

STATEMENT OF FAITH

As a ministry of Northside Baptist Church, and therefore a part of the Southern Baptist Convention, Northside Christian Academy upholds and adheres to the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message (<https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/>) regarding doctrines and beliefs as outlined below.

God – He is creator of the universe. He is infinitely perfect and has eternally existed in three persons – Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit. They are equal. They are one God.

Jesus Christ – He is the Son of God. He is the Savior of man, equal with the Holy Spirit and the Father. He came to the earth by being conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He lived a sinless life on earth and thereby was able to voluntarily offer Himself as the perfect sacrifice for all of mankind. His death on the cross as our substitute accomplishes salvation for all who receive grace by trusting in Him through faith alone. He arose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven, where at God's right hand, He intercedes for His people and rules as Lord overall. We await His personal physical return to earth in power and glory.

Holy Spirit – He is equal with the Father and Jesus. His ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. He is present in this world to convict man, making him aware of his need for Jesus. He lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation and guides, instructs, and empowers the believer for godly living and service.

The Bible – It is God's Word to all people. We believe that the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are the inspired Word of God. They were written without error in the original writings by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. Because it is inspired by God, the Bible is truth without error. The Bible is the complete revelation of God's will for the salvation of humanity, and the only infallible rule and authority for faith, practice, and life.

Man – God created man and woman in His own image as the crown of creation that they might have fellowship with Him. But, tempted by Satan, they defied God by sinfully going their own way. Therefore, they became subject to divine wrath and, apart from the grace of God, are incapable of returning to God. Humanity has collectively inherited this sin nature and individually, we are alienated and separated from God by our own disobedience. Man was created to exist forever and will be resurrected to be either eternally separated from God by sin (hell) or eternally in union with God (heaven).

Salvation – Salvation is a gift from God, received only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe. By Christ's death as our substitute, He revealed divine love and upheld divine justice, removing our guilt and reconciling us to God. Salvation comes only through God's saving grace--not human effort--and must be received personally by repentance and faith. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ by faith. Because God gives man eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by any self-effort of the Christian. As such, man cannot lose his salvation after he has truly been saved.

Baptism – Believer's baptism is by immersion as a symbol of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Baptism does not save but shows that you have been saved. It is an act of obedience and a public profession of one's faith in Christ.

Education – Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Therefore, all sound learning is a part of our Christian heritage. A suitable system of Christian education is vital to a complete spiritual structure for Christ's people. In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and the distinct purpose for which the school exists.