

Eggemoggin Baptist Church

Doctrinal Statement

The Holy Scriptures

We believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original manuscripts, therefore, the supreme and final authority for faith and life. II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:20, 21. (See our doctrine amplified Article IIIB, Section 1).

The Trinity of the Godhead

We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14

The Person and Work of Christ

- a. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. John 1:1-18; Luke 1:35*
- b. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; that His death on the cross, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, was sufficient for the sins of mankind; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ “was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures”; and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. John 3:16; II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 4:25; 5:9; I Peter 1:3, 4; 2:24; I Corinthians 15:3, 4.*
- c. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended*

visibly in His glorified body into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, where, as our High Priest, He fulfills His ministry as our Intercessor and Advocate. We believe that in His substitutionary death on the cross and in His resurrection life He has secured the complete and final redemption of every believer.
Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-10; Romans 8:30, 34; I John 2:1, 2; Hebrews 7:25; 8:1; 9:12, 24.

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third Person in the Trinity, that He convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; that He regenerates the sinner by the Word of God and indwells the body of each believer. We believe that, in His ministry to the individual believer, upon conviction He baptizes each into the Body of Christ and seals each until the day of redemption. We also believe that He enlightens, instructs, and guides each born-again believer; that He is the efficient power for Godly living, Christian service, and spiritual worship; and that it is the privilege and duty of each believer to be filled with the Holy Spirit. John 14:16, 17, 26; John 16:7-15; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-14; II Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 1:13-14; I Peter 1:23.

The Creation and Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and that man is totally depraved and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. Genesis 1:26, 27; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12; Romans 3:22, 23; 5:12.

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God, brought to man by grace, and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

The Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers

Security : We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. John 6:37-40; John 10: 27-30; 17:11, 20, 24; Romans 8:1, 30, 38-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; Ephesians 1:13-14;

Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Peter 1:5; Jude v. 1.

Assurance : We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word, which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. John 10: 28; Galatians 5:13.

The Church

We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ began on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended from Heaven upon the disciples of Christ; that it is composed solely of born-again believers called out from among Jews Gentiles to become the Body and Bride of our Lord. Christ glorified in Heaven is its Head, and the Holy Spirit on earth is the active Agent of the Godhead Who ever seeks to bring about within its ranks conformity and obedience to the Word of God and the will of God. The one body unites believers to each other and all to Christ; its purpose is to glorify God, to evangelize the world, and to complete itself through the winning of lost souls to Christ. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 2; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 13; Ephesians 2:7; 3:10; 5:23, 30.

The Ordinances of the Church

We believe the ordinances of the Church to be water baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that baptism by immersion of the believer in Christ, symbolizes the believer's union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. We believe that Christ instituted the Lord's Supper to commemorate His love as expressed in His shed blood and broken body at Calvary, and that it is to be observed "till He comes." Romans 6:4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; Colossians 2:9-13.

The Second Advent of Christ

Rapture : We believe in that "Blessed Hope," the personal, imminent, pre-tribulation, pre-millennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ for His Church. 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:13-18; Titus 2:13; Revelation 3:10.

Revelation : We believe in the personal, visible, glorious return of Christ to this earth with His saints at the end of the Great Tribulation at which time He will establish His Millennial Kingdom. Zechariah 14:4-11; Matthew 24: 29-30; Revelation 19:11-21; 20:1-6.

The Eternal State

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men: the saved to eternal life in Heaven and the unsaved to judgment and eternal punishment in hell.

Heaven : We believe that the souls of those who receive Jesus Christ as Saviour are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious joy they await the first resurrection when body, soul, and spirit will be reunited and glorified forever with the Lord. John 14:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 3:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 20:10-15.

Hell : We believe that the souls of those who reject Jesus Christ and die in their sins remain after death in conscious misery until the second resurrection when with body and soul reunited, they appear at the Judgment of the Great White Throne and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer eternal, conscious punishment. Matthew 25:41-46; Luke 16:19-26; John 8:24; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:10-15.



The Personality of Satan

We believe that Satan is a personal being, a fallen angel, the author of sin, the open and declared enemy of God and man; and that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire. Genesis 3; Job 1:6-7; Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-15; Matthew 4:1-11; 25:41; 2 Corinthians 4:3,4; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:9-10; 20:10.



Separation and Sanctification

Separation : We believe that all the saved should live in such manner as not to bring reproach upon their Saviour and Lord; and that separation from all religious apostasy (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; 2 Timothy 3:1-5); all worldly and sinful pleasure, practices, and associations (1 John 2:15-17); all false teachers (2 John 9-11); and all disobedient brethren (I Corinthians 5:11, II Corinthians 3:6, Matthew 18:15-17) is commanded of God.

Sanctification : We believe that positional sanctification occurs at regeneration, but that practical sanctification is to be progressive and continue throughout the believer's life here on earth. We believe that God has made complete provision for this in the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection; in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; by the written Word of God; and in the believer's yieldedness to Him. John 17:17; Romans 12:1, 2; 6:1-14; 7:24-25; 14:13; Galatians 5:16-23; Ephesians 1:15-2:10; 5:25-27; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 3:1-17; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 4:12; 10:14; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 2 Peter 3:18.



The Bible Version Controversy

The King James Version (1611) is our accepted translation. We believe God has given us His inspired Word in the Received Text and that alone. We also believe He has preserved that text intact, the King James Bible being the last translation in the English of that text. Psalm 12:6-7; Matthew 24:35.



Unscriptural Movements

We seek to advance the cause of Christ, whether at home or abroad, in accordance with the Word of God and in fellowship with those of like precious faith, and with these only. We believe the following movements to be contrary to the Word of God; therefore, we seek to advance the cause of Christ apart from these movements and their adherents:

- a. The Ecumenical Movement consisting of Roman Catholicism and apostate Protestantism which finds its expression largely in the National and World Council of Church. We recognize that these bodies exist through the local assemblies that compose their membership and that one of their most subtle appeals to compromise is ecumenical evangelism.*
- b. The Neo-Evangelical Movement consisting of professed believers who hold that fundamentalism has failed and seek to advance the cause of Christ by unscriptural methods, such as infiltration where separation is commanded, by dialogue with liberals and apostates, and generally by compromise of Christian doctrine.*
- c. The Charismatic Movement with its undue emphasis on subjective feeling, emotion, and experience as opposed to the objective truth of our redemption purchased by Christ at Calvary. We reject speaking in tongues, the need of any believer to be baptized in or by the Holy Spirit (he has been at conversion), and*

*“faith healing” as practiced by them, as
being God’s will for believers today.*