



Membership Guide

**A guide to full participation
in the life and ministry of
CenterPoint Baptist Church**

What We Believe

The following Statement of Faith summarizes our core beliefs as a church. For each statement, ask yourself, “Why is this truth important? What difference would it make if it was not true? What does this truth mean for my life and my faith?”

About God We believe in the only true and living God who exists without beginning or end as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is the creator of all that is known and unknown, and God’s knowledge and Will for all people and all creation is completely wise and good.

About the Bible We believe God uniquely reveals Godself to us through the Bible. It is entirely trustworthy and is the authoritative guide for Christian living.

About People We believe that all people are made in God’s image and exist for God’s pleasure. Even though God wants an intimate relationship with each of us, everyone rebels against God, breaks his or her relationship with God, and becomes a slave to sin, which brings spiritual death.

About the Church We believe that the church, being nurtured and sustained by worship, by the teaching and study of God’s word, and by fellowship together, is commissioned to reach out in Christ-like service and share with all people what God’s purpose is for each of us.

About Salvation We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came and lived on this earth. He was tempted in every way, just as we are, but he did not sin. Even so, he willingly took the punishment for our sin, suffering and dying in our place. On the third day after being crucified, God raised him from the dead, and Jesus is now in heaven where he serves as mediator between God and all believers. Through the Holy Spirit and relying only on God’s grace, people are able to acknowledge and turn from their sin, believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and follow him as Lord.

Why Baptist

Baptist Distinctives are essential Bible doctrines that make **Baptist** churches different from all the others. When it comes to salvation, the only thing that matters is your saving faith in Jesus Christ. However, when it comes to Christian growth and training, it matters what church you attend.

Biblical Authority ([Matt 24:35](#); [1Pet 1:23](#); [2Tim 3:16-3:17](#))

Autonomy of The Local Church ([Matt 18:15-18:17](#); [1Cor 6:1-6:3](#))

Priesthood of All Believers ([1Pet 2:5-2:9](#); [1Tim 2:5](#))

Two Ordinances (believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper) ([Acts 2:41-2:47](#); [1Cor 11:23-11:32](#))

Individual Soul Liberty ([Rom 14:5-14:12](#))

Saved and Baptized church membership ([Acts 2:41-2:47](#); [1Cor 12:12](#); [2Cor 6:14](#); [Eph 4:3](#))

Two Offices of The Church (pastor and deacon) ([1Tim 3:1-3:13](#))

OUR PURPOSE

Transforming Lives Through
Spiritual Renewal (Wisdom), Economic Empowerment (Wealth) and
Social Change (Wellness).

Our Principles PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE US

Transformative Gospel of Jesus Christ

Principle 1:

We believe all people matter to God.

Principle 2:

We believe the church must be culturally relevant and doctrinally pure.

Principle 3:

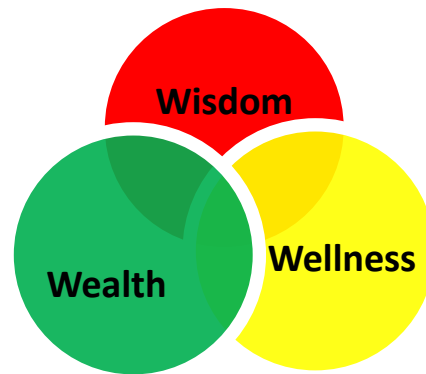
We believe that God is worthy of our very best.

Principle 4:

We believe that every person has God-given talents and gifts.

Principle 5:

We believe in preserving unity in the church.



Our Passion WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE

EVANGELISM - sharing the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ with those who do not yet know him as Lord and Savior

DISCIPLESHIP - the life-long process of study and growth toward Christ-like maturity and preparation for ministry

WORSHIP - responding to God and his work in our lives through thoughts, words and actions which affirm his honor and worth

SERVICE - reaching out in love as Christ's followers to meet the needs of others

FELLOWSHIP - establishing and maintaining Christ-like relationships with other believers

Why Membership?

We believe that the concept of “church member” is biblical. Although the term “church member” is never used in the Bible, the basic idea is certainly there., Believers clearly identified themselves with a particular local body of believers called “the church” and were encouraged to become committed participants.

What Is Membership?

Everyone who accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and come to God through faith in him is a member of “the Church” of Jesus Christ. Membership on this level is eternal and unchanging based entirely on Christ’s merit and grace. It is a gift to be received. The Bible also speaks of membership in terms of participation in a local body of believers - “a church” (Romans 16:3-5; I Corinthians 16:19-20, Philemon 1:1).

Expectations & Requirements:

1. Personal Belief in Jesus Christ
2. Christian Baptism
3. Communion
4. Right Hand of Fellowship

Our expectation for every member of CenterPoint Baptist Church is to follow Jesus Christ and participate in the mission of the church by entering into the principles of the below Membership Covenant:

1. Work and pray for the unity of the Spirit
2. Exercise an affectionate care over each other
3. Not forsake the assembling of ourselves together
4. Not neglect to pray for ourselves and others
5. Bring up our family who’s under our care
6. Seek the salvation of family and friends
7. Rejoice at each other’s happiness
8. Bear each other’s burdens and sorrows
9. Live carefully in the world
10. Support the ministry of the church
11. Evangelize by spreading of the Gospel to all nations

Declaration Of Wisdom, Wealth, And Wellness

I DECLARE according to Psalm 139:14
that I am fearfully and wonderfully made

I DECLARE according to Proverbs 4:23
control over my thoughts, words and ways

I DECLARE according to Galatians 5:22-23
discernment in my choices

I DECLARE according to Ephesians 1:3
access to spiritual blessings

I DECLARE according to James 1:17
greatness and prosperity

I DECLARE according to Deuteronomy 28:3-4
generational blessings

I DECLARE according to Philippians 4:19
daily provisions

I DECLARE according to 3 John 1:2
a life of success, defined by my purpose, measured in
my obedience and fulfilled with my potential

**THIS IS MY DECLARATION OF
WISDOM, WEALTH, AND WELLNESS**