



**WELCOME  
ABOARD**



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# Our Statement of Purpose

At South Charlotte Baptist Church, we recognize that as a church family, we exist for the purposes of loving God, growing together, and serving others.



**loving**  
God

Loving God begins in the heart, with a relationship with Him. As we participate in Christ honoring worship services and as we respond to the preaching of His Word, this love flourishes.

*"And thou shalt love the lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."* – Mark 12:30



**growing**  
together

We grow together, in Christ, through the study of God's word. This occurs in our weekly services, in our smaller adult Bible classes, and in one-on-one discipleship.

*"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;"* – Philippians 1:27

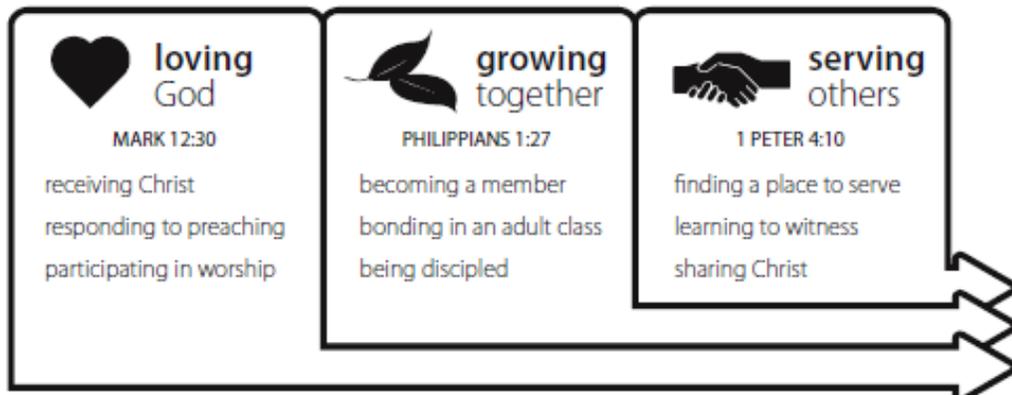


**servicing**  
others

We serve others as we find a place of ministry, in the local body. We also serve by sharing the gospel with those who need the Lord.

*"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."* – Peter 4:10

## A Process for Spiritual Growth



# Statement of the Beliefs

## Scriptures

We believe that the Bible is the inerrant, inspired Word of God and that is it our final authority in all matters of faith and practice. For reason of unity within the church and textual reliability we choose to use the King James version of the Bible.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*  
*2 Peter 1:20-21*

## Sovereign God

God is a Person, eternally existing, as a Trinity in unity - Father, son, and Holy, Spirit, - three Persons and yet one God.

*Deuteronomy 6:4*  
*Matthew 26:19*  
*1 Corinthians 8:6*

## Son

Jesus Christ, eternally existing, is the only begotten Son of God, who became a sinless man in order to redeem us. He was born of a virgin, and is true God and true man.

*Luke 1:30-55*  
*John 1:1-15*  
*Colossians 1:15*

## Sin

Man was created in the image of God but fell through sin, bringing not only physical death, but also spiritual death or eternal separation from God. Now all of mankind exists as a fallen race, with an inherited sinful nature.

*Genesis 1:26-27*  
*Genesis 2:16*  
*Genesis 3:16-19*  
*Romans 3:10-23*  
*Romans 6:23*

## Sacrifice of Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ suffered and died as a substitutionary payment for the sins of the whole world. He physically arose from the dead and then ascended into Heaven. Simple faith in this sacrifice is the only way of salvation of mankind.

*Luke 24*  
*Acts 1:9-11*  
*Romans 5:8-10*  
*Ephesians 1:20-23*  
*1 Peter 3:18*

# Statement of Beliefs

## Service

The local church is a group of believers baptized by water, banded together for edification, exhortation, and evangelism as commanded by Christ in the Great Commission; preaching the gospel to every creature.

*Mark 16:15*  
*1 Corinthians 12:12*  
*Ephesians 1:22-23*

## End Times

Jesus Christ Himself will soon come again in the air to catch up His Church and to reward their service: the unbelievers left behind will go through a period called the Tribulation, after which Christ will return to the earth to set up His Kingdom of one thousand years of righteous rule; after this the unbelievers of all ages will stand at the Great White Throne to be judged and cast into Lake of Fire, separated from God forever, while the believers spend eternity in the fullness of joy in Heaven with the Lord.

*Matthews 24:29-42*  
*1 Thessalonians 4:16-18*  
*Revelation 19:11 -20:13*

# What's in the Name Baptist?

South Charlotte Baptist Church is a Baptist church because of a few simple but defining Biblical distinctive. We feel it is important to uphold biblical traits that would help clarify what kind of church we are. The word *Baptist* simply means that we believe in...

## **B** BIBLICAL authority in all matters of faith and practice

You will not find visions, revelations, tongues, or extra Biblical “messages from God” at South Charlotte Baptist.

*John 17:17*  
*Acts 17:11*  
*2 Timothy 3:16, 17*  
*Hebrews 4:12*  
*2 Peter 1:21*

## **A** AUTONOMY of self-governing power of the local church

Our church is completely self-governed outside of a denomination

*Colossians 1:8*  
*1 Timothy 3:15*  
*Acts 20:19-30*

## **P** PRIESTHOOD of believers

Every believer has equal and instant access to God. This means that each believer is his own priest and has direct access to God's truth and God's will for his life.

*1 Timothy 2:5, 6*  
*Hebrews 4:14-16*

## **T** TWO officers within the church

The South Charlotte Baptist Church has two offices of leadership – Pastors and Deacons. Scripture refers to the office of pastor with terms such as elder, bishop, and pastor. It is responsibility of the Pastor's to serve the church by leading, teaching and overseeing the church work. It is the responsibility of deacons to serve the church family through assisting with care and the provision of special needs.

*Acts 6:1-7*  
*1 Timothy 3:1-13*  
*Titus 1:6-9*  
*1 Peters 5:1-4*

# What's in the Name Baptist?

## **I** INDIVIDUAL Soul Liberty

Every man and woman must choose personally to come to Christ for salvation

*Romans 10:17*

*Romans 14:1-8, 12-23*

## **S** SEPARATION of Church and State

The state should have no power to intervene in the free expression of religious liberty.

*Matthew 22:21*

*Acts 5:29-31*

*Romans 13:1-4*

## **T** TWO Ordinances

We practice two simple ordinances at SCBC – baptism and the Lord's Table (communion). These ordinances have no part in salvation and only serve as pictures of what Christ did for us.

*Matthew 28:19-20*

*Acts 2:38-43*

*Acts 8:36-38*

*Romans 6:1-6*

*1 Corinthians 11:23-24*

## **S** SECURITY of the Believer

Salvation is a gift from God that cannot be taken away. When a person is saved, he is always saved. Nothing can separate him from eternal life in Christ and can live within full assurance of Heaven as his future home.

*John 10:27,28*

*1 Peter 1:3-5*

To maintain a commitment to the clear teaching of God's Word without compromise, South Charlotte Baptist Church does not support the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Church, the National Association of Evangelicals, the Charismatic movement (includes tongues movements, etc.), Ecumenical evangelism, Liberalism, or Modernism. (II Thessalonians 3:6; Amos 3:3; Jude 3)

# How Do I Become a Member?

We have determined three simple and Biblical principles that explain church membership at South Charlotte Baptist Church. You may become a member of South Charlotte Baptist church in one of three different ways.

## Three Different Ways to Become a Member:

### 1. **Baptism after Salvation:**

After you have accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, you may follow God's simple command of being baptized. Baptism is not necessary for salvation; it is simply a public testimony of your faith. As you follow Christ in baptism you will be added as a member of South Charlotte Baptist Church.

Matthew 28:19-20  
Acts 2:41

- Or -

### 2. **Statement of Faith or Transfer of Letter:**

If you have already accepted Christ and have been baptized in a Baptist church whose doctrine is in agreement with South Charlotte Baptist Church, you may present your testimony of salvation (back of brochure) and be voted into membership by your statement of faith or transfer of membership from another Baptist church. You may do this by stepping forward and speaking with a pastor during the invitation in any church service.

- Or -

### **3. Statement of Faith by Baptism:**

If you have accepted Christ and have not been baptized in a Baptist church of like faith, you will be asked to publicly identify with Christ and the South Charlotte Baptist Church by being baptized into our membership. This is also true if your mode of baptism was other than immersion, or if the doctrine was different in your previous church. South Charlotte Baptist Church is committed to maintaining a doctrinal unity in this day of confusion and doctrinal compromise. If you believe that God has led you to this church, and if you understand that baptism is simply a testimony of your faith, we invite you to identify with Christ and the South Charlotte Baptist Church by being baptized as the Lord leads you.

Matthew 3:16

John 3:23

Acts 8:38

Acts 19:1-5

## **We Welcome You!**

We would be happy to welcome you “on board” and into our family here at South Charlotte Baptist Church.

We believe that a church member should: be faithful to church services; support the local church with tithes and offerings; be committed to God’s Word, the church, the Pastor, and to one another; and be dedicated to reaching lost people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Members are removed from the church roll when they stop attending South Charlotte Baptist or when they join another church. They may also be removed as a result of willful, intentional, or open sinful behavior that is unbecoming to a Christian and harmful to the church family.

# My Commitment to South Charlotte Baptist Church

*I affirm my faith* in Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and I agree with the South Charlotte Baptist Church statement of faith.

*I commit myself* to this body of believers and accept its statement of purpose.

*As God guides me*, I commit myself to becoming a stronger Christian in this body through participation in the following areas:

## **Worship**

Gathering together with God's people, in God's house, magnifying the Lord in the regular weekly services.

## **Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School**

Gathering together in a smaller group for a concentrated time of edification and encouragement.

## **Ministry**

Helping my church family by finding a place to serve.

## **Financial Stewardship**

Giving the first part of my resources back to God.

## **Family Time**

Regular times of fun and focus with my immediate family.

## **Time With God**

Regular times of reading God's Word and prayer each week.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_



# Membership Transfer

## Adult Membership:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. / Miss / Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Church Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: (His) \_\_\_\_\_ (Her's) \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Single Married Widowed Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Children's Membership:

Children under the age of 18, who have been saved and baptized in a Baptist church, will receive membership at the same time as their parent/legal guardian. Children who have not yet received Christ as Saviour will become members when they are saved and then baptized. Please list the names of all children and indicate whether or not they have been saved and baptized in a Baptist church.

\_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Saved

Baptized

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Membership is finalized upon receipt of records from your former church



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