

## What We Believe

Within the Christian faith there are certain “fundamental” beliefs Beloved and Beyond holds with strong conviction. Beloved and Beyond believes it is scriptural to disagree on debatable beliefs, however as with all issues in Christ, Beloved and Beyond views them through the lens of our fundamental beliefs. In Essentials Unity, In non-essentials Love.

- Beloved and Beyond believes the Bible, in its entirety, is inerrant, inspired by God, and is the only authoritative reference for matters of faith and practice.
- Beloved and Beyond believes in one God, creator of all things, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Beloved and Beyond believes Jesus Christ, the Son, is fully God and became fully human through His virgin birth. His sinless life, voluntary death, shed blood, and bodily resurrection was necessary and sufficient for the redemption of man and is the justification of sinners through faith in Him alone. He will visibly return to earth in glory.
- Beloved and Beyond believes the Holy Spirit is fully God. Through His power and presence, He is the effective agent in the new birth (salvation) and through His indwelling, empowers the believer for godly living and service.
- Beloved and Beyond believes God created man in His image as a moral and rational being. The historic fall of man into sin and his disobedience, individually and corporately, produced divine condemnation.

- Beloved and Beyond believes the redeemed will be resurrected to everlasting presence and enjoyment of God, while the unredeemed are resurrected to judgment and everlasting punishment.

We also support and expect all staff to teach the following should it arise:

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Also, based on this confession, we are committed to honoring God by obeying the two Greatest Commandments, loving God and loving neighbor, and based on that commitment and derived from the inspired, infallible, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God in Scripture, we profess the following as necessary for living the gospel:

- We believe in the spiritual unity and equality of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe that the Lordship of Christ requires us as disciples to seek to conform our actions, thoughts, and desires in obedience to Him.
- We believe God creates each person with an immutable biological sex — male or female — that reflects the image and likeness of God.
- We believe God designed marriage as a unique conjugal relationship joining one man and one woman in a single, exclusive, life-long union, and God intends sexual intimacy to only occur within that relationship.

- We believe God endows all human life with inherent dignity, and it must be respected and protected from conception to natural death.
- We believe that God has endowed all humans with the natural, and inalienable right of religious freedom to believe, pursue truth, and live within ordered liberty such that no civil government may justly infringe upon it.
- We believe that God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, calls all of us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him and that, in exchange, He promises us abundant life.  
As an employee or summer staff member, you are expected to teach according to the above stated beliefs regardless of your individual belief. Please come talk to the directors if you need clarification.  
“In essentials unity in non essentials love.” We should focus discussions on essentials of our faith like the truth in the gospel and how much campers and volunteers are BELOVED by God. Handling topics like baptism, communion etc should be respectful of various denominations.