

# WHAT WE BELIEVE: STATEMENT OF FAITH



The vision of Calvary Chapel Chattanooga is founded in and guided by Scripture. We look to God's Word, the Bible, to shape who we are and direct our church.

## GOD

There is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all.

## BIBLE

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired, without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule of faith and practice.

## GOD THE FATHER

God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through faith in Jesus Christ.

## GOD THE SON

Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings; His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal, visible return to earth.

We Believe that Jesus Christ baptizes the seeking believer with the Holy Spirit and empowers the believers for service, often subsequent to regeneration.

## GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit, who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ for ministry. The Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide.

We Believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all the biblical gifts of the Holy Spirit.

## MANKIND

We believe that all people are sinners by nature and choice, therefore, are under condemnation; that God regenerates by the Holy Spirit those who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

## THE CHURCH

We believe in the universal Church, in the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: 1) Baptism, and 2) the Lord's Supper.

We believe in baptism by immersion and communion, both of which are open to all believers in Jesus Christ. We Believe in what is termed the Apostles' Creed as embodying the fundamental facts of Christian faith.

## THE FUTURE

We believe in the personal, visible return of Christ to the earth and the establishment of His kingdom, in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

Facilitators should be pursuing an ever-growing relationship with the Lord. This happens as we spend time with Him in prayer, reading His word, and practicing other spiritual disciplines.