

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

We, as New Testament Baptists, affirm our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation and believe in those great distinctive principles for which Baptists have lived and died, such as:

1. **Soul Liberty** - Every person has the freedom to interpret the Scriptures as he/she understands them and to believe according to his/her conscience without hindrance (Gal. 5:1; John 8:32, 36; 1 Cor. 2: 10-16);
2. **The Inspired Authority of the Scriptures** in matters of faith and conduct - The Bible is God's guide and standard for all our beliefs and how we should live (2 Tim. 3:16);
3. **The Separation of Church and State** - Civil Governments are to be respected. Government should not interfere with matters of religion, and the church should not seek the support of government (Matt. 22:21; Acts 5:29);
4. **The Revelation of God through Jesus Christ as only Saviour and Lord** - There is only one way to be saved and enter heaven, and that is through Jesus' provision and offer of salvation (John 14:6, John 20:31);
5. **Regenerated Church Membership** - Only people who profess to be saved, and acknowledge it by being baptized, are eligible to become church members (John 1:12, John 3:5; Acts 2:38 & Acts 2:47);
6. **Believer's Baptism by Immersion** (Rom. 6:3-11);
7. **The Congregational Form of Church Government** - The congregation has final human authority in the church and is free and independent of other churches or church governments, except by voluntary submission (1 Peter 2:5,9; & Rev. 1:6);
8. **The proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world** - The church is to diligently pursue the conversion of people, both locally and around the world (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8);