We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are:

- first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ;
- second, Repentance;
- third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins;
- fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**Faith** is hope for things that we cannot see but are true. We believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior, and we trust Him to help and guide us.

**Repentance** is when we change our hearts to be more like Heavenly Father. When we do something wrong, we feel sorry and promise ourselves and Heavenly Father that we will not do that wrong thing again. When we repent we can be forgiven because of the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

**Baptism** is the first step in becoming a member of Jesus Christ’s Church. We can be baptized when we are eight years old. At age eight, we are old enough to know the difference between right and wrong.

**The gift of the Holy Ghost** is given to us by a priesthood holder after we are baptized. The Holy Ghost prompts us to choose the right, comforts us, and helps us understand eternal truths. The Holy Ghost is like a still, small voice that we feel in our minds and hearts.

**Definitions**

**Principle**: A principle is a fundamental law or truth. Faith and repentance are principles of the gospel.

**Ordinance**: An ordinance is a sacred act performed by the authority of the priesthood. Baptism and confirmation are ordinances.