



Central Baptist Church

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Articles of Faith



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ARTICLES OF FAITH

*ARTICLE ONE

The Bible is God's Word to us. Human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit, wrote it. It is the supreme source of truth for our Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth. For purposes of Central Baptist Church's Constitution, Articles of Faith, and By-Laws, as adopted by the church on February 21, 2016, the senior pastor, and/or deacon leadership and elected deacon body are the final authority in stating the church's beliefs and practices in any disputes regarding this document.

Exodus 24:4; Psalm 119:11; Jeremiah 36; Matthew 5:17-18; Luke 21:23; John 17:17; Romans 16:25-26

ARTICLE TWO

There is only one true God, revealed to us as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the same in essence and equal in every way.

Genesis 1:1-2; Isaiah 64:8; 7:14; 61:1-3; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; 14:7-3; Acts 1:1-9; 1 John 4:4-5:12

ARTICLE THREE

Adam and Eve were created holy, innocent, and happy, but by the disobedience of one man, sin entered into the world and death by sin, so death passed upon all mankind since all have sinned. Sin is to transgress those boundaries God has set for us throughout Scripture. These Scriptures show us the spiritual principles, the standard of conduct that He expects His human creations to live by. Recognizing we are not perfect and that as believers we may slip into sin and temptation, we also strive, with God's help, to live faithfully by these spiritual principles in those boundaries God has set.

Genesis 1:26-30; Genesis 3; Psalm 1; Romans 1:19-32; 3:23; 5:6, 12

ARTICLE FOUR

Man is the special creation of God, made in His image, created male and female. The gift of gender is part of God's good creation. Rejection of one's biological sex is rejection of the image of God within that person. Scripture says we are to oppose any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, human sex trafficking, and use of pornography).

Genesis 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Timothy 1:8-10

**ARTICLE FIVE

"Marriage" in Scripture has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. Accepting the biblical principles as our guide and accepting our responsibility to provide a biblical role model to our members and to our community, the staff of Central Baptist Church will not participate in same sex unions or same sex marriages, nor will its properties or resources be used for such purposes.

Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 5:16, 1 Corinthians 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4, Philippians 2:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:22

ARTICLE SIX

In the Spirit of Christ, we at Central Baptist Church, should seek to preserve and promote the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death, meaning the rejection of abortion, euthanasia and doctor assisted suicide. We should afford compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity to every person. We should oppose racism, every form of abuse, and work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the aged, the helpless and the sick. Hateful and harassing behavior or hateful attitudes directed toward any individual or any group are not acceptable and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Central Baptist Church.

Psalm 139:13-16; Micah 6:8; Matthew 25:35; Mark 12:28-30; Luke 6:39

ARTICLE SEVEN

The only way of salvation is by grace through faith in the atonement and righteousness of Jesus Christ. Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it.

Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23-27; 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9

ARTICLE EIGHT

Nothing can separate true believers from the love of God; they will be kept by His power through faith unto salvation.

John 10:29; 14:2-3; Romans 8:38-39; Hebrews 13:5; Revelation 3:20

ARTICLE NINE

Christian Baptism is administered only by the immersion of believers in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Only baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:21-22; Acts 2:41-42; Acts 16:30-33; Romans 6:3-5, 11

ARTICLE TEN

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church memorialize the death of the Lord Jesus Christ and anticipate His second coming.

Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

ARTICLE ELEVEN

There will be a resurrection of the dead and a time when all mankind will be judged according to their deeds. The unbelievers shall go into everlasting punishment, but the righteous believers into eternal life with God.

Matthew 16:27; 25:31-46; Luke 16:19-26; Luke 19:20-37; John 14:1-3; Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Thessalonians 14:14-18; 1 John 3:2

ARTICLE TWELVE

The Christian ministry is a divinely appointed means for sharing the Gospel throughout the world. It is the responsibility of all believers to contribute to its support.

Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 9:37-38; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 2:46-48; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:13-15

*Central Baptist Church stands in agreement with the Southern Baptist Convention's "Baptist Faith and Message, 2000.

**This stands in agreement with the "Position on Biblical Teaching on Same Sex Marriage," adopted October 20, 2013.