



STATEMENT OF FAITH

- **In essential beliefs - we have unity.**
“There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...” (Ephesians 4:4-6)
- **In non-essential beliefs - we have liberty.**
“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.”

(Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22)
- **In all our beliefs - we show charity.**
*“...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains - but have **no love**, I amount to nothing at all.” (1 Corinthians 13:2)*

THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE:

WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God without error in the original writings... (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

WE BELIEVE in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit... (Acts 2:32-33; Matthew 28:19)

WE BELIEVE that all people have sinned and come short of the glory of God; regeneration by the Holy Spirit through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is absolutely essential for the salvation of the lost and sinful people... (Romans 3:22-24; 6:23; John 16:5-11)

WE BELIEVE in the Deity and the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He died upon the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sin of the world, that He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, from where He will return with power and glory, and He provides the only means of salvation for us through his grace... (Matthew 1:20-25; Acts 2:22-36)

WE BELIEVE in the doctrine of justification by faith, realizing that it is impossible for a person, through works, to save oneself. “Therefore, being justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:1)

WE BELIEVE in the eternal security of the true believer... (Romans 8:31-39; I John 5:18; 2 Timothy 1:12; John 14:16; Ephesians 1:13, 14)

WE BELIEVE in life after death, “that there shall be resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.” (Acts 24:15)

WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of the saved into everlasting life in heaven, and the resurrection of the lost or unsaved into eternal punishment... (Matthew 25:36; John 5:24-29)

WE BELIEVE it is important to clearly communicate the message of the cross, our personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to make disciples of all people. (Matthew 28:18-20)

WE BELIEVE that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its distinctions, including preborn babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Ps. 139).

WE BELIEVE that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image of nature and of God. We believe that rejecting one's biological gender is to reject the work of the Creator (Gen. 1:26-27).

WE BELIEVE that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the unity of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Ge. 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

WE BELIEVE that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).

WE BELIEVE that in order to preserve the function and integrity of First Baptist Christian Schools as the local body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the FBCS members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by FBCS in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement of Faith (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22).

WE BELIEVE that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).

WE BELIEVE that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of FBCS.

FINAL AUTHORITY FOR MATTERS OF BELIEF AND CONDUCT:

This Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God which speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of FBCS' faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the Diaconate Board of First Baptist Church is FBCS' final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

Signature of Mother

Date

Signature of Father

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Signature of Student

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