

BAPTIST REGIONAL SCHOOL

“STATEMENT OF BELIEF”

The **Word of God**, in its entirety, is the basis and foundation of Baptist Regional School and is summarized in the following:

Scripture

We believe that the Holy Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, is the verbally inspired Word of God, is inerrant in the original writings, and is upheld as the supreme and final authority in faith and life. *II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21*

True God

We believe in one God, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. *I John 5:7; Revelation 19:6; Romans 11:33; Isaiah 46:9; Psalms 139:7-10*

Jesus Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. We also believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate. *Matthew 1:23; John 1:1,2; Luke 1:35*

Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person possessing all the attributes of personality and of deity, by whom believers are called, regenerated, and baptized into Christ. The distinction between the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and now in the New Testament dispensation must be recognized, i.e. there is a new and unique work of the Holy Spirit in relation to the body of Christ for which there is no Old Testament parallel. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, righteousness and judgment, bears witness to the truth, is the agent of the New Birth; and that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses to, sanctifies and helps the believer, indwelling every true child of God in this Church age. *John 16:7-11, 13-14; John 14:16-17; Romans 8:14, 27; II Thessalonians 2:7*

Angels, Demons and Satan

We believe in the personal existence of angels, demons and Satan; that Satan is the unholy god of this age and the author of all the powers of darkness and is destined to the judgement of eternal

punishment in the lake of fire. *Matthew 4:1-3; II Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 20:10*

Creation

We believe in the direct creation of the universe and man by God, according to the Genesis account of creation and apart from any process of evolution. *Genesis 1:2; Colossians 1:16-17; John 1:3*

Fall of Man

We believe that man, in the person of the first Adam, was created in innocence but by voluntary transgression fell into sin, thus plunging the whole race into condemnation and total depravity. In consequence of which all men are born sinners and are directed by their sin natures to willful acts of sin. *Genesis 3; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1*

Atonement for Sin

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediatorial work of the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood and are in possession of a salvation which is eternally secure. *Ephesians 2:8; Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24; John 3:16; Matthew 8:11; Hebrews 2:14; Isaiah 53:4-7; Romans 3:25; I John 4:10; I Corinthians 15:3; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:4; John 8:31-32; Colossians 1:21,23; I John 2:19; Matthew 13:19-20; Romans 8:28; Matthew 6:30*

Grace in the New Creation

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, not by culture, not by character, nor by the will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, thus securing our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life. *John 3:3; II Corinthians 5:17; I John 5:1; John 3:6-7; Acts 16:30-33; II Peter 1:4; Ephesians 2:1; II Corinthians 5:19; Colossians 2:13; John 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*

Faith and Salvation

We believe that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation and all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ become children of God. *Acts 16:31; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 5:24; John 3:16, 18, 36*

Ministry of Spiritual Gifts

We believe that God is Sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts; and that the gifts of evangelists, pastors and teachers are sufficient for the growth and maturity of the saints today. We believe that the speaking in tongues and the working of sign miracles gradually ceased as the New Testament was completed and its authority established; that they were to convince the weak in faith and unbelievers and were not a sign of super spirituality. *I Corinthians 12:4-11; I Corinthians 13:1-3; I Corinthians 14:22-23, 33; Ephesians 4:7-12*

The Church

We believe in the unity of all true believers in the Church which is the body of Christ, and that this is a distinctively New Testament organism not to be confounded with the saved of the Old Testament. We believe in the local church as a company of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, independent and self-governing, which should fellowship with other churches of like faith and order. It is the responsibility of the local church to observe the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, edify itself, and evangelize the world. *Acts 2:41-42; I Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 4:11; Acts 20:28; I Timothy 3:15; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23-24; Acts 15:13-18*

Ordinances

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem of our faith in the crucified, buried, risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration of His death until He comes and should be preceded always by solemn self-examination. *Acts 8:26-39; John 3:23; Romans 6:3-5; Matthew 3:16; Colossians 2:12; I Corinthians 11:23-28; Luke 22:14-20; Matthew 28:19*

Second Advent of Christ

We believe that the personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ to catch up His people to meet Him in the air is imminent, i.e. that the rapture of all believers will precede the 70th week of Daniel, commonly referred to as the Tribulation. We believe in the personal and bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ to set up His Kingdom upon earth, and that this will take place following the Tribulation. *I Thessalonians 4:13-18; II Thessalonians 1:6-12; Revelation 20:1-6, 12-14; Luke 1:32; Acts 2:29-30; Isaiah 9:6-7*

Eternal State

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust; the everlasting blessedness of the saved in full enjoyment of God's presence in Heaven, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in Hell, eternally separated from God. *Luke 16:19-26; Matthew 25:46; John 5:28-29; Philippians 1:23; II Corinthians 5:8, 10*

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