

What We Believe

(...taken from Article 1, Section 3 of our Constitution)

- Section 3** This church holds and advocates the doctrines characteristic of the churches known as the Baptist persuasion; namely,
- A. **Belief** that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, the final authority in all matters pertaining to a knowledge of God and His will for mankind. ([Psalm 119: 111](#), [II Peter 1:21](#), [II Timothy 3: 16-17](#)).
 - B. **Belief** in the Trinity, recognizing there are three Persons in one essence; God the Father; God the Son; and God the Holy Spirit – Three in One and One in Three. ([Genesis 1](#); [Numbers 6:24-26](#); [Matthew 28:9](#)).
 - C. **Belief** in the “Doctrines of Grace” wherein it is declared: All men need salvation from sin unto righteousness; this cannot be provided by themselves. God through His holy and loving purpose has made salvation unto righteousness possible through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, His Son. And that this salvation unto righteousness is made effective in human life by being accepted in active trustful faith by the repentant, surrendering believer, who thus and then experiences the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, thus becoming a child of God, possessor of Eternal Life, a new member of the Church of Jesus Christ, and the citizen of the kingdom of God. ([Romans 5: 19-21](#); [I Corinthians 1:30](#); [John 1:12](#); [John 5:24](#)).
 - D. **Belief** in the “priesthood of all believers,” meaning that all believers are spiritually equal in God’s sight, both as to privilege and responsibility, but recognizing that spiritual gifts vary. ([I Peter 2:5, 9](#); [Ephesians 4: 15-16](#)).
 - E. **Belief** that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, now and eternally. ([Ephesians 5:23](#)).
 - F. **Belief** that the church should insist that its membership be confined to those who have made an individual commitment of their life to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and have given evidence of following Him. ([Acts 2:41](#); [Acts 8:12](#)).
 - G. **Belief** that the church is properly governed only when the policy of the church, under God, is congregational and democratic, which is in keeping with New Testament teaching. ([Acts 13: 1-2](#); [Acts 15: 2-35](#)).
 - H. **Belief** that the ordinance of believer’s baptism by immersion, is the will of Christ for His church and symbolizes being buried with Christ in death, and risen to newness of life. And baptism by immersion is the mode which scripture calls the believer to do in following Jesus’ example. Thus, baptism is an outward act indicating an inward spiritual change. ([Romans 6:4](#)).
 - I. **Belief** that the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper was instituted by the Lord to the church, in remembrance of Him; the elements of bread and wine symbolizing the body and blood of Christ. ([I Corinthians 11:26](#)).
 - J. **Belief** in the Second Coming of Christ which will bring to final fulfillment, God’s eternal purposes. The final judgment, which will separate the wicked unto eternal punishment and the righteous unto eternal life with Christ. ([I Thessalonians 4:16-18](#); [Acts 1:2](#); [Matthew 13:41- 42, 49, 50](#)).