

ASHLAND COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF COMMON BELIEFS

OUR PURPOSE: Why we are here:

The Ashland County Ministerial Association is a voluntary gathering of pastors and professional church workers who meet together for prayer and mutual encouragement, and to coordinate the community outreach of the body of Christ, the churches of Ashland County.

OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT OF COMMON BELIEFS: Who we are

We adhere to the following truths:

Bible	The divine inspiration and consequent authority of the entire canonical Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Pet. 1:21)
God	The doctrine of the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:4, 2 Cor. 13:14)
Humanity	All people are one race, created in God's image and sharing a common humanity having descended from Adam (Gen. 1:26-28, Acts 17:26, Gal. 3:28)
Sin	The fall of humanity, and the consequent moral depravity, and need for regeneration (Rom 3:23, 6:23, Eph. 2:1-3)
Salvation	The atonement through the substitutionary death of Christ (1 Pet. 3:18)
Faith	The doctrine of justification by faith (Eph. 2:8-9, Rom. 5:1, 10:9-10)
Church	The church, the body of Christ, as consisting of all believers of Jesus Christ. (Col. 1:18, 24, Eph. 5:25-27, Acts 2)
Resurrection	The resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust (Heb. 9:27)
Eternity	The eternal life of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost (2 Cor 5:10, Rev. 20:15)
Life	Life begins at conception and ends in natural death (Gen.1:27, Ps. 139:13-16)
Marriage	The sacred covenant of marriage between one man and one woman for life (Gen. 2:24, Matt. 19:5)

OUR PLAN: What we are doing: Encouraging, equipping, reaching and building through . . .

Worship

Community Good Friday Service
National Day of Prayer Community
Prayer Breakfast

Ministry

Ashland Marriage & Wedding policy
Columns in Ashland Times Gazette
Samaritan/University Hospitals Chaplains
Supports Ashland County Food Bank
Supports Associated Charities

Fellowship

Monthly breakfast meetings
Prayer groups
Pulpit exchange