

Constitution  
Of  
WEST NOBLESVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE  
Noblesville, Indiana

Article I

Name and Organization

- A. Name           The name of this organization shall be:
- West Noblesville Community Church  
Baptist General Conference
- B. Organization   The organization took place at:
- Noblesville, Indiana  
On  
January 22, 1978
- C. Incorporation   The West Noblesville Community Church, Baptist General Conference,  
was incorporated in the State of Indiana on
- October 23, 1978

Article II

Affiliations

- A. District           This Church shall be affiliated with the Midwest Baptist Conference
- B. National           This Church shall be affiliated with the Baptist General Conference
- C. Relationship      This Church shall not be subject to an ecclesiastical body, but recognizes  
and sustains the mutual counsel, cooperation and support of the fellowship  
with the Midwest Baptist Conference and the Baptist General Conference. This  
Church may likewise cooperate with other likeminded churches on a voluntary,  
independent basis.

Article III

Statement of Faith  
(see attached)

Article IV

Purpose

The purpose of West Noblesville Community Church is to bring people to Jesus and *membership* In His family, develop them to Christlike *maturity*, and equip them for their *ministry* in the church and life *mission* in the world, in order to *magnify* God's name.

## Article V

### Membership

#### A. Admission by

1. Baptism Any person confessing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and giving evidence of regeneration, and who accepts the views of faith and practice of this Church, having been baptized by immersion as a testimony of his/her faith, may be admitted into membership of this Church.
2. Experience Those who have been baptized (by immersion) upon profession of their faith in Christ and who accept the views of faith and practice held by this Church may be admitted into the membership of this Church.
3. Restoration A former member of this Church, whose membership has (been dismissed), may be restored to fellowship on profession of faith and recommendation of the Board of Elders. Any person placed on the inactive role or excluded from the Church membership may, upon the recommendation of the Board of Elders, be restored.

#### B. Procedure

1. The candidate for membership shall be interviewed by the Pastor and/or Elders.
2. The candidate shall have completed a course of orientation conducted by the Pastor and/or someone authorized by the Church prior to membership.
3. The candidate shall be presented to the assembled Church at any regular meeting of the Church, by recommendation of the Board of Elders.

#### C. Qualifications

No one may be received into membership until attaining the age of 16 years, and no member shall have a vote until attaining the age of 18 years.

#### D. Responsibilities of Membership

Membership calls for faithful obedience to Biblical mandates regarding:

1. Exercising of one's spiritual gifts in service within the church. (Eph. 4:11-13; Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:7-11)
2. Honoring, praying for, recognizing and submitting to the authority, in spiritual affairs, of the Pastors and Elders of the Church. (Heb 13:17-18)
3. Demonstrating a brotherly love for all members of the church. (John 13:34-35; 1John 3:17; Eph. 4:1-3)
4. Supporting the Church in prayer, tithes, offerings and with other financial support as the Lord enables. (James 5:16; 1Cor. 16:2; 2Cor. 9:6-8)
5. Regularly attending the meetings and services of the Church. (Heb. 10:25)
6. Living a life that strives to reflect the character of Christ. (1Thes. 4:7; Eph. 5:1-2)

7. Sharing one's faith in Christ with others as led. (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)

E. Status

1. Active members - members who have not been dismissed or placed on the inactive list and who, by their attendance and support, demonstrate a positive interest in the ministry of the Church. They, therefore, have the right of voting and of holding office.
2. Associate members - members who are absent from the Church and who do not communicate with same during the period of one year will forfeit their right to vote in official decisions of the Church and may be placed on an inactive list. (i.e., members in the military service, missionaries in the field, college students).
3. Inactive members – members who have initiated no contact with the Church for a period of 6-months. Such members will, through recommendation of the Board of Elders, be placed on the inactive list and will not maintain the right to vote in official decisions of the Church. Before being placed on the inactive list, he/she will be contacted by the Pastor and/or the Board of Elders' representative(s).
4. An inactive or associate member may be reinstated to the Church Roll through recommendation of the Pastor and/or the Board of Elders.

F. Discipline and Dismissal

Should a member become an offense to the Church and its good name by reason of immoral or unchristian conduct, or by deviation from the Articles of Faith, the Church may terminate the individual's membership after faithful efforts have been made to bring such member to repentance. The Church shall act in accordance with Christ's command in Matthew 18:15-17 and the apostolic exhortation in 1 Corinthians 5:13, summarized below.

(a) The Senior Pastor and Overseeing Board (whose members are called Elders) have primary responsibility in determining deviations from the Articles of Faith and violations of the Church Covenant. If the Senior Pastor or an Elder is the subject of a disciplinary matter, he shall not join the Overseeing Board in addressing the matter. He shall be entitled to the same steps as other Church members and be subject to the same discipline.

(b) Members are expected to demonstrate special loyalty and concern for one another. When a member becomes aware of an offense of such magnitude that it hinders spiritual growth and testimony, the individual is to go alone to the offending party and seek to restore the offending individual. Before going, the individual should first examine him/herself. When going, the individual should go with a spirit of humility and have the goal of restoration.

(c) If reconciliation is not reached, a second member, either an Elder or a Pastor, is to accompany the one seeking to resolve the matter. This second step should also be preceded by self-examination, and exercised in a spirit of humility with the goal of restoration.

(d) If the matter is still unresolved after the steps outlined in subsections (b) and (c) have been taken, a Pastor and the Overseeing Board shall hear the matter and, in a Christian Spirit, take action to resolve the matter and restore the member to the Church.

(e) If the matter is still unresolved after the steps outlined in subsections (b), (c), and (d) have been taken, such offending members who refuse to repent and be restored are to be removed from the membership of the church upon a majority vote of the membership present at a meeting called for the purpose of considering disciplinary action.

(f) No matter may be heard by a Pastor and the Overseeing Board unless the steps outlined in subsections (b) and (c) have been taken, except in the case of a public offense.

(g) If an unrepentant offending party is removed from the Church membership, all contact with the offending party from that point forward must be for the sake of restoration.

G. Termination of Membership

Members may be removed from membership in the Church if:

- a member presents a resignation in writing
- a member joins another church
- a member remains on the inactive list for longer than one year; or
- as a result of Church discipline as described in the preceding section of Article 5.

Such action shall be based on the recommendation of the Overseeing Board, with approval by a majority vote of the active members present at a business meeting, and must be preceded by an attempt to inform the person in writing of the action and the reasons for it.

Article VI

Officers and Terms

A. Officers of the Church

(Duties of "Officers" and "Elections" contained in By-laws)

The officers of the Church shall be: Moderator, Clerk, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, a Board of Elders, of not less than three members, and another elder added for every fifty members over one hundred.

B. Term of Office

1. The Pastor shall serve an indefinite period of time.
2. The term of office for members of the Board of Elders shall be three-years and they shall not serve more than two consecutive (three [3] year) terms until a year of office has passed. One-third of their number shall be elected at each annual meeting.
3. Other officers' terms shall be one-year, each, but no officer may serve more than three (3) consecutive (one [1] year) terms in the same office.

C. Qualifications

1. Pastor: The Pastor shall be a qualified minister cooperating with the Baptist General Conference and shall fulfill the spiritual qualifications of leadership.
2. Elders: Elders shall meet the scriptural qualifications set forth in 1Timothy. No one shall be elected elder who has not attained the age of 21 years and who has not been and active member of the Church for at least one year.
3. All officers: All officers of the Church shall be members in good standing.

## Article VII

### Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of West Noblesville Community Church, Baptist General Conference shall be from January 1 to December 31. Terms of office shall be from annual meeting to annual meeting.

## Article VIII

### Meetings

#### A. Annual Meeting:

The annual business meeting of the Church shall be held in January, or as near to that date as possible, and the following reports shall be given: Pastor's, Elders', Financial-Secretary's, Treasurer's and others deemed necessary.

#### B. Special Business Meetings:

Special business meetings may be called by the Pastor and/or the Board of Elders, or 20% of the voting members of the congregation. The time, place, and purpose of the meeting shall be announced at least two-weeks in advance.

#### C. Quorum:

At any regular business meeting, or special business meeting, 33.33% of the active voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

#### D. Public Worship:

The Church shall meet regularly every Lord's Day for public worship. Prayer and Bible Study meetings shall be held on a regular basis to be decided upon by the Pastor and/or the Board of Elders. The Pastor and/or the Board of Elders shall observe the Lord's Supper on a regular basis as decided upon. Baptism services shall be held as opportunity arises.

## Article IX

### Pastoral Relationship

#### A. Establishment of the Pastoral Relationship

When a vacancy in a pastorate exists, a Pulpit Committee of not more than seven (7) and not fewer than four (4) shall be proposed by the Elder Board and approved by the congregation. The committee shall include at least one Elder, one Deacon, and the voting membership. It shall be the duty of this committee to consider prayerfully possible candidates and to select one to speak to the Church and to be interviewed by the Pulpit Committee, the Board of Elders, the Board of Deacons, and the congregation.

At a Church business meeting following the candidate's appearance, the Pulpit Committee and the Board of Elders shall, in a joint session, decide whether to recommend the candidate for a call. Before a call can be extended, the call including all terms of the relationship, shall be formulated by the Pulpit Committee and reviewed with the Elder Board. Upon a joint decision to call, the candidate will be presented to the congregation with a recommendation to call. After sufficient time has been allowed for discussion and questions, the Church shall vote on the recommendation by ballot. A three-fourths (3/4) majority of 50% quorum members voting must vote in favor of calling a candidate. When the Church has approved the call, the Church Clerk shall notify the candidate as soon as possible by a telephone call, and confirm by Registered or Certified mail. The Pulpit Committee shall present no other candidate to the Church for consideration until the first call has been resolved.

The candidate's written acceptance of the call shall establish the pastoral relationship as of the date agreed upon between the Church and the candidate. This response must be received on or before twenty-one (21) days following the date of the call. The congregation must be notified the two (2) Sundays immediately following the receipt of the acceptance letter.

B. Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship

Pastor's Resignation:

When a Pastor resigns, his letter of resignation shall be submitted to the Board of Elders. The letter shall then be presented to the Church at a duly constituted meeting. The date of dissolution of the pastoral relationship shall be decided between the Pastor and the Board of Elders. In no case shall the relationship be obligatory to either party beyond ninety (90) days after the date of resignation, nor shall the dissolution be effective in less than thirty (30) days after the date of resignation unless mutually agreed upon by the Pastor and the Elders.

Dismissal of Pastor:

If there are grievances against the Pastor of definite and deliberate unscriptural or sinful activity, the person or persons having said grievances shall 1) contact the Pastor privately (according to Article 6Fb)(Matthew 18:15); 2) if unable to resolve the grievance privately the person or persons shall submit to the Elder Board a letter outlining such grievances; 3) the Elder Board shall review the grievance with the Pastor; 4) if merited the Elder Board shall call a congregational meeting to determine the proper course of action (Discipline/correction/ termination). Notice of the meeting shall be sent to all active members in writing at least two-weeks prior to the meeting, the object of which shall be stated clearly in such notice. The pastoral relationship may be dissolved by three-fourths (3/4) majority ballot-vote, provided a quorum is present at the meeting (Article 9B). Dissolution of the relationship shall take place immediately with one (1) month severance pay (for each year of service up to four (4) years).

Article X

Acquisition and Disposition of Property

A. Acquisition or Sale of Property

Any business meeting at which decisions are made to buy or sell real estate or construct buildings shall be announced, and the nature of business mentioned, at all services for such time as required by the laws of the State. Any sale, purchase, acquisition, or encumbrance of any real property of the Church shall be administered by the Elders following authorization (of a ¾ majority vote of the active voting members present).

B. Division:

In case of organic division of the Church membership, the property shall belong to that group of members who abides by this Constitution. Should any controversy arise as to who is abiding by this Constitution, the question shall be submitted to the Executive Board of the Midwest Baptist Conference and their decision shall be final.

C. Dissolution:

Should conditions arise when, for any reason, the Church work cannot continue, the Church property shall be transferred to the Midwest Baptist Conference.

D. Consolidation:

Should conditions arise where a merger with another church be advisable, the Board of Elders shall be authorized to negotiate the terms and report to the Church. The Church must vote approval by three-quarters (3/4) majority of the voting quorum before such a merger is consummated.

Article ~~XI~~

Amendments

A. Review:

This Constitution must be reviewed and/or revised by the Church (at least every twenty-four (24) months), and at that time amendments may be recommended that are in compliance with historic Baptist General Conference beliefs and practices.

B. Amendments:

This Constitution may be amended at any business meeting of the Church by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of the required quorum, providing that a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been posted at least four (4) weeks prior to the meeting and notice given from the pulpit on four (4) consecutive Sundays. All amendments should conform to historic Baptist General Conference beliefs and practices.

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BY-LAWS

I. Procedure at Business Meetings:

All business meetings in the Church shall be opened and closed with prayer.

At all regular business meetings, the minutes of the last regular business meeting and all subsequent special business meetings shall be read and approved.

The parliamentary manual of authority in the conduct of business meetings shall be Robert's Rules of Order.

II. Elections:

A. Nominating Committee:

The Board of Elders shall appoint a nominating committee of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) persons three-months before the annual meeting of the congregation. There shall be one representative from the Board of Elders on the committee. This committee shall submit to the Elder/Pastor board the names of persons under consideration for each office for the ensuing year. The slate of candidates will be submitted to the congregation at least two (2) weeks before the annual meeting for approval. Consent of candidates for each office must be secured before presentation to the congregation.

B. Annual Election:

The annual election shall be held at the annual meeting, unless otherwise designated by the Pastor and the Elders. Annual terms of office shall commence and end upon completion of the annual meeting.

C. Vacancies:

A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment of the Pastor and the Board of Elders until the next annual election.

D. Qualifications

Only active members present and of legal age (18) shall vote on matters of church business (Article 5C).

III. Leaders

A. Designation:

1. Elected: The elected officers shall be: Church Clerk, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Elders.

2. Appointed: Deacons and any other leaders/committees deemed necessary by either the Pastor and/or Board of Elders and/or the congregation, to fulfill the function or increase the ministry of the Church.

B. Duties:

1. Pastor It shall be the duty of the Pastor to preach and teach the Scriptures, administer the ordinances, tenderly watch over the membership and spiritual interests of the Church. The Pastor shall be an advisory member of all boards and committees of the Church. As Vice-Moderator, in the absence of the Moderator, the Pastor shall act as the Moderator in all business sessions of the Church with the right to delegate the function of Vice-Moderator to one of the Elders.
2. Moderator The chairman of the Board of Elders shall serve as Moderator. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all business sessions of the Church and, in general, to render such services as called for by the Pastor.
3. Clerk The Clerk shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Church, take charge of all records, issue letters of dismissal as directed by the Board of Elders, and to keep a register of the names of the members of the Church. The Clerk shall make a report of the membership each year to the Board of Elders and shall deliver all documents and records kept by him/her to his/her successor.
4. Financial Secretary The Financial Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received and shall prepare the same for deposit every week as directed by the General Treasurer. The Financial Secretary and one other church officer shall count weekly offerings.
5. Treasurer The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys and shall pay all current operating obligations approved by the Elders and shall pay all official orders drawn upon the Church accounts. He/she shall keep a true book of accounts and shall submit at the annual meeting a report containing a detailed statement of all moneys received and paid out during the previous year. He/she shall see that all funds are deposited in a bank or banks approved by the Elders.
6. Elders It shall be the duty of the Elders to assist the Pastor in the watch care of the spiritual and missionary interests of the Church, to distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper and to assist in preparation for and observance of the ordinance of Baptism.  
  
The Elders shall counsel with the Pastor in regard to any grievances that may arise. They shall superintend all affairs of the Church not actually in charge of other leaders. They shall appoint leaders of the Church as stated in the Constitution or as necessary for the ministry of the Church (i.e. Deacons, Trustees, Christian Education Coordinator, Missions/Outreach, Social and Worship). It is recommended that, wherever possible, the Elder's wives shall share the ministries of their husbands.

During the absence of the Pastor, or vacancy in the pastorate, the Elders shall appoint leaders of all worship services of the Church. They shall arrange for pulpit supplies. In case of a lapse in the pastorate, they shall take care of pulpit supply until the vacancy is filled. The Elders shall, with the Pastor, nominate pastoral assistants, and make recommendations to the Church concerning missionary apportionments and benevolent works.

The Elders shall represent the Church in all legal matters, and shall arrange for an annual audit of the Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's records.

IV. Finances

The financial support of the Church and its organizations shall be received through the voluntary giving of tithes and offerings.

Special requests for non-budgeted offerings shall be submitted to the Pastor and/or Board of Elders for approval.

Designated money's shall be disbursed according to the instructions of the donor upon approval of the Board of Elders.

Non-budgeted expenditures of up to \$2000 shall be submitted to the Pastor and the Elder Board for approval. Any non-budgeted expenditures over \$2000 shall be submitted to the congregation for approval and a vote.

V. Auxiliary Organizations

No organization shall be formed or considered a part of the Church before the sponsors have received approval of their plans from the Pastor and/or Board of Elders.

Such organizations are requested to confer with the Pastor regarding their plans and activities. All ministries must be in keeping with the purpose of the Church.

The executive officers and sponsors of any organization of the Church shall be active members of the Church.

## WEST NOBLESVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

### WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT:

**The Word of God:** We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written by men under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.  
- 2 Peter 1:21; John 17:17; Romans 15:4; 1Timothy 3:16-17-

**The Trinity:** We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three Divine Persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – equal in attributes, power and glory, yet having distinct offices, functions and personalities  
- 1John 1:1-4; Matthew 28:19; Deuteronomy 6:4;  
Acts 5:3-4, 30-32 Corinthians 13:14; 1John 5:20 –

**God the Father:** We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men and that He hears and answers prayer, that He saves from sin and spiritual death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.  
- Jeremiah 10:10; Genesis 17:1; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 145;  
John 3:16-17, 4:24; 1Corinthians 8:6; Acts 5:30-31 –

**Jesus Christ:** We believe in Jesus Christ, God's One and Only Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven. We believe that Jesus Christ is the believer's direct access to God and that he makes perpetual intercession for His people. We believe in Jesus Christ's personal, visible, bodily return to earth.  
- Matthew 1:18; John 1:18; /Acts 1:11; 1Corinthians 15:3-4;  
Philippians 2:5-11; 1Timothy 3:16; John 1:14 –

**The Holy Spirit:** We believe the Holy Spirit – the third Divine Person of the Trinity – to be equal with the Father and the Son and of the same essence and nature. We believe that He 1) lives to convince the world of its sin and of God's righteousness and judgment, that He 2) bears witness to the truth, that He 3) indwells all believers from the moment of their salvation, and that He is 4) the source of power for Christian living and ministry.  
- John 14:16, 17, 26; 16:6-14; 3:5; Acts 5:3-4; Romans 8:9;  
1Corinthians 6:19; 2Corinthians 13:14; 1Peter 1:2;  
1John 2:27; Matthew 28:19 –

**Sin:** We believe the human race became subject to God's wrath when Adam and Eve chose to disobey the revealed will of God. Therefore, all are sinners by nature, deed and by divine pronouncement. Sin effects are transmitted to all people of all ages, Jesus Christ excepted. All are hopelessly lost apart from the salvation which is in the Lord Jesus Christ.  
- Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-19; 1Timothy 2:13-14; John 1:8; 3:36;  
Romans 3:23; 5:12-19; 6:23; 1Corinthians 2:14;  
Ephesians 2:1-3; Psalm 14:1-3; Jeremiah 17:9;  
James 2:10

**Salvation:**

We believe that salvation is a free gift of God's grace. It cannot be gained by meritorious works, but is freely bestowed upon all who put their faith in Christ Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Whosoever will trust the Savior are forgiven of their sins and born into the family of God by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, and once saved are kept by God's power and are secure in Christ forever.

- Ephesians 2:8-9; John 1:12-13; 3:3-6; 6:37; Romans 6:2; 8:14-17; Galatians 3:26; Colossians 2:13 –

**The Church:**

We believe the universal church to be a fellowship of all believers, the living, spiritual Body of which Christ is the Head and all persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a sincere profession of faith and associated for worship, work, and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

- Matthew 16:16-18; 28:19-20; Acts 2:28-41; Ephesians 2:19-22; Hebrews 10:24-25 –

**Christian Conduct:**

We believe that a Christian should live for the glory of God and the well being of his fellowmen; that in his conduct he should strive to be blameless before the world, that he should be a faithful steward of his possessions, and that he should continually seek, for himself and others, a closer, mature relationship with Jesus Christ.

- 1John 2:6; 2Corinthians 9:6-8; Philippians 2:14-16; Hebrews 12:1-2; 2Peter 3:18; 1John 1:7 –

**The Ordinances:**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local Church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that these ordinances are not a means of salvation, but that they should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the Name of the Triune God as a step of obedience to the commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ. This follows a confession of faith and precedes membership in the local assembly,

We believe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ as a perpetual remembrance of His sacrificial death and is to be observed by His people in a worthy manner until He returns. The elements of the bread and the cup are visible symbols of the Lord's body and the blood given and poured out for the sins of the world.

-Matthew 28:18-20; 1Corinthians 11:26; Acts 2:41-42; Romans 6:3-5; 1Corinthians 11:23-24 –

**Christian Liberty:**

We believe that every human being can have direct access to God and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith.

We believe that Christ has purchased for all believers a liberty which includes freedom from the wrath of God, deliverance from the present evil world, and victory over death. Only those in Christ are truly free!

We believe this liberty also includes freedom from the obligation to obey any doctrines, traditions, or demands which are opposed to the Word of God or are not contained in it. God alone is to be Lord of the conscience.

We believe that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that, therefore,

Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from direction or patronage of the other.

- Matthew 15:9; 22:21; John 3:36; 8:36; Romans 13:1-7; 14:4 Acts 5:29  
1Corinthians 7:23; 15:54-5; Galatians 1:3-5, 10; Ephesians 2:1-3;  
1 Thessalonians 1:9b-10; 1Timothy 2:1-3; Hebrews 2:14-15;  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 1Peter 2:13-18; James 4:12.

**Civil Government:**

We believe God as the Supreme Authority has instituted civil government and has set up civil authorities to rule over communities for the public good and for His glory. God has given to civil government the power to punish evil and encourage good behavior.

We believe Christians are to submit to civil government. Obedience to the laws of the land, payment of taxes, and prayer for those in authority are required. Only when civil government commands what is forbidden in the Scriptures must Christians disobey in favor of obeying God.

-Genesis 9:5-6; Proverbs 21:15; Daniel 4:17; Matthew 22:15-21;  
Romans 13:1-7; Acts 5:29; 1Timothy 2:1-2; Titus 3:1-2;  
1Peter 2:13-14.

**The Last Things:**

We believe in the pre-millennial rapture of the Church, the personal, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth, and the establishment of His Kingdom. We believe that the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do, at death, immediately pass into His Presence and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming.

We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal peace of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

- Acts 1:11; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 16:19-31; John 5:28-29;  
Acts 15:14-17; 2Corinthians 5:10; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18;  
Philippians 1:21-23; 1John 5:11-13; Revelation 20:1-15 -