



FOUNDATION OF CHRIST BAPTIST CHURCH



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History

The vision for Christ Baptist Church can be traced to October 4, 1998, when David Horner, in his 20th anniversary sermon for Providence Baptist Church, announced that Providence would again act on its mission to plant churches and would begin steps to start their fourth church plant. In July of 1999, Providence's elder board formed a steering committee with the responsibility for starting the new church. After much prayer and an extensive pastor search, Dr. Ned Mathews was called to become the inaugural pastor of Christ Baptist Church in June, 2002. We began leasing a portion of the space in our current facility while continuing the search for a senior pastor. Dr. Steve McKinion was called to become Senior Pastor of Christ Baptist Church in June 2003.

We were able to purchase our 53,000 square foot building at 400 Newton Road in June 2003. On September 7, 2003, 248 people became charter members of Christ Baptist Church. Our first Sunday School classes began on that date as well. Each year in September, we celebrate Covenant Sunday, our anniversary. In May 2005, Dr. McKinion returned to Southeastern Seminary to a full-time teaching position. Dr. Allan Moseley began serving as Interim Pastor, and accepted the call to become Senior Pastor in May 2006.

Due to space limitations, we maintained two morning worship services for a few years. In 2008, CBC held an aggressive building campaign to add a Fellowship Hall, Gathering Hall, renovate the church kitchen, and build a new Worship Center. Our first worship service in the new facility was held on July 17, 2012.

Sensing God's call to devote more time to teaching and writing, Dr. Moseley resigned as Pastor after 10 years of service. Dr. David Hogg, a former member, Elder, and Associate Pastor at Christ Baptist, accepted the call from God and His church to serve as our Senior Pastor, beginning June 1, 2015.

10 CORE PRACTICES

Worship

I worship God because of His character and actions by offering my life to Him (Psalm 95:6; Romans 12:1).

Prayer

I pray to God to know Him and His will for my life and to lay my requests before Him (Psalm 66:16-20).

Bible Study

I meditate on the Bible to know God and His truth and to direct my daily walk (Joshua 1:8; Hebrews 4:12).

Purity

I live a pure life in mind, speech and actions (2 Timothy 2:21-22).

Ministry

I serve the Lord with a compassion for those in need as He leads and gifts me (Psalm 82:3-4; Romans 12:4-6).

Biblical Community

I unite with other Christians to accomplish God's purposes in the church and in society (Acts 2:44-47; James 1:27).

Giving

I give my life, including my time, my talents, and my money to fulfill God's purposes (Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 9:7; 1 Timothy 6:18).

Sharing My Faith

I share my faith to fulfill God's purposes, locally and globally (Ephesians 6:19-20).

Family

I honor God in my family life (Colossians 3:18-21).

Discipleship

I strive to pass along the teachings of Christ to other believers through word and deed (2 Timothy 2:2).

Name, Vision and Mission

More than 150 suggestions were considered for the name of this new church. Christ Baptist Church was chosen because He is the Christ and church members desired to identify with Him.

The vision of Christ Baptist Church has four components:

1. Worship will focus on the holiness, majesty, and sovereignty of God. Preaching and teaching will be verse-by-verse exposition of the Bible. Music will be theologically sound and appropriately reverent in uniting text and tune (Philippians 4:1-5; Colossians 3:16-17).
2. The staff and other leaders will equip the saints for ministry, that is, for the work of the church, which includes edification, evangelism and missions (Ephesians 4:11-13; Matthew 28:18-2).
3. The emphasis on evangelistic missions is to involve the entire congregation.
4. Christ Baptist Church will be engaged with prevailing cultural issues, confronting the culture with Christian alternatives to social evils, thus becoming salt and light to the culture. All will be invited to consider and embrace biblical principles. This ministry will be two-pronged: it will be aggressively proactive in confrontation, but lovingly redemptive in promoting the biblical remedy.

The mission of Christ Baptist Church is to worship the Lord in spirit and truth, equip the saints for ministry, present Christ to all peoples and generations, and confront the culture with the truth of Holy Scripture, lovingly offering biblical alternatives.

Statement of Faith

- A. **GOD:** We believe that there is only one living and true God – immortal and invisible. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite, holy and perfect. The eternal God reveals Himself to His people as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without divisions of nature, essence or being.
1. **God the Father:** God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe and His creatures, according to the purpose of His grace. He is all-powerful, all-loving and all-wise. God the Father is the source of all truth.
 2. **God the Son:** Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself completely with mankind, yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience; in His death on the cross, He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the Person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is exalted at the right hand of God, where He is the One Mediator, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers, through the Holy Spirit, as the living and ever-present Lord.
 3. **God the Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination, He enables men to understand the truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior and affects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

10 CORE VALUES

Joy

I have inner contentment and purpose regardless of my circumstances (John 15:11).

Peace

I find rest as things are right between God, others, and me (Philippians 4:6-7).

Faith

I trust God and act in submission to His will for my life (Proverbs 3:5-7).

Self-Control

I can control myself through Christ's power (2 Peter 1:5-6).

Humility

I serve for the gain of others and recognize my shortcomings before the Lord (Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Peter 5:6).

Love

I love others unconditionally and sacrificially (1 John 4:10-12).

Patience

I am patient with life and people (Psalm 25:5; Proverbs 14:29).

Goodness

I am honest, just and kind with those around me (1 Thessalonians 5:15).

Gentleness

I am considerate and calm in dealing with others (Galatians 5:22-23).

Hope

I can endure all hardships because of the future glory of Christ (Psalm 9:18-20; Romans 8:18).

Church

We believe the church is the body of baptized believers through which God accomplishes His purposes on earth (Ephesians 4:12-16).

Baptism

We believe that a person confesses Christ and joins the local church through believer's baptism (Acts 2:38, 41-42; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

Lord's Supper

We believe that a believer remembers Christ's death and proclaims His coming through partaking of the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Eternity

We believe there is a heaven and a hell, and that Christ will return to judge everyone and to establish His eternal kingdom (Matthew 25:31-32, 46).

He enlightens and empowers the believer and the Church in worship, prayer, evangelism, Bible study, and service.

- B. **THE SCRIPTURES:** We believe that the Bible was written by men divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is the perfect treasure for divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and its contents are without error. It will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions are tried.
- C. **MAN:** We believe that man was created by the special act of God, in His own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning, man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice, man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan, man transgressed the command of God and fell from his original innocence, whereby his descendants inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin; and as soon as they are capable of moral choice, become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God brings man into His holy fellowship and enables man to fulfill the creative purpose of God – "to glorify God and enjoy Him forever". The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every man possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.
- D. **SALVATION:** We believe that salvation includes every divine action on behalf of the believer, from deliverance out of his lost estate to his final presentation in glory, conformed to the image of Christ.
1. The believer was saved when he, by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, died to sin and was spiritually born again as a child of God.
 2. The believer is being saved from the dominion of sin, divinely preserved and sanctified.
 3. The believer will be saved from the eternal consequence of sin – separation from God – and will be presented faultless in glory, to be with Him forever.

- E. **THE CHURCH:** We believe that the true Church is composed of all persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. We believe that a local, visible New Testament church is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship, which meets together for worship, teaching and preaching of God's Word and the observance of the ordinances of Christ, and is governed by the teachings of His Word with the only Scriptural offices being pastors, elders and deacons, whose qualifications and duties are defined in the epistles of Paul. We hold that believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of Christ given to the local church. Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby we memorialize the death of our Lord and anticipate His coming again. We believe that participation in this ordinance is open to all believers who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit, and that solemn self-examination must always precede the taking of this supper.
- F. **CONSUMMATION:** We believe in the personal, imminent and pre-millennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The time of His coming is nowhere revealed in Scripture; therefore, it is the duty of all believers to live in readiness since His coming will be sudden. When He comes He will claim His Body, the one true Church. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all mankind; those who have been saved by faith in Christ out of every age in time will dwell forever with Christ (heaven); those who have rejected Christ will spend eternity in the lake of fire (hell), along with the devil and his angels.

Core Beliefs, Values and Practices

10 CORE BELIEFS

Bible

We believe the Bible (Old Testament and New Testament) is the only Word of God, is without error, and is to command my belief and action (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Trinity

We believe the God of the Bible is the only true God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14).

Creation and Providence

We believe God created from nothing everything that exists and guides history for His purposes (Genesis 1:1; Romans 8:28).

Christ

We believe that Christ is fully God and fully man. He came in the flesh to provide salvation through His life, death and resurrection (John 1:1,14; 20:30-31).

Humanity

We believe all people are loved by God personally, and as sinners they need Christ as their Savior (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).

Salvation

We believe a person enters into and remains in a right relationship with God by His grace, through faith in Jesus Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8-9).