

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.

VI. THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. Both men and women are gifted for service in the church as qualified by Scripture.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

[Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23, 27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:44; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3.](#)

What does this mean?

[A New Testament Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of born-again Believers who are associated by their common faith and fellowship with Jesus. The Church is meant to be the visible body of Christ, sent into the world to glorify God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.](#)

*Adapted from the Southern Baptist Convention Baptist Faith & Message 2000
Simplified - gpbcc.church/what-we-believe
Full Statement of Faith - gpbcc.church/doctrinal-statement.

Welcome To Gloucester Point Baptist Church



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Director of Music
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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 August 20, 2023

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 438 vs. 1 & 2 "Heaven Came Down"
HYMN OF PRAISE * 6 vs. 1 & 4 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Breeden, Deacon
MINISTRIES/PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans

ANTHEM Special Music

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : 1 Timothy 1:15 Abram Owens

HYMN OF OFFERING * 329 vs. 1 & 2 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Bill Breeden, Deacon

OFFERING
DOXOLOGY * Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: * Acts 9:1:31 Pastor Dillon Evans
SERIES: Acts: To the Ends of the Earth
MESSAGE: "The Scandal of Saul"

HYMN OF INVITATION * 192 "Soon and Very Soon"
(please use your hymnals)

CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans
CLOSING CHORUS * 295 (chorus) "Near to the Heart of God"

"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 # 295
"Near to the Heart of God"

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait before Thee
Near to the heart of God.

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SERMON NOTES:

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