

Grace United Baptist Church

By-Laws & Constitution

Statement of Beliefs

The Triune Godhead - We believe in the one true and living God, the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and Ruler of all things. He is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable and is revealed to us as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God the Father - We believe that God, as Father, reigns over His entire universe with providential care. He is all-powerful, all loving, all knowing and all wise. He is fatherly in attitude toward all men but is Father, indeed, to those who have become children of God through Jesus Christ, who will deliver them into the Father's hands.

God the Son - We believe that Jesus is the Son of God, was born of a virgin, was wholly God and wholly man, lived a sinless life, died in our place as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind, was buried, arose bodily from the grave, ascended into Heaven to the right hand of the Father where He intercedes on behalf of those who trust Him.

God the Holy Spirit - We believe that God the Holy Spirit is active in convicting and convincing unbelievers of their need for salvation. He is the comforter and Guide who lives in every believer, seals them unto the day of final redemption, bestows spiritual gifts upon them, and fills (controls) those who are yielding to Him.

Christ's Return - We believe that Jesus Christ will literally return to earth.

Bible - We believe that the Bible is divinely inspired, in that holy men of God "were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21) to write the very words of Scripture. We believe that this divine inspiration extends equally and fully to all parts of Scripture as it appeared in the original manuscripts. We believe that the whole Bible in those manuscripts is, therefore, without error, and is the sole authority for life and faith.

Man - We believe that man is a special creation of God, made in His image, but that through the sin of the first man, Adam, mankind fell so that all men are sinners and need salvation.

Salvation - We believe that salvation is a gift received through repentance toward God and faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary.

Assurance - We believe that every person who is truly saved is eternally secure in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eternity - We believe that those persons who die in their sins without Christ spend eternity in the lake of fire and those persons who die with their sins forgiven through Christ spend eternity in Heaven.

Satan - We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin, and the reason for the fall of man, and is destined to the judgement of an eternal punishment in the lake of fire.

Baptism - We believe that water baptism is an act of obedience to the command of Christ and is by immersion after salvation.

Church - We believe that the church is a local body of baptized believers with the Lord Jesus Christ as the Head.

The Great Commission - We believe that until the return of Christ, it is the Christian's duty and privilege to seek the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission, to minister in His name to a needy world, and be salt and light in society.

We further subscribe to the doctrinal statement of The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the *Southern Baptist Convention*.