

**Highland Park Baptist Church**  
*Statement of Basic Beliefs*

**The Bible**

**I believe** that every word of the Bible is uniquely inspired of God, wholly without error as originally given by God, and is true, authoritative, and sufficient for faith and practice.

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Psalm 19:7-11; 119:11, 89, 105, 140; Jeremiah 15:16; Matthew 5:18; Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:1-2; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:20-21.*

**God**

**I believe** there is only one true and living God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things in heaven and earth (visible and invisible). He is all powerful, all knowing, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable. All things exist for the glory of God.

*Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Psalm 148; Proverbs 16:4; Isaiah 61:3; Romans 11:33-36; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Ephesians 1:3-14*

**Trinity**

**I believe** that God eternally exists in three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5-6, 46:9-10; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:5; Genesis 1:26; Psalm 45:6-7, 110:1; Matthew 3:13-17, 28:17-20; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

**The Father** is the head of the Trinity, though each Member is co-equal and co-eternal.

*Hebrews 1:3; John 12:49-50; Luke 22:42; John 5:30; 10:28-30; 14:28; 1 Corinthians 11:3; Hebrews 10:9.*

**The Son**, Jesus Christ, is the promised Messiah of the Old Testament, Who was born of the Virgin Mary, and is both fully God and fully human. He died on the cross to redeem mankind, rose again from the dead to justify the believer, ascended to the right hand of God where He intercedes for us, and in the Father's own time will return in visible, physical form to overthrow sin and judge the world.

*Matthew 1:20; 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 2:52; 24:1-53; John 1:1-4, 14; 20-21:25; Acts 1:11; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 15:12-34; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:8; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; Hebrews 1:1-3; 9:28; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 1:7, 13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.*

**The Holy Spirit** is the One sent from God to convict the world of sin, of righteousness, of judgment, to regenerate and cleanse from sin. He is the indwelling Guide, Teacher, and Strengtheners of the believer.

*Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Psalms 51:11; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 13:2; Romans 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 2 Timothy 1:14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; Revelation 22:17.*

## **Humanity**

**I believe** that all humanity, Christ excluded, is sinful by both nature (birth) and choice (actions). The deserved penalty for sin is eternal death, both physical and spiritual.

*Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5, 7, 15-22; 3:19; 6:5; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Jeremiah 17:5-9; Romans 3:23; 5:8; 5:12-21; 7:18; Ephesians 2:1-3; James 1:14-15. Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.*

## **Salvation**

**I believe** that Jesus Christ is the only Savior from sin. Salvation is the sovereign work of God by grace alone, on the basis of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and not on the basis of human merit or works. Only those who turn from sin (repentance) and to Jesus through faith in His Person and work will be saved and raised to eternal reward. Those who do not turn from sin and to Jesus will be raised to eternal punishment. Only through repentance from sin and faith in Jesus Christ can one be reconciled to God and experience true life and joy.

*Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 25:31-46; 27:22-28:6; John 1:11-14, 29; 3:3-21, 36; 5:24-29; 10:9, 28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; 24:15; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:21-26; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18, 29-39; 10:9-10, 13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8, 14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.*