

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

## ABOUT GOD

There is one God who reveals Himself as three separate distinct Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; who subsist in complete unity.

**God** is Spirit, infinite, personal, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, grace, goodness, and truth.

**Jesus Christ** is God's Son. He was born of a virgin as both completely God and completely man. He lived a sinless life, died to atone for the sins of human beings, was buried, arose from the grave, ascended into heaven and will literally return to earth.

The **Holy Spirit** is the divine helper, assistant, counselor and instructor and His work is to reveal Christ, convict of sin, lead to repentance, guide believers, comfort, strengthen, and sanctify the soul.

## ABOUT THE HOLY BIBLE

The Holy Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man. Although written by human authors, divinely inspired by God, its ultimate author is God Himself. It is perfect in its truth. It is wholly consistent in its theme. It has stood the test of time. It is a book for the nations, a perfect treasure of divine instruction, infallible without any mixture of error. In a word, it is our standard.

## ABOUT SALVATION

Salvation is a gift through faith in Jesus Christ and repentance toward God. Every person who truly is saved is eternally secure in the Lord Jesus Christ, is called to live a holy life, and will spend eternity in heaven, while those who die in their sins will spend eternity in hell.

## ABOUT BAPTISM

Baptism is by immersion after salvation and is done in obedience to Jesus Christ's command.

## ABOUT ACCESS TO GOD.

Each believer has direct access to God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

## ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

The church is a local body of baptized believers with the Lord Jesus Christ as the Head. The church's primary mission is to preach the gospel to all the world, reaching non-believers and discipling them to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

## ABOUT COMPASSION AND CARE

Our mandate is to reach our community for Jesus Christ by sharing the gospel in the context of compassion and care, ministering to the whole person and to strive to meet spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

## ABOUT THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, sexual expression, and procreation of the human race.

## ABOUT THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

Human life is created in the image of God, and therefore sacred and to be treated with dignity and respect. We will see to the needs of the elderly and sick. We will protect others from harm—whether from abortion, euthanasia, human trafficking, or other abuses. While the sanctity of life can be the foundation, love must be the motivation.

## OUR DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Anastasia Baptist Church accepts as its complete doctrinal statement The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

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