

Newcastle First Baptist Church

Our Faith in Practice

Newcastle First Baptist Church is committed to:

Worship - of the Lord in spirit and in truth. We don't want to just go through the motions of worship; we want to truly worship with all of our soul!

Discipleship - of the members; teaching them to "observe all things whatsoever He has commanded us."

Fellowship - of the true Biblical "koinonea" variety. We care for one another, laugh with one another, and cry with one another!

Ministry - to our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as to our community.

Evangelism - taking the answer for all the world's problems to the people that so desperately need that answer!

And that answer is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ!

For a detailed explanation of our doctrine and beliefs, please view our Statement of Faith. In abbreviated form the basics of our beliefs are presented below:

? The Bible is divinely inspired, without error, and is to be the sole source of authority for faith and practice in the church and in life.

? There is one and only one True and Living God, eternally existent, that has and does reveal Himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

? Salvation is possible only through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ - with the addition or requirement of nothing else! This was made possible through His atoning death on the cross, paying the penalty for our sins that we could never pay.

? This salvation is available as a free gift to all who are willing to accept it. "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)

? It is the primary role of the pastor to "equip the saints for the work of the service." All Christians have been given a Spiritual gift upon salvation, and are expected to use that gift in ministry.

At First Baptist Church we believe:

? That bigger is not always better. We feel that when our church grows to 100 - 150 active members, it is time to send out a small group to start a new church - or to help an existing church.

? That tithes and offerings should be given “not grudgingly or of necessity” but rather cheerfully. Giving is the duty of the members, not visitors! God has required us as members to give back to Him one-tenth of our gross income. We believe that God is able to handle His own business, and does not require our intervention to ensure that He receives what is His!

? That the Bible commands us to worship with “songs and hymns and spiritual songs” (Ephesians 5:19). We therefore use a variety of music styles in our worship - both new and old hymns, praise choruses, and contemporary Christian music. We want our people to feel free to worship - within the bounds of Biblical guidelines!