

ARTICLE II

TRIAD BAPTIST CHURCH

“STATEMENT OF FAITH”

What We Believe:

We believe in THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: accepting fully the writings of the Old and New Testaments as the inerrant Word of God, verbally inspired in all parts and therefore altogether sufficient as our only infallible and authoritative rule of faith and practice. Psalms 119:160; Proverbs 30:5a; II Timothy 3:16 & 17; II Peter 1:19-21.

We believe in THE ONE TRUE GOD: who is an intelligent, sovereign, spiritual and personal being; perfect infinite, and eternal in His being, holiness and love, wisdom and power; absolutely separate from and above the world as its Creator, yet everywhere present in the world as the Upholder of all things. He is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons but without division of nature, essence or being, and each having a distinct ministry in God's relation to His creation and people. Genesis 1:1; Psalms 83:18, 139:7-9; Matthew 28:19, John 10:30; 15:26.

We believe in THE LORD JESUS CHRIST: who is the second Person of the Triune God, the eternal Word and Only Begotten Son; that without any change in His divine Person, He became man by miracle of the Virgin Birth, thus to continue forever as both true God and true Man, one Person with two natures; that as Man He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin; that as the perfect Lamb of God He gave Himself in death upon the cross, bearing there the sin of the world, and suffering its full penalty of divine wrath in our stead; that He arose from the grave in a glorified body; that as our great High Priest He ascended into Heaven, there to appear before the face of God as our Advocate and Intercessor. John 1:1 & 14; 3:16; Matthew 1:18-25; Galatians 4:4 & 5; Philippians 2:6-10; I Corinthians 15:3-7; Hebrews 4:14-16; I John 2:1 & 2.

We believe in THE HOLY SPIRIT: who is the Third Person of the Trinity, and the divine Agent in nature, revelation and redemption; that He convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgment; that He regenerates, indwells, baptizes, seals and anoints all who become children of God through Christ; that He further empowers, guides, teaches, sanctifies and fills believers who daily surrender to Him. John 3:5; 14:16, 17, 26; 16:7-14; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:13; II Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 1:13; 5:18.

We believe ALL MEN ARE BY NATURE AND CHOICE SINFUL AND LOST: that man was the direct creation of God, made in His image and likeness; that by personal disobedience to the revealed will of God, man became a sinful creature, the father of a fallen race which is universally sinful in both nature and practice, thus alienated from the life and family of God, under the righteous judgment and wrath of God and has within himself no possible means of salvation. Genesis 1:27; 3:6; Psalms 51:5; Romans 3:23; 5:12, 19; Galatians 3:11.

We believe in SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH: that salvation is the free gift of God, neither merited nor secured in part or in whole by any virtue of work of man, but received only by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom all true believers have as a present possession the gift of eternal life, a perfect righteousness, sonship in the family of God, deliverance and security from all condemnation, every spiritual resource needed for life and godliness, and the divine guarantee that they shall never perish; that this salvation affects the whole man; that apart from Christ there is no possible salvation. Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:5; John 1:12; 3:14; 10:28, 29; Romans 8:1; Philippians 1:6.

We believe in RIGHTEOUS LIVING AND GODLY WORKS: not as a means of salvation in any sense, but as its proper evidence and fruit; and therefore as Christians we should obey the Word of our Lord, seek the things which are above, walk as He walked, accept as our solemn responsibility the duty and privileges of bearing the gospel to a lost world; remembering that a victorious and fruitful Christian life is possible only for those who in gratitude for the infinite and undeserved mercies of God have presented themselves wholly to Christ. Ephesians 2:10; Romans 12:1,2; Philippians 2:16.

We believe in THE EXISTENCE OF SATAN: who originally was created a holy and perfect being, but through pride and wicked ambition rebelled against God, thus becoming utterly depraved in character, the great adversary of God and His people, leader of all other evil angels and wicked spirits, the deceiver and god of this present world: that his powers are vast, but strictly limited by the permissive will of God who overrules all his wicked devices for good; that he was defeated and judged at the cross, and therefore his final doom is certain; that we are able to resist and overcome him only in the armor of God, by the blood of the Lamb and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Isaac 14:12-15; Ephesians 6:12; I Peter 5:8; I John 3:8; Revelation 12:9-11; 20:10.

We believe in the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST: that His coming in the air to rapture His Church, which is our blessed Hope, is always imminent; that when He has first by resurrection of the dead and translation of the living removed from the earth his waiting Church, He will then pour out the righteous judgments of God upon the unbelieving world and afterwards descend with His Church and establish His glorious and literal kingdom over all the nations for a thousand years. I Thessalonians 4:13-18; James 5:8; Hebrews 10:37; Jude 14,15; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:4-7.

We believe in FUTURE LIFE, BODILY RESURRECTION AND ETERNAL JUDGMENT: that the spirit of the saved at death go immediately to be with Christ in Heaven, that their works shall be brought before the Judgment Seat of Christ for the determination of rewards which will take place at the time when Christ comes for His own; that the spirit of the unsaved at death descend immediately into Hades where they are kept under punishment until the final day of judgment, at which time their bodies shall be raised from the grave, that they shall be judged and cast into Hell, the place of final and everlasting punishment. I Corinthians 15:11; II Corinthians 5:8-10; Luke 16:19-23; Revelation 20:11-15.

We believe in THE DIVISION OF CHURCH AND STATE: with each having definite and distinct spheres of responsibility. Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:1-7.

We believe in THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS: that Christ is our Great High Priest and through Him every born-again person has direct access into God's presence without the need of a human priest; that the believer has the right and responsibility to personally study and interpret the Scriptures guided by the Holy Spirit. John 14:6; Hebrews 4:16; II Timothy 2:15; I Peter 2:1,5,9.

We believe in THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST: that He alone is Head of the Body of Christ, into which all true believers are immediately baptized by the Holy Spirit; that all members of this one spiritual body should assemble and identify themselves in local churches. I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:22,23; 4:11-15; Galatians 1:22.

We believe in THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH: that a New Testament church is a local assembly of born-again baptized believers united in organization to practice New Testament ordinances, to meet together for worship, prayer, fellowship, teaching and a united testimony, and to actively engage in carrying out the Great Commission. Acts 2:41,42; I Corinthians 11:2; Matthew 28:19,20.

We believe in THE INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH: that each New Testament church is free to govern itself without ecclesiastical interference, and should cooperate with other New Testament churches as the Holy Spirit leads; that it is responsible to follow the pattern of the New Testament church, and is directly accountable to God. Matthew 18:17; Acts 6:1-5; 13:1-3; 15:22-23.

We believe THE ORDINANCES GIVEN TO THE LOCAL CHURCH ARE TWO: BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER: that Baptism is by immersion of believers, thus portraying the death, burial, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ; that the Lord's Supper is the partaking of the bread and cup by the believer as a continuing memorial of the broken body and shed blood of Christ. Matthew 28:19,20; Acts 2:41; 8:38,39; Matthew 26:26-30; I Corinthians 11:23-34.

We believe in SCRIPTURAL CONDUCT AS IT RELATES TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:

PERSONAL ETHICS – PURITY, SUBJECTION TO AUTHORITY. "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." I Cor. 6:12 "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits." Proverbs 16:2 "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you." I Thessalonians 5:12

OBEDIENCE TO LAW BOTH GOD-GIVEN AND CIVIL. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Romans 13:1-2, 5-8, 11

FAMILY, HOUSEHOLD – HONORING PARENTS, RULING HOME. "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12 "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God? I Timothy 3:5 "Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things." I Timothy 3:11 "If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;" Titus 1:6-7 "That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children." Titus 2:2-4 "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." [Ephesians 5:22-31, 33 - 6:4](#)

SELF CONTROL – PLACING OTHERS FIRST. "...For of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." [II Peter 2:19](#) "Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, the reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me." [Romans 15:2-3](#)

ABSTINENCE FROM ADULTERY; IMMORALITY. "Thou shalt not commit adultery" [Exodus 20:14](#) "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: " [II Peter 2:14](#) "Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." [Matthew 5:27-28](#) "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind..." [I Cor. 6:9](#) "But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no not to eat." [I Cor. 5:11](#)

ABSTINENCE FROM DRUNKENNESS; DRUGS. "And they shall say unto the elders of his city, this our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear." [Deuteronomy 21:20-21](#) "... Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." [Galatians 5:21](#) "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." [I Cor. 6:10](#) "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; [Ephesians 5:18](#) "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." [Proverbs 23:21](#) "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." [I Cor. 3:16-17](#) "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [I Cor. 6:19-20](#)

REJECTION OF HOMOSEXUALITY. "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." [Leviticus 18:22](#) "...God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers..." [Romans 1:26-29](#) "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind; nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." [I Cor. 6:9-10](#)

Points of Conviction

Our Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe. Our position on all issues that arise will be determined by the authority of Scripture. Our senior pastor is the church's sole authoritative interpreter of Scripture. We do believe, however, that the Statement of Faith accurately represents the teaching of the Bible and, therefore, is binding upon all members and activities of the church. All literature used as authoritative in the ministry shall be in complete agreement with the Statement of Faith and with the following Points of Conviction.

A. Civil Government: We believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) the home, 2) the church, and 3) the state. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other. The home, the church, and the state are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned spheres of responsibility under God. [Rom. 13:1-7](#); [Eph. 5:22-24](#); [Heb. 13:17](#); [I Pet. 2:13-14](#).

B. Sexuality/Marriage: God's gift of sexuality, by means of which man and woman give themselves to one another through the acts which are proper and exclusive to spouses, is not something simply biological, but concerns the innermost being of the human person. It is realized in a truly human way only if it is an integral part of the love by which a man and woman commit themselves totally to one another until death. The physical, emotional, and spiritual differences and complementarity between men and women are oriented toward the goods of marriage and the flourishing of family life. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. [Gen. 2:24](#). Thus, marriage has been defined by God as the union of one man and one woman for life. All human generations proceed from this union. The primary purpose of marriage is to demonstrate how much Christ loves the church. The secondary purposes of marriage are the procreation and education of children. The tertiary purposes of marriage are the mutual help of the spouses and as a guard against improper sexual desire of concupiscence. Triad Baptist Church will not perform marriage ceremonies for any couple of whom at least one is not a member of Triad Baptist Church.

C. Family Relationships: We believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God, but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. We believe that God immutably bestows gender upon each person as male or female to reflect His image. The husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be the pastors and deacons of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for ministerial licensure and ordination by the church. Gen. 1:26-28; Ex 20:12; Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 127:3-5; Prov. 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; Mk. 10:6-12; I Cor. 7:1-16; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Col. 3:18-21; I Tim. 2:8-15; 3:4-5; 12; Heb. 13:4; I Pet. 3:1-7.

D. Lawsuits between Believers: We believe that Christians are prohibited from bringing civil lawsuits against other Christians or the church to resolve personal disputes. We believe the church possesses all the resources necessary to resolve personal disputes between members. We do believe, however, that a Christian may seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as long as the claim is pursued without malice or slander. I Cor. 6:1-8, Eph. 4:31-32.

E. Abortion: We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the physical or mental well being of the mother are acceptable. Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 49:1; 5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44.

F. Inspiration of Scripture: The Bible in its original manuscripts are inspired both verbally (each word), plenary (every word). The Bible is infallible and inerrant in its entire 66 books. It has been supernaturally and accurately preserved I Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:19-21; I Cor. 2:13; Gal. 3:16; John 10:34-35.

G. Adultery: Adultery refers to marital infidelity. When two partners, of whom at least one is married to another party, have sexual relations they commit adultery. Jesus condemns even adultery of mere desire. Matt. 5:27-28. The sixth commandment and the New Testament forbid adultery absolutely. Matt. 5:32; 19:6; Mark 10:11; I Cor. 6:9-10. The prophets denounce the gravity of adultery; they see it as an image of the sin of idolatry. Hosea 2:7; Jer. 5:7; 13:27.

H. Fornication: Fornication refers to a carnal union between an unmarried man and an unmarried woman. It is contrary to the natural order that God has ordained, and is explicitly condemned in Scripture. See, e.g., Gal 5:19-21.

I. Homosexuality: Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who have a sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. Scripture teaches that homosexual acts are acts of grave depravity. See Gen. 19:1-29; Rom. 1: 24-27; I Cor. 6:10; I Tim. 1:10. These acts are contrary to God's law, they close the sexual act to the gift of life, and they do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity.

Through God's grace, prayer, and the support of Christian brothers and sisters, persons who struggle with the temptation of adultery, fornication, homosexuality, or other sexual sin, must resolutely overcome these temptations.

J. Sign Gifts: Speaking in tongues and other sign gifts are not for this present church age and ceased at the completion of the Word of God and at the end of the apostolic age. I Corinthians 14:20-22; II Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3-4; I Cor. 13:1-10.

K. Offices and Ordinances of the Church: The two offices of the local church are pastor and deacon, and the two ordinances are baptism and the Lord's Supper. Phil. 1:1; I Tim. 3:1-13; Acts 20: 17, 28; Tit. 1:5,7; I Pet. 5:1-2; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12; I Cor. 11:23-26.

L. Evolution: Evolution is contrary to the Word of God, and proper biblical belief leaves no place for theistic evolution. The earth was created in 6 literal days as the Bible itself reveals Eph. 3:9; Rom. 11:36; Col. 1:16-17; Gen. 1-2; Exod. 20:11.

M. The Rapture of the Church: The rapture of the Church is imminent and will precede the Tribulation. Phil. 3:20; Tit. 2:13; John 14:1-3; I Thess. 4: 13-18; 11; Rev. 3:10.

N. Use of Church Facilities: Church facilities may not be rented, or otherwise used, by persons engaged in activity that is in consistent with Scripture's teaching. Specifically, facilities shall not be rented, or otherwise used, for wedding ceremonies or other events by same-sex couples, or those engaged in adultery, fornication, or homosexual acts.

The church explicitly reserves the right to refuse to rent, lease, or otherwise lend church facilities to any person or persons who are engaged in activity contrary to the church's statement of faith and Holy Scripture.

Please carefully read our Statement of Faith and indicate below your degree of support.

___ I fully support the Statement of Faith as written without any mental reservations.

or

___ I support the Statement of Faith except for the area(s) listed and explained on a separate paper. The exceptions represent either disagreements or items for which I have not yet formed an opinion or conviction.

Signature

Date

Mission

At Triad Baptist Christian Academy it is our desire to assist and support the parent in laying a foundation that will help each child choose Christ as their personal Savior, increase in academic knowledge with a Christian worldview, and develop talents according to his or her God-given potential.

Vision

Guided by the Word of God as our foundation, Triad Baptist Christian Academy will train Christian leaders to courageously lead in their professions, families and churches as they engage culture. Through these efforts, God will be glorified now and for generations to come. (Psalm 78: 6-7)

Background Check

I have applied to volunteer at Triad Baptist Christian Academy. I understand that a local and federal background check with law enforcement agencies must be completed and reviewed by the volunteer coordinator and administration. Triad Baptist Christian Academy reserves the right to refuse volunteer assistance based results of the background check and what is in the best interest of the school and church.

I have read and understand the above statements and agree to abide by them:

Signature

Date

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

Confidentiality Agreement

I agree that **any information** received while volunteering whether printed, written or oral will be held in confidence and not revealed either directly or indirectly, in whole or part, to any other person, firm or organization. In addition, volunteer agrees not to use **any information** for personal advantage or that of any third party. **Third party to include all social networking websites i.e. Facebook, Twitter etc.** Volunteer agrees to not post any pictures of students (unless they are family members) on their personal social networking sites. Volunteer agrees to not slander or defame TBCA either directly or indirectly, in whole or part, to any other person or via social media i.e. Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

As a volunteer I understand and agree that Triad Baptist Christian Academy will have the right to immediately suspend volunteering, bring a restraining order or other legal action against a volunteer and obtain costs and attorney’s fees should the volunteer violate confidentiality of school, staff, student, and their families.

Signature

Date