

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Statement of Faith and Scriptural References

- A. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. Acts 1:16; II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21.
- B. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Luke 3:22; Matthew 28:19.
- C. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man. Matthew 1:18-23; John 1:1-3, 14; Luke 1:34-35.
- D. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is separation from God: that all human beings are born in sin and that this sinful nature is the origin of all sinful acts in thought, word and deed. Genesis 1:26-28, 3:1-24; Romans 3:23; 5:12, 6:23; 7:18, 23.
- E. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are saved by grace through faith in His shed blood. I Corinthians 15:1-3; I Peter 2:24; Romans 10:9; 5:9, 10:13; Ephesians 2:8-9.
- F. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate. Matthew 22:31; Acts 1:9; I John 2:1-2.
- G. We believe in "that blessed hope" the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Acts 1:11; II Thessalonians 2:2; Matthew 24:44.
- H. We believe that all who received by faith the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior are born again of the Holy Spirit and are eternally secure Children of God. Titus 3:4-7; I John 5:11-13.
- I. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and the lost, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost. John 3:16; Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:11-15.
- J. We believe in the reality and personality of Satan, the archenemy of God and man and the instigator of sin and death. Satan was defeated at the Cross and will be cast into the lake of fire. Matthew 13: 19-39; John 8:44; I John 3:8; Revelation 20:10.

- K. We believe that the Church is composed of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. The Church is the body and bride of Christ. He is the head of the Church. Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:25-32; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31.
- L. We believe that all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ are called into a life of separation from worldly and sinful practices and should abstain from such behavior as will cause others to stumble or will bring reproach upon Christ. Romans 12:1-2, 14:13; Ephesians 4:1-2.
- M. We believe that, in the evangelization of the world, the supreme mission of the people of God in this age is to take the gospel to every person and to disciple those who believe. Matthew 28: 18-19.
- N. We believe the only biblical ordinances of the church to be the celebration of:
1. **Baptism**-the immersion of a saved person in water, setting forth in symbol the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Matthew 28:18-19; Acts 2:41.
 2. **The Lord's Supper** – The commemoration by the church of Christ's death until he comes by regularly partaking of the bread and cup of communion 1 Corinthians 11:20-34; Luke 22:14-20; Matthew 26:26-29.