

IAWAH Christian Ministries



Core Beliefs and Values

“In All Your Ways Acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

IAWAH’s meaning from Proverbs 3:6

Vision

Guided by God’s Spirit and shaped by His Word we have a vision to grow deeply-rooted followers of Jesus Christ.

IAWAH facilitates the growth of deeply rooted followers through an environment that leverages adventure, experiential learning and Christian community.

Mission

The purpose of IAWAH is to plant seeds of faith, nurture disciples, and to cultivate Godly character and leadership.

We create an environment where guests are welcomed, inspired and meet Christ.

Core Values

Christ, Scripture, Creation, Relationships
Challenge & Experience, Service & Work, Play & Rest

Guiding Scriptures

Proverbs 3:5,6; John 15:1-17; Psalm 1:1-3; Isaiah 61:1-4; Ephesians 3:14-21; Galatians 5:7-6:10; Colossians 2:6-7; Hebrews 12:1-11

CORE BELIEFS

REALITY - We believe that there is one God, the Creator of all, who exists as plurality-in-unity Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is the personification of pure love and complete power and deeply desires a loving relationship with his people. We believe that God created man and woman in his own image. Each person is a precious image bearer with a unique capacity for a relationship with God. Because God is love and as such is an inherently relational being, this means that relationship itself is at the core of reality.

REVELATION - We believe the Bible is God's message to humanity. Written through people with the perspective of their own era and culture, the Old and New Testaments were inspired by the Holy Spirit and thus the Bible is our timeless and final authority in all that we believe and do. We believe as we seek after God by praying and studying the Bible, guided by the Holy Spirit, God speaks to us revealing his purposes.

REBELLION - We believe that God created all humanity in his image, regardless of differences, and thus all people are precious image bearers. Being made in God's image, we were designed for an eternal relationship with him. However due to our own sinful choices and inherent self-centredness we have all fallen short of God's ideal and become separated from him, in need of forgiveness.

RECONCILIATION - We believe that Jesus, the Son, provides the one way for us to become reunited with God. Through Jesus, God fully revealed his extreme love for humanity and unveiled his plan and purpose to reconcile the world to himself. Through Christ's death on the cross he made forgiveness possible for us in a way that does not compromise the integrity of God's justice. Because Jesus was miraculously conceived by God as a human being born of Mary, and lived a perfect life, he died as a pure, sinless sacrifice for our sins. And because he rose from the dead he forever lives as our ascended Lord, our advocate and friend.

COMMUNITY - We believe that anyone who chooses to be reconciled to God by accepting forgiveness through Jesus Christ becomes part of the Church - the living, active body of Jesus carrying on his mission today. This person becomes a new creation with a new identity and purpose. God calls his people to come together, transforms and empowers them by his Holy Spirit, and through them reaches out to a hurting humanity.

RELATIONSHIPS – We were created to live in community, brought into a family by God's design, within a network of relationships. Jesus affirmed a marriage covenant between one man and one woman. Marriage is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. We believe the gift of sex is to be expressed within this loving boundary that God has set in place.

KINGDOM – We believe that there is a battle going on between the spiritual forces of good and evil that affect all people in a very real way. It is the main goal of the rebel angel, Satan, and the forces of darkness, to promote the separation of man from God and seek ultimate control of this world. The good news is that through Christ, God has already won the definitive battle and is in the process of establishing his rule throughout creation.

RESTORED CREATION - We believe that Jesus will return to earth to bring his victory to final completion, establishing a new heaven and earth, and thus bringing his kingdom to its fullness, together with his Church. This is the inheritance of those who have believed, turned from sin and chosen to be reconciled to God through Christ.