

MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH BABATNGON – DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

(STATEMENT OF FAITH or WHAT WE BELIEVE)

1. We believe that the Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, are inspired of God, without error, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. We believe that God has preserved the Bible for the English speaking people in the AV 1611 KJB. (Mat. 4:4, 24:35; Ps. 12:6-7)
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Isa. 43:10-11, 44:6; Mat. 3:16-17; I John. 5:7)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man. (Isa. 7:14; Micah 5:2; Mat. 1:22-25; Luke 1:26-35; John 1:1; Col. 1:16-17)
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God, and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are now sinners by birth and by choice, positively inclined to evil, and are therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse. (Gen. 1:27, 2:17, 3:6; Rom. 3:10, 23, 5:12, 6:23; Ps. 51:5)
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe on Him as personal Saviour are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. (I Cor. 15:3-4; Acts 4:10; I Pet. 3:18; John 3:16-17; Heb. 9:22)
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, His bodily ascension into heaven and His bodily presence there for us as High Priest and Advocate. (Mat. 28:6; Acts 1:9; I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 4:14; I John 2:1)
7. We believe in "the blessed hope," the personal, bodily and imminent return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This return will be in two "phases", first, the catching away of those that sleep in the Lord and those that are alive to meet Him in the air (commonly called the rapture), then after the seven years tribulation, at the climax of Armageddon He will physically set foot on the Mount of Olives thereby ushering in His 1,000 year kingdom (commonly called the Millennial Reign). (I Thes. 4:15-18; I Cor. 15:51-52; Titus 2:13)
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and are thereby children of God and are eternally saved and secure. (John 1:12, 3:3, 6, 16, 36, 10:27-30; Rom. 10:13; I Pet. 1 :4-5)
9. We believe that Satan is literal and personal, the agent of the fall, the archenemy of God, the prince and power of this world, and that he shall be judged and eternally punished in the lake of fire. (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-19; Eph. 6:12; I Pet. 5:8; Rev. 20:10)

10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. We believe in a literal heaven and a literal hell; that the spirits of the saved at death ascend immediately to the presence and everlasting joy of the Lord Jesus Christ and that the spirits of the unsaved at death descend immediately into hell where they are kept under punishment until the final day of judgment, at which time their bodies shall be raised from the grave, they shall be judged according to their works, and cast into the lake of fire- the place of final and everlasting punishment. (Luke 16:19-31; John 11:25; Rev. 20:12-22:5)

11. We believe that immersion is the only form of baptism revealed and commanded in the Scriptures, that it has NO saving power, but is only for those who are already saved; and that the new birth, which comes through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, is the scriptural prerequisite to baptism; therefore only those who are old enough to believe for themselves may be baptized. (Mat. 3:16-17; 28:18-20; Mark 16:16 Acts 2:38, 41, 8:35-39)

12. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial of the death of Christ and that only those who have been saved through faith in His atoning blood, have been baptized and are walking in obedient fellowship with Him ought to partake of it. We believe that only the members of the local church administering this ordinance are authorized to partake in it, this is commonly known as "closed" communion. (Mat. 18:15-20; Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 5:1-13, 11:23-34)

13. We believe that a New Testament church is a body of baptized believers, organized for the worship and service of God, and the spread of the Gospel in all the world. The only two Scriptural offices of the church are that of pastor and deacons and must be filled only by men. (Mat. 16:16-18, 18:20; 28:19-20; Acts 2:46-47; I Cor. 14:34-35; Eph. 1:22-23; I Tim. 3:1-13, 2:11-12)

14. We believe that all the saved are called into a life of separation. This separation is in at least three areas: moral, personal, and ecclesiastical. (Rom. 12:1-2; I Cor. 6:19-20; II Cor. 6:14-17; Eph. 5:11; Titus 2:14; I Pet. 1:15-16; I John 2:15-17)

15. We believe that the healing and tongues movement of today is unscriptural and contrary to sound doctrine, and those who believe and practice these are in error. (I Cor. 14:6, 22-23, 40; II Cor. 11:14)

16. We believe that we are living in the days of apostasy where many will not endure sound doctrine; that it is vital to stay on the "old paths" of Scripture no matter how much pressure is felt to compromise the Word or sound doctrine with the things of the world. The ecumenical and "contemporary Christian" movements of today are unscriptural and contrary to sound doctrine, and those who believe and practice these are in error. (I Tim. 4:1-2; II Tim. 1:12, 3: 1-14, 4:1-5; II Cor. 1:14-17; I John 2:15-17)