

What We Believe

God

GOD is the only true and living God, Creator, Redeemer, and Ruler of the universe. He has always existed as God in three persons: the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God. Isaiah 57:15, 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

THE FATHER is all powerful, all knowing, and all loving. He reigns with providential care over the universe and the flow of human history goes according to His purposes and plan. Psalm 103:13

JESUS CHRIST has eternally existed as God, The Son and became fully man while remaining fully divine at His incarnation. He was virgin born, lived a sinless human life, and gave Himself as the perfect sacrifice by dying on the cross for our sin. He bodily arose from the dead and is The King of Kings and Lord of Lords. John 1:1-3

THE HOLY SPIRIT is the third person of the Trinity. He exalts Christ, convicts of sin, gives spiritual gifts, and guides men to Truth. His presence in the lives of believers is the assurance of God that we are His possession. Ephesians 1:13,14

Scripture

The Bible is God's infallible, inerrant, and holy Word to us. It was written by human authors divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit and is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs. Therefore, it is the standard by which we live and the revelation for how we come to know Christ for salvation. 2 Timothy 3:16,17

Human Beings

People are God's special creation and made in His own image as male or female. Being loved by God we are given the freedom of choice and when capable of moral choices we willingly rebel against God's holy standards. This willful rebellion is called sin and requires a Savior to redeem us from sin's ultimate consequence, eternal death, and to restore a right relationship with God. Romans 3:23

Salvation

Salvation is a lasting union with Christ Jesus as a personal Savior from our sin. This is accomplished when one RECOGNIZES their personal need for Christ as Savior, a willingness to REPENT or turn from their sin, and RESPOND to His offer of forgiveness by actively following Him as Lord of their life. The genuine follower of Christ will be eternally REDEEMED and never separated from Him. The prayer to RECEIVE forgiveness is the beginning of that union with Him. Salvation is much more than simply knowing about the Savior it is a real, loving, and permanent relationship with King Jesus Himself. Therefore, Salvation is by His free grace through simple faith in Him alone. No more and no less. 1 Corinthians 6:17, Romans 10:13, Matthew 9:9

Marriage & Family

God created the family as a beautiful picture of Christ and His bride, the Church. Marriage is the uniting of a man and a woman to form a true and godly covenant. Once a covenant is made they become husband and wife and the result from this loving relationship is life, or children. This new life bears witness to our new eternal life once united to Christ Jesus. Brokenness in marriage and the family is a result of a broken and fallen world we live in. Yet God always offers forgiveness to those who have experienced past brokenness and would respond to His grace and thereby experiencing restoration. Ephesians 5:25, Revelation 19:7

Ordinances

BAPTISM is the first step of obedience for the new christian. It demonstrates their new identify with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. Baptism by immersion reflects the believers death to their sin, burial of their old life and the resurrection to live a new life in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:4, 2 Corinthians 5:17

THE LORD'S SUPPER is a symbolic and continual act of obedience whereby believers remember the death of the Lord Jesus and anticipate His second coming. The bread is symbolic of His body and the juice represents His blood. Luke 22:19

Church Membership

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP is enjoyed by professing baptized followers of Jesus Christ upon the public willingness to commit to the worship, service, and fellowship within the body of local believers here at Brushy Fork Baptist Church. Hebrews 10:25

Giving

TITHES & OFFERINGS reflect our willingness to trust God with our lives. It is an act of worship and He commands us to return the "first fruits" of our labor in order to grow in our dependence on Him. Without giving we lose our focus on Him as Lord while returning ourselves to the throne of our own lives. Scripturally giving consists of a tithe or the first tenth of our income and an offering is above and beyond the tithe. Tithes and offerings biblically support the church and the ministries of the church as well as missions apart from the church. Matthew 6:19-21, 2 Corinthians 9: 6-10, Leviticus 27: 30-32

Evangelism

EVANGELISM is the job of every true follower of Jesus Christ. We are to witness and endeavor to make disciples of all people for He has commanded and commissioned us with the power of the Holy Spirit to do so. The primary reason we meet together is to worship yet the mission we leave with is to share the gospel within the realm of influence God has placed us in. Matthew 28: 19-20, Acts 1:8, 1 Peter 3:15