

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.

VII. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Salvation is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to taking the Lord's Supper, with Baptism to follow as soon as practicable.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

[Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26;](#)
[Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39;](#)
[16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29;](#)
[Colossians 2:12 .](#)

What does this mean?

Baptism by Immersion – We believe that scriptural Baptism is (1) by being completely immersed underwater and (2) after salvation. Jesus was immersed, and all baptisms in the New Testament were by immersion. These two facts set the standard for Baptism today. Baptism has no saving power but is the first act of obedience symbolizing (1) the Believer's faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, (2) the Believer's death to sin and resurrection to walk anew in Christ, and (3) the Christian's belief that he will die, be buried, and that Jesus will resurrect him from the dead.

The Lord's Supper – The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby Believers remember the death of the Lord Jesus Christ and anticipate his second coming. The bread is symbolic of His body, and the juice represents His blood.

*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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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 27, 2023

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 390 vs. 1 & 2 "We Are Called to Be God's People"
HYMN OF PRAISE * 10 vs. 1 "How Great Thou Art"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Leslie Belvin, Deacon
MINISTRIES/PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans

ANTHEM Special Music

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : John 14:12-14 Samantha West

HYMN OF OFFERING * 405 vs. 1 & 4 "Have Faith in God"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Leslie Belvin, Deacon

OFFERING
DOXOLOGY * Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: * Acts 9:32–43 Pastor Dillon Evans
SERIES: Acts: To the Ends of the Earth
MESSAGE: "Peter the Healer"

HYMN OF INVITATION * 411 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
(please use your hymnals)

CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans
CLOSING CHORUS * 54 (chorus) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CLOSING CHORUS # 54
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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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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