

Foothills Baptist Bible College Handbook

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Philosophy and Purpose

I. The Foothills Baptist Bible College Mission

- A. Foothills Baptist Bible College is a local ministry that is designed to prepare men and women for serving the Lord. Our philosophy is local church oriented. We believe that the hope for our culture will come from the local church, and the training is designed to help make a difference in lives.
- B. FBBC is distinctly Baptist in its philosophy and purpose and is dedicated to promote and defend Biblical truths held by Baptists throughout the centuries.
- C. FBBC is without denominational or governmental support or influence. Autonomy creates an atmosphere of liberty to teach Biblical truths without the necessity to gain governmental or denominational favor.
- D. Our staff is dedicated to produce students who love the Lord and His work. The college will provide basic training for preachers, teachers, and missionaries. We invite any serious Bible student to come be a part of Foothills Baptist Bible College.

II. College Distinctives

- A. With a burden to provide a means of education for full-time pastors, Christian workers and students who could not leave families, jobs, and other obligations to go to Bible College, Dr. Tom Walker founded the Foothills Baptist Bible College in the fall of 2013 as a Christian Educational ministry in Marion, North Carolina.
- B. The primary focus of the ministry of Foothills Baptist Bible College is for the working student who has neither the time nor resources to attend a full-time Bible College.

III. Local Church Focus

- A. The Autonomy of the Local Church – Foothills Baptist Bible College holds strongly to the philosophy of local church autonomy. We believe the local church is the center of God’s working to evangelize the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe the pastor of the church is the most qualified individual for the training of preachers and making disciples. Therefore, our goal is to assist local pastors in the training of preachers and Christian workers by providing the necessary tools for education and discipleship.
- B. By providing educational opportunities under the direction and authority of the local church, students desirous of obtaining Biblical training can do so without having to leave their local church to attend Bible college elsewhere. This keeps the students involved in the ministry of their local church while gaining an education which is consistent with the philosophy and doctrines of their pastor and church leaders.

Our goal is not to grow into an immense local educational institution, but rather start a training center in our county to produce Christian leaders for the work of the ministry. This philosophy allows for hands-on or practical training with students and also eliminates the necessity of expensive facilities and staff.

- C. Respect for Local Church Authority – By keeping the training of preachers and Christian workers under the authority of the pastor and the local church, graduates cultivate much needed respect for the pastor’s authority. A servant’s heart is more readily developed by allowing the pastor to train the student while also serving by his/her side.

ADMISSIONS

ADMISSIONS POLICY

1. Since the express purpose of FBBC is to train men and women for Christian service, it is expected that those who seek admission manifest evidence of good character, a dedication to purpose, a willingness to learn, and a sincere desire to know the will of God. Such demands the utmost in personal discipline of the Christian life.
2. All applicants for admission will be considered without regard to race, color, nationality, ethnic origin, sex, handicap, or religion.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Applications may be requested from the college office or downloaded from the college website.
2. Completion of Application
 - a. Complete and submit the Student Application
 - b. Read the college Policy & Doctrinal Statement. Submit a signed copy of the Policy & Doctrinal Statement Acknowledgement Form
 - c. Please send completed application to the following address:

Mail: Foothills Baptist Bible College
1036 Zion Hill Road
Marion, NC 28752

Phone: (828) 738-0992 or (828) 442-7015
E-mail: FoothillsBBC@gmail.com

3. Send a \$25.00 application fee with application. This fee is non-refundable.
4. A copy of applicant's High School Diploma or General Education Diploma must be submitted with application.

REFUND POLICY

We will not be able to refund application fee, tuition, or book costs if a student decides to drop a course or all courses. Our tuition cost is so low, we are not able to issue refunds, due to the expenses of operating the school.

GENERAL CONDUCT

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

The administration of Foothills Baptist Bible College strives to accept students who express a sincere desire to live for Jesus Christ and whose character gives evidence that is consistent with such a profession.

Students and faculty of Foothills Baptist Bible College are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is filling for a Christian and brings honor to the Lord Jesus Christ. Attendance at FBBC is a privilege and the college specifically reserves the right to dismiss students who conduct themselves in a manner incompatible with its purpose and functions.

Students from other denominations and religious affiliations are welcome to study at the FBBC.. However, promotion of doctrinal positions and controversial subjects opposed to *The Statement of Faith* and *Controversial Issues* as discussed in the section of this catalog entitled College Distinctives by a student in the name or representation of Foothills Baptist Bible College, will be grounds for dismissal. The final decision in all matters of discipline will be decided by the President of Foothills Baptist Bible College.

LOCAL CHURCH ISSUES

Foothills Baptist Bible College's philosophy and purpose is centered on the ministry and authority of the local church and pastor.

Students must maintain a proper New Testament Christian relationship with their local pastor and church. Any student dismissed from a local church due to immorality, unfaithfulness, false doctrine, disloyalty, dissension or any other such matter opposed to New Testament standards of Christian conduct may be dismissed from enrollment at the discretion of the President of Foothills Baptist Bible College.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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We believe that the King James Version Bible is the Word of God for the English speaking people, supernaturally inspired, so that it is inerrant and preserved by God in its verbal inspiration, so that it is an authoritative standard for every age and every life.

We believe that God, out of His love for men, sent Christ into the world to save sinners.

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only way to eternal salvation.

We believe that Jesus Christ in the flesh was both God and man, that He was born of a virgin and that He lived a sinless life, in which he taught and wrought mighty works and wonders and signs exactly as revealed in the four Gospels, that He was crucified, died as a penalty for our sins and was raised from the dead, bodily on the third day. Later, He ascended to the Father's right hand where He is head of the church and intercedes for believers, and from whence He is coming again personally, bodily, and visibly.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect atonement for sin through His death. By His shed blood we are redeemed from our sins. He became sin for us that we might be justified through faith in His shed blood.

We believe that once a person is saved, he or she becomes a new creation in Christ. The goal of the Christian will be to grow in spiritual maturity through obedience to the Word of God and the indwelling Spirit.

We believe the church exists for the purpose of sharing the exciting message of Christ with our community and with the world. We also believe it is the responsibility of the church to develop mature disciples of Christ through joyful worship service and meaningful Bible studies.

STATEMENT OF CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

Qualifications of a Pastor

We believe that this office should be held by an individual who is qualified by the standard set in I Timothy 3:1-7. Specifically, we believe that this office should be held by a man, either single or having only one wife. Divorced persons are disqualified from this office.

We believe that the statement "husband of one wife" excludes women from this office.

Charismatic Issue

We believe that the sign gifts, specifically speaking in tongues and prophecy, were temporal and were exclusively used as signs to the Jews and ceased with the completion of the Scriptures.

Note: For more details please review the Policy & Doctrinal Statement of Foothills Baptist Bible College

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

APPLICATION FEE

Application Fee..... \$25.00
Application Fee is non-refundable

COSTS AND FEES

Undergraduate Program Tuition per 2.0 hour course..... \$40.00
Life Experience Credit (per quarter hour) \$10.00
Book Fee (varies per course load)
Graduation Fee (Diploma-2 or 3 year).....\$125.00
Graduation Fee (Bachelor-Masters).....\$150.00
Graduation Fee (Doctoral).....\$200.00
(plus cost of graduation attire)
Audit Fee.....\$ 40.00

Tuition fees are non-refundable.

This is necessary due to the fact the financial obligations of the school must be met for the school to have a good reputation and standing before the public.

Note: A spouse of a full-time college student of Foothills Baptist Bible College may attend at half the cost for tuition. Graduation fee will apply to both spouses.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Tuition and fees are due and will be charged to the student's account upon registration. All students should come prepared to pay tuition and book costs at registration.

NOTE: Cost of textbooks must be paid in full at time of purchase.

SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENTS

I. Limitations on Life Experience, Transfer Credit, Past Christian Service Credit

- A. Only half of the student's required hours for the completion of any degree may come from a combination of Life Experience or Transfer Credit.
- B. These credits are subject to review by the staff of FBBC.

II. Life Experience Credits

- A. Students who have previous Christian Service may apply for Life Experience Credits. Following is a list of the maximum number of hours allowed for Christian Service.

6.0 Hours per Year of Service

Pastor

Missionary

4.0 Hours per Year of Service

Jail/Prison Ministry

Youth Ministry

Nursing Home

Children's Ministry

Bus Ministry

Missionary Deputation

Sunday School Teacher

2.0 Hours per Year of Service

Music Ministry Bible Club Ministry

Soul Winning/Bus Visitation

Shut-in Ministry Music Director

- B. Students must submit a resume of their Christian Service for evaluation. This resume will be placed in the student's Permanent Student Record. Each student's experience of Christian Service will be evaluated by the Staff of FBBC. Recommendations will be made based upon the time and quality of the service.
- C. The tuition fee for Life Experience credits is \$10.00 per quarter hour.
- D. Each student can receive no more than half of the required hours for their respective degree from Life Experience Credit.

Example: If a student has 40.0 hours of Life Experience Credits available, only 32.0 of the hours can be applied towards the Associate of Theology. The additional 32.0 hours must be earned at FBBC. The remaining 8.0 hours of Life Experience Credit may be applied towards the next degree.

Note: Please see the example at the end of this section on how Life Experience credits are applied.

III. Transfer Credits

- A. The student is required to have an official copy of the transcripts from the institution in question sent to the FBBC office.
- B. For credits transferring from secular or technical colleges, only general education credits may be transferred. Following is a list of acceptable coursework:

English Grammar	English Composition
English/American Literature	Speech/Communication
Psychology	World/American History
Cultural Studies	Language Courses
Social Studies/Sociology	Arts
Philosophy	Geography
Religion	Music
Ethics	Counseling
Introduction to Computers	Education

Note: Additional hours may be transferred at the discretion of FBBC Staff.

- C. Credits for technical or career specific education may not be applied. Only subjects which are relevant or useful in Theology or Christian Education may be transferred.
- D. Transfer Credits with a “D” or lower grade may not be transferred.

IV. Application of Credits – Following is an example of how these hours may be applied to the student’s Permanent Student Record

16 hours	(Completed coursework from FBBC)
<u>16 hours</u>	(Transfer, Life Experience)
32 hours	Bible Diploma
16 hours	(Additional coursework from FBBC)
<u>16 hours</u>	(Transfer, Life Experience)
64 hours	Associate of Theology

COLLEGE CURRICULUM

I. Lesson Material

A. Lesson Development – During many years of study and preparation of educational material, we at Foothills Baptist Bible College have developed the philosophy that one should glean from every source and experience available. Our lessons have been gleaned from many sources, many sermons, and many life experiences. We continually encourage the students of Foothills Baptist Bible College to purchase a variety of resource material on each subject they wish to study. This allows the student to be exposed to the varying opinions.

B. Foothills Baptist Bible College Lesson Books

The staff of FBBC has access to many 12 lesson courses. These lessons were developed from a historical Baptist perspective and find their basis in the 1611 King James Authorized Version of the Bible.

II. Textbooks

A. Choice of Textbooks – Foothills Baptist Bible College provides textbooks which relate to the content of each lesson book. Obviously, we do not necessarily agree with all of the concepts, philosophies and ideologies of these authors. However, we choose the most doctrinally sound textbooks possible to enhance the education of the student. Some may use translations other than the KJV, which we do not advocate our students to do.

B. Disclaimer – Foothills Baptist Bible College and its staff only use and promote the KJV. We believe it is the Word of God for the English-speaking people, supernaturally inspired. It is inerrant and preserved by God in its verbal inspiration, so that it is an authoritative standard for every age and every life. Though some of the textbooks and authors use other versions of Scripture, we do not agree with their errors and operate on the philosophy of “eating the fish and throwing away the bones.”

C. Costs of Textbooks – Foothills Baptist Bible College charges full retail on all textbooks. Any profit from the sale of these books is used to maintain low tuition charges.

D. Requirement of Textbook Purchase – Our desire at Foothills Baptist Bible College is to provide a quality education at the lowest possible cost to the student. All students are required to purchase textbooks from the college bookstore in order to cover administrative costs considering the low tuition fees. Also, the purchase of textbooks will allow the student to develop an extensive library for future reference as the individual courses are completed.

III. Homework Assignments

A. Textbook Assignments

1. Homework assignments are assigned in syllabus for each course.

2. Homework:
 - a. Do reading assignments and turn in Reading Log.
 - b. Put weekly assignments in folder provided at school.
 - c. Assigned essay should be turned in on time.

3. Points may be deducted if work is late. Following an absence, work will be due the next class period.

4. The Exam – An exam of 25 questions will be given on week 13.
The test will consist of the following:
 - a. Short Answers
 - b. Multiple Choice
 - c. True/False

B. Lesson Assignments

1. Typically, these assignments are to be completed on a weekly basis; one lesson per week- per course.
2. Outside weekly question answers will be graded and returned in the student folder.

IV. Exemption Declaration concerning State Licensure

Foothills Baptist Bible College has been declared by appropriate state authority exempt from the requirements for licensure under provisions of North Carolina General Statutes Section (G.S.) 116-15 (d) for exemption from licensure with respect to religious education.

Exemption from licensure is not based upon any assessment of program quality under established licensing standards.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100
 B = 80-89
 C = 70-79
 D = 60-69
 F = below 60
 I = incomplete
 Audit = course not taken for credit

GPA VALUE

A = 4.0
 B = 3.0
 C = 2.0
 D = 1.0
 F = 0.0

HOMEWORK

1. Each course has its own homework instruction in syllabus.
2. Students are required to complete the following:
 - a. Textbook Homework Assignments (reading and questions)
 - b. No grade will be given until all assignments given in the syllabus are turned in to the school secretary.

EXAMS FOR CORRESPONDENCE STUDENTS

Exams along with a proctor form will be mailed to the student upon receipt of completed homework assignments. Students are required to have a proctor administer the exams. Upon completion, the exams should be returned to the college office with a signed proctor form. If needed or desired, students may schedule a time to take the exams at the Foothills Baptist Bible College office under staff supervision.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Theology Program

Requirements for Bible Diploma (32 hours):

16 hours: Bible Courses (These 16 credits must be earned at FBBC)

16 hours: Bible or Elective Courses

32 hours

Requirements for Associate of Theology (64 hours):

32 hours: Bible Courses (These 32 credits must be earned at FBBC)

32 hours: Bible or Elective Courses

64 hours

Requirements for Graduate of Theology (96 hours):

48 hours: Bible Courses (These 48 credits must be earned at FBBC)

48 hours: Bible or Elective Courses

96 hours

Requirements for Bachelor of Theology (128 hours):

64 hours: Bible Courses (These 64 credits must be earned at FBBC)

64 hours: Bible or Elective Courses

128 hours

Requirements for Master of Theology (160 hours):

Requirements for Doctor of Theology (192 hours) (150,000 word thesis)

Subject for thesis must be approved by President of Institution or Dean and turned in prior to graduation.

Hours are the same for Christian Education degrees.

FOOTHILLS BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Print legibly in ink or type your response to each item and sign the application in all proper areas. Please include your \$25.00 non-refundable application fee. Return it to: Foothills Baptist Bible College - 1036 Zion Hill Road, Marion, NC 28752.

**APPLICATION
INSTRUCTIONS**

Student must fully complete all sections of this application and sign the application in all proper areas.

**TRANSFER
APPLICATIONS**

FBBC accepts both first year and transfer students. If you are a transfer student you must request the registrar at each post-secondary institution in which you have enrolled since graduation from high school to mail an official copy of their transcript directly to the FBBC office.

**NON-DEGREE
APPLICANTS**

If you wish to enroll for individual courses and do not wish to pursue a degree, you may enroll as a part-time student into the courses of your choice. For information regarding cost, contact the FBBC office.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

Last Name	First Name	Middle or Maiden Name
Mailing Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____	
Email Address: _____		
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Name of Spouse: _____	
Date of Birth: ____ - ____ - ____		
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of High School	City	County	State	Date of Graduation
If you did not graduate, have you obtained a G.E.D.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No When? _____				
Have you previously attended FBBC? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No When? _____				
List all colleges attended in chronological order (latest last). Attach additional sheets if necessary.				
Name of Institution: _____				
City: _____ State: _____ Dates attended: From _____ To _____				
Degree(s) received: _____ Hours Earned: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Semester <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter				

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

(Information taken to better serve you as a student.)

Name of Your Local Church: _____

Pastor's Name/Address: _____

Are You A Minister? Yes No Licensed? Yes No Ordained? Yes No

How long have you been in full-time service? _____ years _____ months

What denomination do you classify yourself as being? _____

ETHNIC ORIGIN

(This information required by Civil Rights Act)

Caucasian (non-Hispanic) Asian Pacific Islander Hispanic
 Black (non-Hispanic) American Indian/Alaskan Other: Specify _____

All applicants for admission will be considered without regard to race, color, nationality, ethnic origin, sex, handicap, or religion.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition and fees are due at time of enrollment and are non-refundable. Please check the appropriate enrollment classification.

Spouse of Enrolled Student: Tuition fees(50%) waived – Charges for textbooks and lesson books before they are picked up.

Application Fee – \$25.00 (non-refundable)

Please select Program of Study:

_____ **Theology Program:** Pastoral, Ministerial and Biblical studies geared towards Pastors, Preachers, Missionaries, Sunday School Teachers, and Christian workers (Please note the doctrinal stand of Foothills Baptist Bible College concerning the qualifications of men holding the office of a bishop as found in the Doctrinal Statement)

I understand that my signature in this section of the application will declare my liability for tuition charges incurred to my account.

Signature

Date

POLICY AND DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

I agree to abide by the college regulations and policies as set forth in the *Policy and Doctrinal Statement of the Foothills Baptist Bible College*. Also, by the signing of this application, I certify that I have read, I understand, and I respect the doctrinal statements presented in the *Policy and Doctrinal Statement of the Foothills Baptist Bible College*.

Signature

Date

Audit Only- Yes No

I WOULD LIKE TO AUDIT THE CLASSES. I UNDERSTAND THAT NO COLLEGE CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN BUT A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE GRANTED.

Signature

Date

Policy & Doctrinal Statement of Foothills Baptist Bible College

Statement of Faith

"...To set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us... That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed" (Luke 1:1,4), we send forth the commonly believed confession of faith held among us, as follows:

Of the Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men supernaturally inspired; that it has truth without any mixture of error for its matter; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the age, the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to man; the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct and opinions should be tried.

(Psalm 19:7-11; 119; Proverbs 30:5,6; Isaiah 8:20; Luke 24:25-27,44-45; John 5:39-47; 12:48; 17:17; Romans 3:4; 15:4; Ephesians 6:17; II Timothy 3:16-17; I Peter 1:23; II Peter 1:19-21; Revelation 22:19)

(EXPLANATORY)

1. By "Holy Bible" we mean that collection of sixty-six books, from Genesis to Revelation, which does not only contain and convey the Word of God, but IS the very Word of God. We believe that the 1611 Authorized Version is the preserved, inerrant Word of God for English speaking people.

2. By "inspiration" we mean the books of the Bible were written by holy men of old, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally and verbally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.

Of the True God

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead, there are three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

(Genesis 1:1; 17:1; Ex. 15:11; 20:2-3; Ps. 83:18; 90:2; 147:5; Matt. 28:19; Mk. 12:30; Jn. 4:24; 10:30; 15:26; Acts. 5:3-4; I Cor. 2:10-11; 8:6; 12:4-6; II Cor. 13:14; Eph. 2:18; 4:6; Phil. 2:5-6; I Tim. 1:17; I Jn. 5:7; Rev. 4:11)

Of the Holy Ghost

We believe the Holy Spirit is a divine Person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world, He restrains the Evil One until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of judgment, and righteousness; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and helps the believer.

(Genesis 1:1-3; Matt. 3:11; 28:19; Mk. 1:8; Lk. 1:35; 3:16; 24:49; Jn. 1:33; 3:5-6; 14:16,17,26; 15:26-27; 16:8-11,13; Acts 5:30-32; 11:16; Rom. 8:14-16,26-27; Eph. 1:13-14; II Thess. 2:13; Heb. 9:14; I Pet. 1:2)

Of the Devil or Satan

We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels; that he is now the malignant prince of the power of the air, and the unholy god of this world. We hold him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of the Triune God, the accuser of the saints, the author of all false religions, the chief power

behind the present apostasy; the lord of the Antichrist; and the author of all the powers of darkness--destined, however, to be finally defeated at the hand of God's Son, and to the judgment of an eternal justice in hell, a place prepared for him and his angels.

(Is. 14:12-15; Ez. 28:14-17; Matt. 4:1-3; 25:41; Lk. 22:3-4; Jn. 14:30; II Cor. 11:13-15; Eph. 2:2; I Thess. 3:5; II Thess. 2:8-11; II Pet. 2:4; I Jn. 2:22; 3:8; 4:3; II Jn. 7; Jude 6; Rev. 12:7-10; 13:13-14; 20:1-3,10)

Of the Creation

We believe the Genesis account of creation, and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; that man's creation was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary changes of species, or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; that all animal and vegetable life was made directly, and God's established law was--they should bring forth only "after their own kind."

(Genesis 1:1; 1:26,27; 2:21-23; Ex. 20:11; Neh. 9:6; Jer. 10:12; Jn. 1:1-3; Acts 4:24; 17:23-26; Rom. 1:20; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 11:3; Rev. 10:6)

Of the Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state, in consequence of which, all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but of choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

(Genesis 3:1-6,24; Ez. 18:19-20; Rom. 1:18,20,28; 3:10-19; 5:12,19; Gal. 3:22; Eph. 2:1-3)

Of the Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost in a miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of a woman, and that He was born the Son of God and God the Son.

(Genesis 3:15; Ps. 2:7; Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Lk. 1:35; Jn. 1:14; Gal. 4:4)

Of the Atonement for Sin

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but as the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the just dying for the unjust. Christ the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; that, having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven and uniting His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection. He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.

(Matt. 18:11; Jn. 3:16; 10:18; Acts 15:11; Rom 3:24,25; I Cor. 15:3,20; II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 2:8; Phil. 2:7,8; Heb. 2:14, 7:25, 9:12-15; 12:2; I Pet. 2:24; 3:18; I Jn. 2:2; 4:10)

Of Grace in the New Creation

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, not by culture, not by character, nor by the will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of the repentance and faith in the newness of life. (Jn. 3:3,6,7; Acts. 2:41; 16:30,31; Rom. 6:23; II Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:1; II Pet. 1:4; I Jn. 5:1).

Of the Freeness of Salvation

We believe in God's electing grace; that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but their own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

(Is. 55:1,6,7; Matt. 11:28; Jn. 3:15-18,36; 5:40; 6:37; Acts 2:38; Rom. 8:29,30; 10:13; I Cor. 15:10; Eph. 1:1-14; 2:4,5; Col. 3:12; I Thess. 1:4; I Tim. 1:15; Titus 1:1; I Pet. 1:2; Rev. 22:17)

Of Justification

We believe the great blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification. Justification includes the pardon from sin and the gift of eternal life on principles of righteousness and is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood. His righteousness is then imputed to us.

(Is. 53:11; Zech. 13:1; Acts 13:39; Rom. 1:17; 4:1-8; 5:1,9; 8:1; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38)

Of Repentance and Faith

We believe repentance and faith are solemn obligations, and inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the quickening Spirit of God; thereby being deeply convicted of our guilt, danger and helplessness and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy. At this same time we heartily receive the Lord Jesus Christ and openly confess Him as our only and all-sufficient Saviour.

(Ps. 51:1-4,7; Is. 55:6,7; Mk. 1:15; Lk. 12:8; 18:13; Acts 2:37,38; 20:21; Rom. 10:9-13)

Of the Church

We believe the church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word. Its officers of ordination are pastors or elders and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures. We believe the true mission of the church is found in the Great Commission: first, to make individual disciples; second, to build up the church; third, to teach and instruct as He has commanded. We do not believe in the reversal of this order. We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self-government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and the one and only Superintendent is Christ through the Holy Spirit. It is scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and the furtherance of the gospel; that every church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its cooperation. All matters of membership, policy, government, discipline, benevolence, and the will of the local church is final.

(Matt. 16:18; 28:19-20; Acts 2:41,42; 6:5-7; 14:23; 15:22,23; 20:17-28; I Cor. 5:11-13; 6:1-3; 16:1; II Cor. 8:23,24; 12:4; Eph. 1:22,23; 4:11; 5:23,24; Col. 1:18, I Tim. 3:1-13; I Pet. 5:1-4)

Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe Christian baptism is the immersion in water of the believer in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is by the authority of the local church to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified and risen Saviour. It is symbolic of our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. It is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of unleavened bread and the unfermented fruit of the vine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, always preceded by solemn self-examination.

(Matt. 3:6; 28:19,20; Jn. 3:23; Acts 2:41,42; 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3-5; I Cor. 11:23-34; Col. 2:12)

Of the Perseverance of the Saints

We believe that such only are the real believers as endure unto the end. Their preserving attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors. A special Providence watches over their welfare and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation.

(Ps. 121:3; Matt. 6:30; 13:19-21; Jn. 8:31,32; 10:28,29; Rom. 8:23,35-39; Phil. 1:6; Col. 1:21-23; I Jn.2:19)

Of the Righteous and the Wicked

We believe there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem. While all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost.

(Genesis 18:23; Prov. 11:31,14:32; Mal. 3:18; Matt. 7:13,14; 25:34,41; Lk. 9:26; 16:25; Jn. 8:21; 12:25; Acts 10:34,35; Rom. 1:17; 6:16-18,23; 7:6; I Cor. 15:22; Gal. 3:10; I Pet. 4:18; I Jn. 2:29; 3:7; 5:19)

Of Civil Government

We believe civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society. Magistrates are prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of the Lord Jesus Christ; who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming Prince of the kings of the earth.

(Ex. 18:21; II Sam. 23:3; Dan. 3:17,18; Ps. 72:11; Matt. 10:28; 22:21; 23:10; Acts 4:19,20; 5:29; 23:5; Rom. 13:7; Phil. 2:10,11; Titus 3:1; I Pet. 2:13,14,17; Rev. 10:6)

Of the Resurrection and Return of Christ and related Events

We believe in and accept the sacred Scriptures upon these subjects at their face and full value. Of the Resurrection we believe Christ rose bodily "the third day according to the Scriptures" and that He ascended "to the right hand of the throne of God." He alone is our "merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God"; "that this same Jesus which was taken up from you into Heaven shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into Heaven... "bodily, personally, and visibly; that the "dead in Christ shall rise first"; that the living saints "shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump"; "that the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His Father, David"; and "that Christ shall reign a thousand years in righteousness until He hath put all enemies under His feet."

(Ps. 72:8; Is. 9:6,7; 11:4,5; 32:1; Matt. 24:27; 25:13; 28:6,7; Mk. 16:6,19; Lk. 1:32;24:2-6,39,51; Jn. 14:3; 20:27; Acts 1:9,11; I Cor. 15:4,25; Phil. 3:20,21; I Thess. 4:16-18; I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 2:17; 5:9,10; 8:1,6; 12:2; Jas. 5:8; I Jn. 2:1; Rev. 3:21; 20:1-6)

Of Missions

The command to give the Gospel to the world is clear and unmistakable and this commission was given to the church. Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Mark 16:15: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Luke 24:47: "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

John 20:21: "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my father hath sent me, even so send I you." Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Of the Grace of Giving

Scriptural giving is one of the fundamentals of the faith.

II Corinthians 8:7: "Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." We are commanded to bring our gifts into the storehouse [common treasury of the church] upon the first day of the week. (Mal. 3:10)

I Corinthians 16:2: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." Abraham gave a tenth part of all he had. This was four hundred years before the law and was confirmed in the New Testament when Jesus said, "These ought ye to have done" (Matt. 23:23). Leviticus 27:30 tells us that the tithe is the Lord's. Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." In the New Testament, the common treasury was the church. Acts 4:34,35,37: "...And brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet... Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet."

Of the Offices of Bishop & Deacon

All believers are to be witnesses and servants of Christ. However, the offices of bishop and deacon carry the authority of the local church by virtue of ordination. We, therefore, believe the offices of a bishop and deacon are reserved for men who have met high Scriptural qualifications. We hold that the statement “husband of one wife” excludes women from these offices as well as any man who has been divorced or whose wife has been divorced.

The word “diakonos”, “servant” or “deacon” is used in many variations because it is a general word meaning, “to run errands; an attendant, i.e. (genitive case) a waiter (at table or in other menial duties); **specially**, a Christian teacher and pastor (technically, a deacon or deaconess):”

The term is “specially” applied to but not limited to any Christian, including children. (See Mark 9:35; Matt 23:11-12; John 12:25-26; Rom 14:4; Rom 16:1-2) The use of the word in each of these verses listed in this paragraph, does not denote an office, but the action of the person. All of God’s people are servants. The difference between the verses above and the verses below is in the elected office of the church.

I Timothy 3:1, *“This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.”*

I Timothy 3:13, *“For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves, a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*

The early church ordained deacons and bishops and thus established offices granting authority to these men under the church. The offices of bishop and deacon as created by the election of the church must fall under the jurisdiction of Scriptural qualification demands. A woman can indeed be a “diakonos”, but not hold the “position in authority”. In fact, every Christian can be a “diakonos” but not all are qualified to serve in the “office”.

A comparison may be made with the office of a bishop (preacher or pastor). Mark 16:15 states, *“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”* The great commission commands every Christian to “preach the Gospel”. The word “preach” is “kerusso (kay-roos'-so);” and means “to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel):” Every Christian must practice the proclamation of the Good News, but the office of a preacher is reserved to those who are called and meet the criteria found in 1 Tim 3:1-7. Preaching or proclaiming is the practice, but the term “bishop” reveals the office. Always remember the office of a servant (deacon) and the office of a bishop (preacher) are exclusive. (See I Timothy 3:1-12; Titus 1:5-9)

Of the Sign Gifts

We believe that the sign gifts found in the book of Acts, specifically speaking in tongues and prophecy, were temporal and were exclusively used as signs to the Jews and ceased with the completion of the New Testament. (I Corinthians 13:8-13) From Acts 2:4-11, we conclude that the languages spoken on the Day of Pentecost were the foreign languages understood by those nations represented on that day. We also believe the warnings and instructions of Paul in I Corinthians 14 give the rules for governing speaking with tongues and show the error of the modern tongue movement.

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