#### Gloucester Point Baptist Church Statement of Faith\*

As Baptists, it has often been said that 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.

### XIV. COOPERATION

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Exodus 17:12; 18:17ff.; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4; 2:68-69; 5:14-15; Nehemiah 4; 8:1-5; Matthew 10:5-15; 20:1-16; 22:1-10; 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1ff.; Acts 1:13-14; 2:1ff.; 4:31-37; 13:2-3; 15:1-35; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:5-15; 12; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Galatians 1:6-10; Ephesians 4:1-16; Philippians 1:15-18.

## \*Adapted from the Southern Baptist Convention Baptist Faith & Message 2000

Full Statement of Faith - gpbc.church/doctrinal statement.

# Welcome To Gloucester Point Baptist Church



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Dillon Evans Margaret Sarratori Connie Stewart Dr. Paul R. Garber Members Pastor Director of Music CYM Coordinator Pastor Emeritus 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 15 2023

**PRELUDE** 

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAISE \* 226 vs. 1-6 "O Praise the

Gracious Power"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCMENTS

MINISTRIES/PRAYER

Bill Breeden, Deacon
Pastor Dillon Evans

Anthem Chancel Choir

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:3-6 Shyann Sanford

HYMN OF OFFERING \* 485 vs 1 & 3 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Bill Breeden, Deacon

**OFFERING** 

DOXOLOGY \* Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: \* Ephesians 2:1-10 Pastor Dillon Evans

SERIES: The Solas MESSAGE: "Grace Alone"

**HYMN OF INVITATION \* 318** "The Nail-Scarred Hand"

(please use your hymnals)

CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans
CLOSING CHORUS \* 329 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

"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

## CLOSING CHORUS # 329 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse with—in;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is great—er that all our sin.

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### **SERMON NOTES:**

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