

First Baptist Church Membership

I am in agreement with, and will commit my life to living in light of the following:

PURPOSE

The purpose of our commitment together is to “multiply followers of Jesus” by winning other to Christ, assisting in growing and serving.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Bible

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, complete as the revelation of God's will for salvation, and the supreme and final authority in all matters to which they speak.

The Trinity

We believe in one God, creator and sustainer of all things, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that these are equal in every divine attribute and that they execute distinct but harmonious functions in the work of creation, providence, and redemption.

God the Father

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is God's eternal Son, and has precisely the same nature and attributes as God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. We further believe that He is not only true God, but true man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We also believe in His sinless life, His substitutionary atonement, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, His priestly intercession on behalf of His people, and His personal, visible, pre-millennial return from heaven.

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, His personality, and His work in conviction, regeneration, sanctification, and preservation. His ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and implement Christ's work of redeeming the lost and empowering the believer for godly living and service.

Man

We believe God created man, male and female, in the image of God and free from sin. Because of disobedience to God, man fell and became a sinner in nature and by choice and is therefore spiritually separated from God and in and of himself can do nothing to gain his own salvation.

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the free gift of God available to all by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We further believe that this salvation is based upon the sovereign grace of God, and was purchased by Christ on the cross, and is received by man through faith, apart from any human merit, works, or ritual. We also believe that every true believer has assurance of eternal life.

The Church

We believe that the Church is the spiritual body of which Christ is the head. We believe that the universal Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. We believe that this body expresses itself in independent local assemblies whose members have been immersed upon a credible confession of faith and have associated themselves for worship, for instruction, for evangelism, and for service. We further believe that the ordinances of the local church are believer's baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper.

Sanctity of Human Life

We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. We believe that God is the Creator of all life; that the power over life and death belongs to Him alone; that God alone can rightfully terminate or order the termination of life and, therefore, that the active taking of human life by abortion or euthanasia is a violation of the sanctity of human life and of divine prerogatives.

Marriage

We believe that the home is designed by God and is the basic unit for the church and society. The marriage relationship involves one man and one woman for life, as equal partners in life and ministry before God, yet with distinct and valuable roles before one another.

Christian Conduct

We believe that the supreme task of every believer is to glorify God in his life; that their conduct should be separate from worldly and unchristian practices; that he should be a faithful steward of his possessions; and that he should seek to realize for himself the full stature of maturity in Christ. We further believe in the mutual submission of believers to each other in love.

End Times

We believe in the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the bodily resurrection of the saved and lost, the eternal existence of all men either in heaven or hell, in divine judgments, rewards, and punishments.

MEMBER'S STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Having been led by the Spirit of God, I have received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord (John 1:12) and have publicly confessed my faith by word (Romans 10:8-10) and in baptism (Romans 6:3-5) and desire to be committed to this church family;

To walk lovingly (John 13:34,35) and humbly with my brethren (1 Peter 5:6;
Romans 12:3)

To affirm the mission of the church to "Multiply Followers of Jesus" by winning others to Christ, growing in faith with the Word, prayer and fellowship and serving with my spiritual gifts (Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 12:4-8).

To give regularly and cheerfully to my church (2 Corinthians 9:6,7; 1 Corinthians 16:2);
To serve faithfully in some activity of the church body according to God's leading and according to my spiritual gifts and abilities (Romans 12:4-8; James 1:22-24; 2:18)

I understand that we are a congregational ruled church (the members make the decisions) and Elder led.

I commit myself to be a part of the decision process of the church (involvement and voting)

I submit myself to the care and restoration of the church family.

Signature

Date