



What We **Believe**

Shoal Creek Baptist Church is a cooperating Southern Baptist Church that believes the Bible is the inspired and inerrant Word of God without any mixture of error.

We believe it is the sole authority for faith and practice, and acknowledge its adherence to all the teachings of Jesus Christ. The church subscribes to the doctrinal statement of **THE BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE** adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963 (revised 2000).

We band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind. The ordinances of the church are Believer's Baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper.

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The 3 Loves

Love God

We believe that God is the Creator of all that exists, and that he himself has existed eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 64:8; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; John 16:7-15; Hebrews 1:2-3)

We believe that God created us to worship him and give him glory. (Isaiah 43:7, 21; Psalm 96:9; Matthew 4:10)

We believe that sin has kept us from knowing God and worshiping him, but that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the penalty for our sin, was physically resurrected, and now offers a restored relationship with God to all who believe in him. (John 3:16; Acts 2:22-39; Romans 3:21-24)

We believe that salvation is a free gift given at God's initiative and must be received personally by faith. (John 5:24; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9)

We believe the Bible to be God's Word, a true and fully accurate account of God's love for us. Its purpose is to teach us how to have a relationship with him, worship him, and bring him glory. (Psalm 19:7-10; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)

Love Each Other

We believe that Jesus established his Body on earth in the Church and that the Church is a community that exists for the purpose of declaring the gospel and glory of Jesus throughout the world. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Colossians 1:18-20; 1 Peter 2:9)

We believe the Church is a family and that every believer should be identified with a local body of believers for the purpose of mutual encouragement, spiritual growth, and accountability. (Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 3:12-27; Hebrews 10:24-25)

Love Our World

We believe that God cares about every need of every person and that the Church, as Christ's Body, is to show his love and care for every person. Every member of the church is called to be a minister of the gospel through both acts of loving service and through a willingness to share the truth of the gospel with everyone at every opportunity. (John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 Peter 4:8)

We believe that the scope of God's love is worldwide, and this church is committed to taking the gospel to the farthest and most unreached places of the world. (Isaiah 49:6; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:13-15; 1 Timothy 2:3-4)

