

Waverly Place Baptist Church

Statement of Faith

On the Scriptures

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.

On God

We believe that there is One, and only One, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

On Mankind & Sin

We believe that mankind was created in the image of God; that he sinned, and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death that is separation from God; that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and therefore are sinners in thought, word and deed.

On the Person of Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.

On the Way of Salvation & Justification

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and a substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood alone.

On Regeneration & the Holy Spirit

We believe that regeneration is a change wrought in us by the Holy Spirit; that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God, no longer under condemnation, but fully pardoned and restored to the Father, who preserves them until the end.

On the Resurrection & Ascension of Jesus Christ

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.

On the Return of Jesus Christ

We believe in the sudden, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ and in His Millennial Kingdom.

On the Future of All People

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the eternal blessedness of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the lost.

On Baptism

We believe that baptism is the immersion of a believer, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit in testimony of faith in the crucified, buried and risen Christ, and in confession that the believer is to be dead to sin and risen to newness of life in Christ Jesus.

On the Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a local church's commemoration of the Lord's death "till He comes;" providing believers with spiritual nourishment and growth in Jesus Christ, being a sign and pledge of their communion with Him and with one another.