

Coffeeville First Baptist Church
Statement of Faith

The Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God and is the basis for any statement of faith. The church endorses the doctrinal statement of the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 2000 and further specifies the foundational tenets for our common faith:

- *We believe in one Holy God who eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit*
 - *The Father is the eternal, all-knowing, ever-present, and all-powerful creator of the universe and is sovereign over everything that happens in the world. His unchanging character is one of holiness, righteousness, love, justice, and perfection.*
 - *The Son is Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary – completely God and completely man, whose death is the propitiation for the sins of all mankind. Sinless, He was crucified, buried, and on the third day after His death was resurrected from the grave, conquering death and Hell, and made salvation available to all who believe and follow Him. We believe after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into Heaven where He now sits at the right hand of God the Father and will return to Earth to judge the sins of the living and the dead and will reign forever.*
 - *The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God sent by the Father who calls people to faith in Jesus and comforts and guides believers.*
- *We believe that sin entered the world through the decision of Adam, and as a result, people are born in a state of depravity having a sinful nature which separates them from knowing and communing with Holy God.*
- *We believe the miraculous work of salvation and reconciliation to God is the work of God's unmerited grace which the Father freely gives to those who, by their own freewill, surrender to the Holy Spirit's call to faith in the Son.*
- *We believe that those who have been called by God to faith will repent of their sin and persevere in faith by the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit throughout their life on Earth in a personal relationship with God*
- *We believe in the priesthood of the believer whereby believers can come directly to God through Jesus Christ without the need for an Earthly mediator.*
- *We believe the abundant life begins when we are called by God into a relationship with Him, continuing throughout our Earthly life, and culminating in being raised with Christ into a glorified state with Him eternally in Heaven.*
- *We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to show our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. Believer's baptism is an act of obedience, a prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church commemorate Christ's love through his death. The Lord's Supper is always preceded by solemn self-examination.*
- *We believe Christ died for all men as evident to us through scriptures, such as Hebrews 2:9, 1 Timothy 2:6, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, Romans 5:18, and 2 Peter 3:9, which leads us to oppose doctrines such as Calvinism.*

- *We believe that marriage is between a man and a woman. The church does not believe in same sex marriage and no such union ceremonies will be allowed to occur on the premises.*

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 baptism and the Lord's Supper.