

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible is God's written word to us. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. It is the truth, because it is inspired by God without any mixture of error. As such, it serves as the ultimate authority for faith and practice in the church.

We believe that God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We believe that all people are sinners both by birth (original sin) and by action (volitional sin). Sinful actions represent a rejection of God's authority by engaging in what is deemed as wrong in Scripture. Sin separates us from God (Colossians 1:21) and the penalty He has assigned for sin is death, both physical and spiritual (Romans 6:23).

The only remedy for sin is the substitutionary death of Jesus (Romans 5:8). We believe that forgiveness of sins and salvation is God's free gift of grace to those who receive it through faith in Jesus (Ephesians 2:8-9). We can never make up for our sin by good works. Professing faith in Jesus Christ alone for forgiveness of sins is the only way anyone can be saved from sin's penalty. Salvation includes both pardon from sin and the promise of eternal life, based solely on the imputation of Christ's righteousness. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his or her life by faith.

We believe that Fairview Church is to be a congregation of regenerated and baptized believers, united together around a common commitment to the faith and fellowship of the Gospel. Members of the church are to demonstrate evidence of regeneration by living in submission to the authority of Christ exercised through His Word. Leaders in the church are to meet the qualifications laid out in Scripture and are to serve according to the function given in Scripture.

In addition to the above statement of faith, we also affirm the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 of the Southern Baptist Convention.