

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

Community Baptist Church | 2575 Hamp Stone Rd. | Siler City, NC 27344

Community Baptist Church is an Independent Baptist Church and we hold to the “fundamentals” of the faith.

The Scriptures

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative, and inerrant Word of God. We believe the King James Version is the preserved Word of God for the English-speaking people and best protects the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. (Psalm 12:6-7; II Timothy 3:15-17; I Peter 1:23-25; II Peter 1:19-21).

Salvation

- We believe in salvation by grace offered freely to all men through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by means of His death, burial and resurrection. We are saved by and kept eternally by the power of God. We believe in the eternal security of the believer.

Eternal Security

- We believe that all who are saved are kept by God’s power and are thus secure in Christ forever (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 8:38-39; I Corinthians 1:4-8; I Peter 1:4-5).

The Trinity

- We believe there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).

Deity of Christ

- We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:34-35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return to earth in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11-16).

The Holy Spirit

- We believe the Holy Spirit of God is a person who has personality and all the attributes of Deity. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit which includes convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. (John 3:5-6; John 14:16; Acts 1:5; Acts 11:15; I Corinthians 3:16; I Corinthians 6:19-20; I Corinthians 12:13).

The Rapture

- We believe in the pre-tribulational Rapture of the church saints, followed by the seven-year Tribulation. We believe in the pre-millennial return of Christ to the earth and His literal rule of one thousand years. Following this one thousand years is the Great White Throne judgment and then the new Heaven and new earth (I Corinthians 15:51-58; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Thessalonians 5:1-9; Revelation 19-22).

The Great Commission

- We believe it is the mandate of the whole Church to go into the whole world and to preach the Gospel to every living creature. (Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19-20)

Human Sexuality

- We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between one man and one woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex (Genesis 2:24; 19:5,13; Genesis 26:8-9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; I Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).

Doctrinal Error

- We reject the tenants of Calvinism, especially those called limited atonement and irresistible grace. Christ died for all men (2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 1 Timothy 2:6). God is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9).
- We reject Charismatic doctrine, especially faith healing through power given to men and speaking in tongues. These practices ceased with the other apostolic signs with the completion of the New Testament. Their practice today is unscriptural and full of error.
- We oppose neo-evangelicalism and ecumenicalism. We are to come out from among them and be separate. We do not join in with all religions or denominations despite doctrinal error and worldliness.

UNDERSTANDING WHAT A BAPTIST IS

Since there are so many different religions in the world, it is good to understand exactly what it means to be a Baptist.

B – BIBLE AUTHORITY in all matters of faith and practice. – We believe the Bible is our final authority in life. Many religions believe in a progressive revelation (that changes with the times), but we have a FINAL revelation that never changes!

A – The AUTONOMY of the Church. – means our church is a self-governing church. We are an Independent Baptist Church which means we are not a part of a larger denomination of any type. One strength of the Independent Baptist is we support our missionaries directly. They are accountable to us. In Acts 13-14 the Missionaries reported back to the church.

P – The PRIESTHOOD of every Believer. – We can go directly to God in prayer and do not have to go through someone else like a priest. **(1 Timothy 2:5)** *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”* **(Hebrews 4:16)** *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*

T – The TWO OFFICES (Pastor & Deacons). – In our church we have a pastor and Deacons. We believe the term elder and bishop is synonymous with the term pastor. Some denominations are run by a board or a committee, but we are not a committee or board run church, we are a pastor led church and the deacons aid the pastor.

I – INDIVIDUAL Soul Liberty. – Every person is personally and individually accountable before God. **(Rom. 14:12)** *“So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”* Baptists do not coerce anyone to worship against their will.

S – SEPARATION of Church and State – Which means that the state cannot tell us what we can and cannot preach. If it is in the Bible, we have every right to preach it.

T – TWO ORDINANCES (Baptism & the Lord’s Supper). – A speed limit sign is an ordinance. It is there to remind you of the speed limit. Likewise, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper were instituted by Jesus Christ for us to use as reminders.

S – The SECURITY of the Believer. – We believe the Bible clearly teaches that once a person is saved, they cannot ever lose their salvation. Our salvation was not earned through good works and cannot be lost through sinful works. (John 10:27-29; Eph. 1:13, 4:30)