

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.

XVII. RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

[Genesis 1:27; 2:7; Matthew 6:6-7,24; 16:26; 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Romans 6:1-2; 13:1-7; Galatians 5:1,13; Philippians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; James 4:12; 1 Peter 2:12-17; 3:11-17; 4:12-19.](#)

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

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 5, 2023

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 244 "Spirit of the Living God"
HYMN OF PRAISE * 426 vs. 1 & 2 "Victory in Jesus"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Sonya Anthony, Deacon

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

Anthem Chancel Choir

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : Colossians 1:21-23 Ella Evans

HYMN OF OFFERING * 595 vs. 1 & 4 "Send the Light"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sonya Anthony, Deacon

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY * Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: * Acts 14:1-28 Pastor Dillon Evans
SERIES: Acts: To The Ends of the Earth
MESSAGE: "Christian Perseverance:"

HYMN OF INVITATION * 279 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"
(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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