

Doctrine, Articles of Faith and Church Commitment

The Doctrine of this Church shall be as follows:

- A. We believe in a triune God (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit), each with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being. (Deuteronomy 6:4, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 28:18, 2 Corinthians 13:13)
- B. We believe that God created all people in God's own image. (Genesis 1:26, Psalm 134:13-16)
- C. We believe that God descended and dwelt among us as Jesus Christ who, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. We believe that on the third day He arose again from the dead. (Luke 1:35, Luke 2, John 3:16, Luke 23:23-25, All 4 gospels, 1 Corinthians 15:4)
- D. We believe that Christ is the Savior and Redeemer for all peoples and that the Holy Spirit convicts and converts all who believe in Christ. (John 16:7-11)
- E. We believe that Christ calls us both by his teaching and by the prodding of the Holy Spirit to minister redemptively to the spiritual, physical, and social needs of individuals and communities. (Matthew 9:35, Proverbs 14:31, Psalm 72:12-14, Luke 4:18-21, Acts 10:38)
- F. We believe that the Church functions as the physical body of Christ as we strive to be the presence of Christ within the world. (Romans 12:1-8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27; Ephesians 5:29-30)
- G. We believe in the authority of Scripture. We believe the Bible, under the Lordship of Christ, is central to the life of the individual and the church. We believe the Bible is God-breathed and that it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correction, and for training in righteousness.
(2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 119)

Articles of Faith

The Church subscribes to the doctrinal statement "The Baptist Faith and Message," as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention on May 9, 1963 or June 14, 2000, as our Articles of Faith.

Church Commitment

In the presence of God and this assembly, we do now solemnly and joyfully enter into a covenant, united with each other as one Body in Christ. (John 17:23; Ephesians 4:26)

We have been led by the Holy Spirit to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. (John 16:7-11)

On profession of our faith, we have been baptized by immersion in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Mathew 3:16; Luke 3:21)

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we agree that our personal conduct and ethical choices should be consistent with the example of Jesus Christ and the Word of God. (Ephesians 4:25-32; Matthew 5:1-16)

We pledge our lives as Christian brothers and sisters to faithfully demonstrate His life as disciples and members of Greenridge Baptist Church. We will invest our lives, spiritual gifts and resources as we connect, grow and serve together. (Acts 2:42-47; Romans 12:1-8; I Corinthians 12:1-11; Ephesians 4:11-16)

We also agree to eagerly participate in the global mission of Jesus Christ as described in Acts 1:8. We value the Lord's command to share the Gospel in our community, nation and world. We affirm the effectiveness of combining our words and actions as we graciously invite others to respond to the Good News of our Savior. (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:45-49)

Because we are commanded to be salt and light we understand we face a constant challenge to speak the truth in love to a wide spectrum of issues that include: sanctity of life, domestic abuse, chemical addictions, poverty, hunger and homelessness, sexual sins, and all forms of injustice. We agree that we will use our words and actions to bring godly and gracious solutions to a community and world that needs the salvation and transformation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Romans 12:9-18; Colossians 3:5-17; I Peter 2:11-17)

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Signature: _____

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