

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.

XVIII. THE FAMILY

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

[Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7](#)

Welcome To Gloucester Point Baptist Church



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Director of Music
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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 November 12, 2023

PRELUDE

PRESENTATION OF COLORS American Heritage Girls & Trail Life

CALL TO WORSHIP * 382 vs. 1-3 "God, the Father of Your People"

HYMN OF PRAISE * 243 vs. 1 & 2 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Brian Stewart, Deacon

CHILDREN'S SERMON Sonya Anthony
MINISTRIES/PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans

VETERAN'S DAY FOCUS American Heritage Girls & Trail Life

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : Galatians 2:15-16 Shyann Sanford

HYMN OF OFFERING * 54 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Brian Stewart, Deacon

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY * Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: * Acts 15:1-35 Pastor Dillon Evans

SERIES: Acts: To The Ends of the Earth

MESSAGE: "Overcome Division"

HYMN OF INVITATION * 305 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
(please use your hymnals)

CLOSING OF COLORS American Heritage Girls & Trail Life

CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans

CLOSING CHORUS * 55 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

"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 # 55
"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

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SERMON NOTES:

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

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

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