB).

## EXPLORING THE SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

You can view the Scope and Sequence Charts for all of our programs at [www.pioneerclubs.org/club-resources/club-coordinator-resources/scope-sequence/](http://www.pioneerclubs.org/club-resources/club-coordinator-resources/scope-sequence/). Scope and Sequence Charts include Bible lessons and skill activities. Some programs also list the Bible passage, Bible memory verse and service project.

## CHOOSE A REVIEW KIT

### Pioneer Program Review Kit - \$119.99

Includes: One club member handbook and leader meeting planbook for each club level: Voyager (grades 1-2), Pathfinder (grades 3-4) and Trailblazer (grades 5-6). Plus *Basic Training Workbook*, *How to Run & Promote a Successful Pioneer Clubs Program* book, and a promotional poster.

### Voyager Review Kit - \$49.99

Includes: Voyager leader planbook, Voyager handbook for kids and a set of Iron-On Awards.

### Pathfinder Review Kit - \$49.99

Includes: Pathfinder leader planbook, Pathfinder handbook for kids and a set of Iron-On Awards.

### Trailblazer Review Kit - \$49.99

Includes: Trailblazer leader planbook, Trailblazer handbook for kids and a set of Iron-On Awards.

### DELTA All-in-One Review Kit - \$49.99

Includes: All-in-One leader planbook, Adventurer (grades 3-4) handbook and a DELTA emblem set (emblem, stickers, lanyard, and three pins).

### DELTA Large Group/Small Group Review Kit - \$129.99

Includes: Large Group leader planbook, one small group leader planbook and one handbook for each club level: Hiker (grades 1-2), Adventurer (grades 3-4) and Navigator (grades 5-6), a DELTA emblem set (emblem, stickers, lanyard, and three pins, a *How to Run & Promote a Successful Pioneer Clubs Program* book.

### Skipper Review Kit - \$39.99

Includes: Skipper leader planbook, Skipper Activity and Take Home Papers Book for kids and a set of Iron-On Awards.

### Scooter Review Kit - \$39.99

Includes: Scooter leader planbook, Scooter Activity and Take Home Papers Book for kids and a set of Iron-On Awards.

# WHAT IS MY COST?

FIND OUT THE THE TOTAL COST OF THE CLUB MATERIAL TO CONDUCT A PIONEER CLUBS PROGRAM IN YOUR CHURCH.

## ESTIMATED FIRST YEAR START-UP COST

**Annual Registration Fee** - \$40.00 Annual Church Membership Fee **PLUS** \$35.00 per group (Skipper, Scooter, Voyager, Pathfinder, Trailblazer, DELTA All-in-One, DELTA Large Group Hiker, DELTA Large Group Adventurer or DELTA Large Group Navigator)

**Club Leader Materials** - \$12.00-61.00 per club leader

May include: 1 leader meeting planbook (24-30 complete lessons), 1 club member handbook, 1 *Basic Training Workbook*,\* club T-shirt\*

**Club Member Materials** - \$12.00-56.00 per club member

May include: 1 handbook, Bible awards and activity awards or DELTA Emblem Award set and pins, Bible memory cards, Bible memory stickers, award banner\*, club T-shirt\* per child

**Advertising and Promotional Materials** - \$3-95.00

May include: *How to Run & Promote a Successful Pioneer Clubs Program* book\*, outdoor banner\*, four sets of 25 postcards, five posters and four sets of 25 doorhangers.

*\*These items do not have to be purchased each year.*

Complete the budget planning worksheet on the next page to see what your exact church expenses would be.



## HOW SHOULD WE FUND OUR PIONEER CLUBS?

This varies from church to church. Here are some helpful suggestions:

- **Church Christian education/Children's Ministry budget.**
- **Individual membership fee for club members** – fee could include handbook, club outfit, award display and award costs. Membership fees often help with creating a sense of commitment on the parents' part. It is frequently seen as adding value to what you are offering families.
- **Sponsorship** – church members may be willing to pay the fees to sponsor a child for the club year.
- **Fundraising events** – check with your pastor or Christian education committee for permission to raise funds for your club ministry.
- **A combination of the above** – most churches pay for leader materials, general supplies and annual registration fees from their Christian education budget and ask parents to pay a registration fee to cover club member costs.

For more helpful suggestions on funding your Pioneer Clubs ministry, read the *How to Run & Promote a Successful Pioneer Clubs Program* manual, chapter 14.

### COST FUNDING STATEMENT

As a not-for-profit organization, Pioneer Clubs attempts to keep the overall club cost reasonable so any church can afford to conduct this unique ministry for the children in their congregation and community. We invite sponsoring churches to help us keep the program costs to a minimum by encouraging them to contribute to our ministry. While the contribution aspect is voluntary, we are thankful for the many churches and leaders who value what Pioneer Clubs has done for their children and support us through their missions budget and contributions.



# BUDGET PLANNING WORKSHEET

Use this Pioneer Clubs® budget planning sheet to determine your estimated Pioneer Clubs budget.

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Leader Planbooks\* – 24-30 complete meeting plans with Bible Exploration & Award, Bible memory, award activities, service projects, games. Each leader will need a planbook.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Club Resources – *Bible Story Visuals* books, puppet (Skipper & Scooter Clubs) special event and activities books, memory verse stickers.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Club Member Handbooks or Activity Books\* – Each leader and child will need a handbook or activity book to complete Bible awards and activity awards.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Awards\* – Badges are earned when club members complete Bible awards and activity awards in the club member handbook for the Age-specific program. DELTA Emblem Award Sets are earned for the DELTA All-in-One and DELTA Large Group/Small Group programs.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Club Member Supplies:
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ Bible Memory Packets – one per child annually
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ Award display (sash, vest, banner, Bible cover)
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ Club outfit (sash, vest, T-shirt)
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Training and Promotional Resources\*
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ Leader Training Workshops
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ *Basic Training Workbook, How to Run & Promote a Successful Pioneer Clubs Program*
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ Outdoor Welcome Banner, Advertising Club Posters/Doorhangers/Postcards, Pioneer Clubs Flag
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ *Making Your Pal Program Work*
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Club Supplies – Glue, paints, scissors, construction paper, balloons, game balls, etc. Recommend \$25 to \$35 annually per club group. Club members may bring “shares” or dues to help cover these costs.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Special Events – Christmas and Easter celebrations, outings, family activities
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Registration Fee (\$40 annual church membership fee plus \$35 per group) – benefits include:

- Special member pricing for all products
- Use of Pioneer Clubs trademark name and logo
- FREE coordinator and leader resources on our website
- FREE website promotion on the club locator on our website
- FREE email newsletter
- 30 day extension for credit back on returns
- College scholarship eligibility for your students
- Customer service support
- Prayer support from Pioneer Clubs staff and board

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contributions to Pioneer Clubs – Pioneer Clubs invites churches to assist with headquarters’ expenses by contributing to the international ministry. Contributions assist with new product development and translation work and supporting international clubs.

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

*\*See Pioneer Clubs catalog and/or online store for current prices.*

## NEED HELP?

Call Pioneer Clubs and talk with a Customer Service Representative or Ministry Consultant: 800-694-CLUB (2582).

## STILL NEED TO REGISTER YOUR PIONEER CLUBS?

1. Place order for club registration online at [www.pioneerclubs.org/shop](http://www.pioneerclubs.org/shop). Or call a Pioneer Clubs Ministry Consultant at 800-694-2582.
2. Send in the registration fee for each age level.
3. Order materials to get your club started. Call a Ministry Consultant to assist you with your first order. Allow 8-10 business days for delivery of your order.

# PIONEER CLUBS STATEMENT OF FAITH

IN ALL THAT WE DO AT PIONEER CLUBS®, PARTICULARLY IN HIRING STAFF AND PREPARING OUR PUBLICATIONS, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF BELIEF GUIDES US.

**We believe** in one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17; Matthew 28:19).

**We believe** that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man (Matthew 1:18-23).

**We believe** the Scriptures of Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writings and of supreme and final authority in faith and life (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

**We believe** that we were created in the image of God; that we sinned and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born in sin and that this sinful nature is the origin of all sinful acts in thought, word and deed (Genesis 1:26; Romans 5:12; Isaiah 59:2-4; Romans 6:23).

**We believe** that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood (Romans 5:8-9).

**We believe** that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God (John 1:12; Romans 8:9).

**We believe** in the bodily resurrection of Christ and His ascension to Heaven and in His present work as High Priest and advocate (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Hebrews 4: 14-16).

**We believe** in the personal return of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

**We believe** in the bodily resurrection of the just to everlasting blessedness and the unjust to everlasting punishment (Acts 24:15; Revelation 20:15; Romans 6:23).

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