

## Gloucester Point Baptist Church Statement of Faith\*

As Baptists it has often been said we have no creed but the Bible. This is true, for Baptists have preferred to have confessions of what we believe dating back to 1644. The focus of a creed is on whom we believe. Since we hold the Bible as our creed, it is important to know what we confess to as a community of believers. Each week we highlight a different aspect of our statement of faith/confession, with a brief, simplified explanation at the bottom.

### XII. EDUCATION

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education, there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

[Deuteronomy 4:1,5,9,14; 6:1-10; 31:12-13; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalms 19:7ff.; 119:11; Proverbs 3:13ff.; 4:1-10; 8:1-7, 11; 15:14; Ecclesiastes 7:19; Matthew 5:2; 7:24ff.; 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 2:3, 8-9; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:12-6:3; James 1:5; 3:17.](#)

\*Adapted from the Southern Baptist Convention Baptist Faith & Message 2000  
Full Statement of Faith - [gpbcc.church/doctrinal](http://gpbcc.church/doctrinal) statement.

## Welcome To Gloucester Point Baptist Church



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Members

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Ministers

*We thank God you are here and hope you get to know Jesus by receiving His love and His church's ministries. Please fill out a "Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place it in the offering plate.*

11:00 am                                      WORSHIP                                      October 1, 2023

**PRELUDE**

CALL TO WORSHIP \* 261 vs. 1 & 2                                      "Wonderful Words of Life"  
HYMN OF PRAISE \* 206 vs. 1 & 4                                      "Blessed Be the Name"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS                                      Stewart Wood, Deacon  
MINISTRIES/PRAYER    Pastor Dillon Evans

Anthem    Chancel Choir

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : 2 Peter 2:1                                      Abram Owens

HYMN OF OFFERING \* 260 vs. 1 & 4                                      "Holy Bible, Book Divine"

OFFERTORY PRAYER    Stewart Wood, Deacon

OFFERING  
DOXOLOGY \*    Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: \* 2 Timothy 3:16-17                                      Pastor Dillon Evans  
SERIES:                                      The Solas  
MESSAGE:                                      "Scripture Alone"

HYMN OF INVITATION \* 546    "Love Lifted Me"  
(please use your hymnals)

**LORD'S SUPPER**

BLESSING    Pastor Dillon Evans  
THE LORD'S SUPPER  
CLOSING CHORUS \* 387    "Blest Be the Tie"

**CLOSING CHORUS # 387**  
**"Blest Be the Tie"**

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

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**SERMON NOTES:**

*"As you go, make disciples..." Matthew 28:19*  
Pray, call, visit, minister, witness with members and others.

POSTLUDE                                      Please take this time to greet one another

\*Congregation Stands

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