

**At Camp Illiana,** We believe and teach:

1. We believe God gave us the 66 books of the Bible to be received as the inspired, authoritative, and infallible Word of God for salvation and life. The documents of scripture come to us as diverse literary and historical writings. Despite their complexities, they can be understood, trusted, and followed.
2. We believe Jesus came as the promised Messiah of the Old Testament. He ushered in the kingdom of God, died on the cross, and rose on the third day. He is seated at the right hand of God as Lord, and He is coming back for His disciples.
3. We teach that belief in Jesus means we trust and follow Him as both Savior and Lord. When we commit to trust and follow Jesus, we express this faith by repenting from sin, confessing His name, and receiving baptism by immersion in water. Baptism is an expression of faith, and is for the remission of sins. We uphold baptism as the normative means of entry into the life of discipleship. It marks our commitment to regularly die to ourselves and rise to live for Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.
4. We believe God sovereignly saves as He sees fit, but we are bound by scripture to uphold this teaching about surrendering to Jesus in faith through repentance, confession, and baptism.
5. We believe in the present kingdom, the reign of God, the power of the Holy Spirit to transform people, and the priority of the local church. God's holiness requires His church and Camp Illiana to reject lifestyles characterized by pride, sexual immorality, homosexuality, easy divorce, idolatry, greed, materialism, gossip, slander, racism, and violence. We seek to show understanding, kindness, and love in all things.
6. We believe God created each person as distinctly male or female. We further believe God created marriage as the context for expressing and enjoying sexual relations. Jesus defines, and we teach marriage as a covenant between one man and one woman. We believe that all sexual activity outside the bounds of marriage, including same-sex unions and same-sex marriage, is immoral and must not be condoned by the disciples of Jesus.
7. We believe Jesus invites all races and ethnicities into the Kingdom of God. We believe love is expressed in services to Christ's Church and the surrounding community. Love leads to the breaking down walls (racial, social, political), evangelism, acts of mercy, compassion, and forgiveness.

8. We believe men and women serve as partners in using their gifts in ministry while seeking to uphold New Testament norms which teach that the lead teacher/preacher role in the gathered church and the elder/overseer role is for qualified men.
9. We believe the vision of the Bible is an equal partnership of men and women in creation, marriage, salvation, gifts of the Spirit, and church ministries but exercised in ways that honor gender as described in the Bible.
10. We believe everything we have belongs to God. Disciples of Jesus should joyfully give liberally and work sacrificially for the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed.