



## **CAMROSE CHURCH OF GOD**

We are a Church that arose from the Holiness Movement in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. More specifically, we arose out of what has been termed the Church of God Movement, which is distinguished by a major center in Anderson, Indiana. Influenced by early Wesleyan pietism and a desire for Christians to come together as one Church, it has since grown so that Church of God groups around the world associate with one another for the common purposes of mission, theological dialogue, and ecumenical initiatives. We don't hold a formal membership (although we create an annual list of voters for business purposes). We hold a commitment to seeking what Christians have in common and to build on those things rather than emphasizing differences. We believe strongly in the work of God's Spirit in the church and in the lives of individuals to:

- Make us aware of our need for change and transformation.
- Convince us that we are loved and accepted, and forgiven of all wrongs.
- Give us new life.
- Help us to understand and apply the teachings of the Bible.
- Make us more like Jesus in character.
- Give us giftings and abilities for service.

## **SHARED BELIEFS**

The basis for our beliefs comes from the Bible, and while any number of different interpretations can be drawn from Scripture, we agree on some of the basics. For example, we believe:

- That God is one but in three expressions (Trinity).
- That the Bible is the word of God, which we hold as our guide in life.
- That Jesus was born, lived, taught, was killed, and came back to life as was written in the Bible.
- That Jesus' death and resurrection act to free us from our lives of sin.
- That God has given persons a freewill to choose for Him or against Him.
- That God's Spirit lives in those who believe in and follow the way of Jesus.
- In the practice of believer's baptism and the observance of the Lord's Supper.
- That Jesus will come back to earth at the end of time.
- In eternal judgement and reward - heaven and hell

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