

“Who are We (3)? Members of the Cole Mill Road Church of Christ”

Historical overview

Protestant Reformation: Lutherans; Calvinists (Reformed); Anabaptists
Restoration Movement (Stone-Campbell Movement):
Disciples of Christ; Independent Christian Church; Church of Christ

Doctrinal issues of the past

Scripture and Scriptural authority
“Plain sense” of Scripture
Emphasis on Acts + Pauline epistles (influenced by Dispensationalism)
Invalidity of the Old Testament
Congregational autonomy
Rejection of the Missionary Society and orphan homes
“Cooperation Controversy”
Worship
Acapella music
Role of women
Segregation / Integration of congregations

Fundamental convictions of the Cole Mill Road Church of Christ

Scriptural authority
Bible is the inspired word of God and sole authority for faith and practice
Biblical interpretation from both individual and group discernment
Conversion process
Teaching that leads to personal reflection and commitment to Jesus Christ
Baptism by immersion of adult believers who confess Jesus Christ as Lord
Worship
Emphasis on Word (read and preached) and Table (observed each week)
Acapella singing (by preference)
Gender-inclusive leadership
Congregational membership and structure
Acceptance of all professed believers, whatever their mode of baptism
Racially inclusive (from the congregation’s beginnings)
Led by a plurality of elders selected by the congregation (not self-perpetuating)
Served by a Ministry Coordinating Committee (in lieu of “deacons”)
Served by a minister or ministers selected by the congregation