# These are Antioch Community Churches Core Beliefs, that they might invite all of us into experiencing God's extravagant love for us all.

### GOD

We believe in one God who exists in three distinct, equally divine persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He created the universe and is the Author of life. He is all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-present. (Genesis 1:1, 2:4, Psalm 33:6, John 1:1-3)

## **JESUS**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He has existed from the very beginning with God, thus He was not created, but is both fully God and fully human. He was without sin. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He was crucified on a cross to forgive the sins of those who trust in Him. He rose from the grave and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God where He serves as the Mediator between God and man. (John 1:1-2, John 1:14, John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Colossians 1:15-17, Hebrews 1:3)

## **HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe the Holy Spirit is one with the Father and the Son. He is the abiding and indwelling presence of God and is our helper, comforter, and guide. (Ezekiel 36:27, John 14:17 & 26, Romans 8:9-11, 1 Corinthians 3:16)

## **SALVATION**

We believe our eternal salvation comes solely through Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life. Through the blood of Christ, who died on a cross for our sins, we receive forgiveness, reconciliation, and eternal salvation. (John 5:24, Acts 4:12, Romans 5:9, Romans 8:34)

### THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible—the 66 books of the Old & New Testaments—to be the fully inspired Word of God and its authors were moved by the Spirit of God to write its words. Scripture speaks with the authority of God in all matters of faith and practice. (Psalm 119:105, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Corinthians 2:12-13, 2 Peter 1:21)

### THE CHURCH

We believe that the church is the body of Christ, of which Jesus Christ is the head. The members of the church are those who have trusted by faith the finished work of Christ. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by loving Him and by making Him known to the lost world. (Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 3:21, Matthew 28:18-20)