

We believe

The Salvation Army has articulated a doctrinal standard that reflects the orthodoxy of the historic, evangelical faith. We hold these truths in common with Christians through the ages and in distinction from those who have deviated from scriptural Christianity. We believe...

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the divine rule of Christian faith and practice.

There is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship.

There are three persons in the Godhead - the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, undivided in essence and coequal in power and glory.

In the person of Jesus Christ the divine and human natures are united so that He is truly and properly God and truly and properly man.

Our first parents were created in a state of innocence, but by their disobedience they lost their purity and happiness; and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally depraved, and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God.

The Lord Jesus Christ has by His suffering and death made an atonement for the whole world so that whosoever will may be saved.

Repentance toward God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit, are necessary to salvation.

We are justified by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.

Continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ.

It is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified, and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgement at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked.

Our Pastors

Mark Wagner became a pastor with The Salvation Army in 1989. After fifteen years of leading churches across Canada he moved to Victoria with Isobel. They've been married for over twenty-five years. As a fourth generation pastor in The Salvation Army he is deeply committed to creating and caring for healthy local churches. His academic background includes: BTh (Tyndale), BA (Waterloo), MA (St. Michael's, Toronto), MDiv (Tyndale) & STM (Regis, Toronto). Mark also holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary, California.

Isobel Wagner has not only co-pastored along side Mark, but has also raised a family of five children with him. Her roots in the Army are also multi-generational. She holds a BA (Waterloo) in English Literature, a BRE (Tyndale) in Christian Education and an MTS (Tyndale). Isobel has a passion to bring people together to grow in Christ, and to mentor people along their spiritual journeys.



THE SALVATION ARMY WESTSONG COMMUNITY CHURCH

Talk to us about how you can become an authentic Christ-follower; about connecting with others in membership classes, home groups and service opportunities.

Let's get to know each other!

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Values, Mission, Vision and Doctrines



What you need to know about us

Values:

You are what
you prize



We value...

- Others! So that we are willing to share our lives and our faith with them
- Intimacy with God expressed in relevant worship where people experience his presence, celebrate his glory and understand his will, and expressed in small groups and personally
- Connecting with others in grace-filled, loving, authentic, safe and secure relationships
- Growing people who help others to be growing people and each one becoming like Christ
- Our God-given gifts and abilities to be used to serve others
- Reproducible excellence in every level of our service to God and others
- Variety and flexibility in our methods while upholding sound doctrine
- Being and building a local church of The Salvation Army

Mission:

You hit what
you aim at

Our purpose is to be a God-glorifying fellowship of people who are prepared by the Holy Spirit to reach out, bring in & build up others to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our mission statement takes the five fundamental purposes of the church and puts it into language that is easy to remember.

We speak about *exalting* or worshipping God, since we exist to glorify him. We emphasize our giftedness by the Holy Spirit, so that we are not only *equipped* for action, but also ready to give ourselves to others in his service. We speak of *evangelizing* people—that is, sharing God's good news with them, and of *enfolding them* into our fellowship, and of *edifying* them in their Christian walk.

We want to grow...

- Stronger through worship
- Warmer through fellowship
- Deeper through discipleship
- Broader through service
- Larger through outreach

Vision:

You go where
you see you can be

We see a vibrant Salvation Army congregation in the West Shore that will grow, within ten years, to have 400 attenders. We envision starting a second service as we grow, and planting our first daughter church within five years. We will exist for the sake of others.

We see a church that will **celebrate** God with contemporary worship music, **connect** with each other in home groups, **cultivate** people who want to grow as Christ-followers, **create** opportunities that foster service and meet real needs.

We will be people who will share our lives and our faith with others.

We see a place where people will offer their best to God; people who will be flexible and varied in their methods for the sake of reaching others; people whose hearts are filled with grace toward others and whose minds are attuned to the will of Christ—who is the way, the truth and the life.

The logo for The Salvation Army, featuring the words 'THE SALVATION ARMY' in a stylized, blue, sans-serif font. The 'S' in 'SALVATION' is particularly large and prominent.

*Westsong opened on October 16, 2005
We meet in the Isabelle Reader Theatre
(1026 Goldstream Avenue, Langford)*

KidsQuest is our fun kid's program!

Homes Open for Ministry and Encouragement
Ask us about joining a H.O.M.E. groups