

**Cornerstone Family Church/First Baptist Church**  
**Of Fountain Hills, Arizona**  
**Proposed Statement of Faith**  
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**What We Believe: Our Statement of Faith**

**1. The Authority of the Bible**

The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are the verbally inspired Word of God, they are without error in the original writings, and they are the complete and final revelation of God. The Bible is the sole source of God's written revelation. (Matthew 5:18; John 17:17; II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21)

**2. The Triunity of God**

There is only one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Who are co-equal in their essential nature, attributes, and perfection; and each of Whom is to be honored and worshiped as God. (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 18:30-31, 147:5; Matthew 28:19; Mark 12:29; Luke 3:22; John 4:24, 5:23, 10:30, 14:9; Acts 5:3-4; II Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:1-3)

**a. The Father:** God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men. (Psalm 68:5, 103:13; Proverbs 3:11-12; Isaiah 64:8; Matthew 6:26, 7:11; Luke 12:32; Romans 8:14-17; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 1:3, 6:18; Galatians 3:26, 4:5-7; Ephesians 1:3, 4:6; Hebrews 12:9; 1 John 1:3, 3:1)

**b. The Person and Work of Jesus Christ:** Jesus Christ is God the Son, the promised Messiah, conceived in the flesh by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, true God and true man, without sin, and the only mediator between God and Man. (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-25; Mark 14:61-62; John 1:1-3, 14, 29, 5:18, 8:58, 10:30; II Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 2:9; I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 1:2-9, 2:14-15; I John 5:20)

Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross, paid for all sin, completely satisfied the righteous wrath of God against sin, and provided redemption and forgiveness for all who believe. For the believer our sin was imputed to Jesus, and Jesus' righteousness was imputed to us. After His death, Jesus Christ arose bodily from the dead, was seen by many during a period of forty days, and then ascended into Heaven where He is seated at the right hand of God as our Advocate and High Priest, from which place He will someday return to establish His Kingdom on earth. (Isaiah 53:5-6; Luke 24:36-43; John 1:18, 3:16, 20:25-28; Acts 1:6-11; Romans 3:21-26; I Corinthians 15:3-8, 20-23; Galatians 3:13; Colossians 1:13-14; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:13; I Peter 1:18-19, 2:24; I John 2:1-2; Revelation 20:6)

**c. The Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit** The Holy Spirit is that Person of the Triune Godhead who convicts men of sin, causes spiritual birth, indwells, seals, sanctifies, guides, equips, teaches, and fills the believer, thus enabling him to walk in obedience to God and His Word. (John 3:5, 14:16-17, 26, 15:26-27, 16:7-15; Acts 1:8, 5:3-4; Romans 8:9, 14; I Corinthians 2:10-11, 6:11, 19, 12:4-13; II Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:16-18, 22-23; Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30, 5:18-21)

### **3. The Creation and Fall of Mankind**

Mankind was created by God in His own image and is not the product of evolution; God created mankind male and female. Being created in the image of God, all human life is of equal moral and spiritual value and must be treated with the utmost dignity and respect. Human life belongs to God from conception to natural death. Humanity is one race comprised of many ethnicities, each equally valued by God. Any philosophy that exalts one ethnic group above another is unscriptural. Mankind fell into sin through personal disobedience to the revealed will of God; and as a result, all mankind is sinful in nature and practice, is unable to save himself, and faces eternal separation from God. (Genesis 1:26-28, 2:7, 18-24, 3:1-24, 9:6; Matthew 19:4; Mark 7:21-23; John 8:42-44; Romans 1:18, 3:10, 23, 5:1; Ephesians 2:1-3)

### **4. The Salvation of Man and the Gospel**

Eternal salvation from sin, death and hell is the free gift of God's grace, and is based solely upon man's personal faith and belief in Jesus Christ. He voluntarily died as a substitutionary sacrifice for our sins and arose bodily from the dead, thus guaranteeing our own resurrection to eternal life. This salvation is not received by, nor based on, any sacrament, merit, or good work on our part. This one who receives Christ's salvation is eternally secure. The Gospel is the good news of what God has accomplished for sinners through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. The church is responsible for the declaration of this good news and the defense of it against all who would seek to distort or re-define its core truths. (Luke 24:46-47; John 3:16-18; Romans 1:16-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; Galatians 1:6-9; 2 Timothy 1:8-14; Jude 3-4) (John 1:11-13, 3:16, 5:24, 10:28-30, 14:6; Acts 16:31; Romans 3:23-26, 5:8, 6:23, 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 7:24-25; I Peter 1:18-19, I John 5:11-13)

### **5. The Destiny of Man**

At death, the redeemed pass immediately into the presence of Christ and there remain in joyful fellowship until their bodily resurrection unto life. The unsaved at death descend immediately into Hades where they are kept under punishment until their bodily resurrection resulting in eternal damnation. (Daniel 12:2; Luke 16:22-23, 23:43; II Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 3:10, 11, 21; Revelation 20:11-15)

### **6. Satan**

Satan, originally an angel of God, rebelled against God, taking a multitude of angels with him. He was cast out of heaven and works along with the demons to actively oppose God throughout human history. Satan was defeated by Jesus on the cross and will be judged and cast forever into the lake of fire which has been prepared for him and the demons. (Ezekiel 28:12-17; Isaiah 14:12-15; Matthew 12:25-29; 25:41; John 12:31; 16:11; Colossians 2:15; Revelation 12:7-9; 20:10)

## **7. The Nature and Organization of the Church**

The church is distinctly the bride and body of Christ that was birthed at Pentecost and is made up of all who have trusted Jesus Christ alone as Savior. God has called the church to preach the gospel to all nations. The church is comprised of the priesthood of all believers and it is important that every Christian is joined with and actively involved in a local community of the saints. (Isaiah 58:6-12; 61:1; Matthew 16:15-18, 28:18-20; Luke 4:18; 21:1-4; Acts 2; Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Peter 2:4-5,9-10)

These local independent churches have been given the needed authority and scriptural guidelines for administering that order, discipline, and worship which Christ, the sovereign head, had appointed. The biblically designated officers serving under Christ and over the church are pastors and deacons. Both men and women are together created in the divine image and are therefore equal before God as persons, possessing the same moral dignity and value, and have equal access to God through faith in Christ. God has ordained the principle of male headship in both the home and in the local church in the offices of pastor and deacon. (Genesis 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 11:2-16; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Timothy 3:1-7) (Acts 6:1-6, 1 Corinthians 14:40; Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-5)

## **8. The Ordinances of the Church**

Water baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are the two ordinances of the church to be observed until the time of Christ's return. They are not a means of salvation but are expressions of those with genuine belief in Jesus. (Matthew 26:26-29; 28:19; Romans 6:3-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34)

## **9. Marriage and Family**

God's original creative design, as set forth in Scripture, is for complete fidelity (physically, emotionally, and spiritually) within heterosexual and monogamous marriage. Regardless of one's marital status, the Christian should pursue purity and abstain from sexually immoral practices such as adultery, premarital sex, pornography, and homosexuality. It is the God-given responsibility for parents to raise their children. Parents are to lead their children in all matters of faith, in education, and in their moral conduct. (Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 13:13-14; 1st Corinthians 6:9-20, 7:3; Hebrews 13:4; Genesis 1:27-28; Isaiah 54:13; Malachi 2:15; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21; 1 Timothy 5:8)

## **10. Future Events**

At God's appointed time, and according to God's perfect plan, the Lord Jesus Christ will gloriously, visibly, and triumphantly return to earth as King. After Christ returns, He will bring about the ultimate defeat of Satan, the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment of unbelievers, and the eternal blessing of the righteous in Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:20-28,50-58; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 5:1-11; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12; Revelation 19:1-21)